

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - January 18, 1983 - 7:00 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:

Fred G. Alexander, District #1
Prue L. Gilreath, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3
Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4
A.M. "Al" Lynch, District #5

Mr. Gilreath called the meeting to order and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 4, 1983 meeting as mailed.

Mr. J.D. Compton spoke in opposition to the Ordinance (#104) changing the district lines for district #5.

Mr. Joe Kirk from the Appalachian Council of Governments spoke on a capital improvement study for Anderson County which is a projection of anticipated expenditures for major items. On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to allow the study by the Appalachian Council of Governments and to have a draft by June for Council's study.

Mr. Chuck Whiten, Public Defender, requested office space somewhere for them to operate. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted four in favor to direct the Public Defender's office to move to the old Probate Judge's office, presently occupied by the Coroner, and the Coroner to move to the Council's chambers until the space on the third floor is available for the Delegation and at that time the Coroner will move to the old Delegation Office in the Penney's building. Mr. Wiles opposed the motion.

Mr. Wiles made a motion to table the motion until some study can be done. Motion died from lack of a second.

Mr. Bill Gaston presented an additional appropriation request of \$10,768 to cover unexpected obligations for the November, 1982 election. On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to accept the request as information and directed the administrator to look for any funds available for this request.

Mr. Trey Senn presented Ordinance #106 (adjusting all Council lines) for approval on first reading. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to pass Ordinance #106 on first reading.

Ordinance #104 (adjusting district #5 Council line) was presented by Mr. Senn for approval on third and final reading. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted four in favor and one abstention. Mr. Lynch abstained on the motion.

Mr. Cary D. Chamblee and Mr. George Ballentine, with the S.C. Land Resources Commission, spoke on the deteriorated spillway at Broadway Lake, a slide presentation followed. Mr. Ballentine explained the 50-50 cost share plan. The cost estimate by McQuire Beebe is \$60,000. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to allow the engineering firm of Farmer & Simpson to conduct a study based on 8% of the total cost of repairing the spillway at Broadway Lake and to appropriate the needed money in the 1983-84 budget.

Mr. Carlisle Thompson asked for improvements on the parks and playground at Broadway Lake and he stated that the S.C. Game & Wildlife had approximately \$8,000 available that could be used to continue the program to repair playgrounds & 2 retaining walls. Motion by Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to direct Mr. Watson to contact the Legislative Delegation regarding the use of the funds on this project.

Mr. Bill Chapman and Mr. Bill Jolan, representing the Veterans Association, presented the Chairman with a flag to be flown over the courthouse square and a book on how to fly the flag. They also presented the chairman with a flag lapel, and a state commander lapel pin. Mr. Gilreath asked Mr. Watson to contact Mr. Collier, the custodian, and have him flying the new flag tomorrow.

At this time, the chairman, relinquished the chair to the vice chairman. Mr. Lynch called the meeting back to order.

Ms. Nixon approached Council regarding her 1979-81 tax notices. She stated that she owns 48 acres and she had received a tax notice for 65 acres since 1975. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to direct Ms. Nixon to get with Mr. Wright and Mr. Lusk and straighten out the problem.

On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to postpone the reading of an Ordinance (#105) establishing the position of County Attorney until further study can be done.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to postpone reading of an Ordinance establishing the duties of County Attorney until a later time.

Mr. Wiles spoke concerning the hogs and cattle at the Stockade. He stated that food supplement disinfectant, and worm medicine would be needed to get the hogs in better health for marketing. A motion was made by Mr. Wiles to transfer the amount of \$1,000 into account 310.48 from account 930.65 (audit services) to purchase medicine, disinfectant and food supplement to prepare these animals for the market. Also to sale 25 head of cattle on each of the next two Mondays and the proceeds go into the general fund. Mr. Gilreath amended the motion that the proceeds from the sale be put into a special fund and be made available to special agencies (Meals on Wheels, food bank) for them to purchase a good grade of hamburger to serve the people throughout the County that are hungry. This would be the proceeds from the first 50 head of cattle sold. Mr. Rhodes seconded the original motion. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Rhodes seconded the amended motion. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to have Mr. Watson get with Mr. Jake Barker and work on getting the hogs ready for market.

Mr. Alexander discussed the roof at the Agriculture Building and the Old Health Department building which are in bad need of repair. On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to use the money in the building maintenance fund to repair the leaking roofs and to use prison labor with the appropriate supervision. Mr. Rhodes asked that the roof at Mental Health be checked for leaks at the same time.

Mr. Watson presented an activity review for Council. Action taken: New work orders were purchased and distributed to the road maintenance department, and a clean-up campaign was started at the County Stockade and shop area, issued notices that all prisoners would be required to wear strips (except for AA trustees), the population at the Stockade has been down to 75, the Stockade management had been notified that only persons having a valid South Carolina's drivers license be authorized to operate County vehicles, prisoners are not allowed to go into a public place unless they are with a guard, written plans have been provided for the new janitorial supervisor, additional instructions on the opening and closing of the buildings, preliminary work has been done in setting up an auction at the County Jail, the new inventory listing will be run late this month or the first of next month, all departments were advised of the hiring freeze and advised of the freeze on capital expenditures and asked to hold operational expenditures to a minimum, distributed an employee expense form to be used by all, an emergency evacuation plan for the new building is being drawn up, assigned a prisoner to a full time maintenance position, a draft of the 1983-84 budget packet is available for approval, sent a formal request to the Council of Governments for some assistance for the 1983-84 budget, compiled information and filed EEO reports for the FY 1983 and filed FY 1983 compensation report with the Census report, updated the Bond project figures, opened the Administrator's office, with help from Robert King a scheduled health committee meeting was organized to get the insurance claims down, 6 months financial report run and distributed.

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to proceed with an auction on vehicles at the County Jail as soon as possible upon receiving a list from Mr. Crenshaw and then to proceed with an auction at the earliest convenience of the surplus equipment at the Stockade and Farm with the money going into the general fund. Mr. Rhodes stated that all interested actioneers' names be placed in a hat and drawn out and asked that this be included in his motion.

Mr. Walters stated that the Whitner Drive request needed Council's approval to cut a sight line. On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council granted permission for Mr. Walters to cut this sight line to make Whitner Drive a safer drive. Southwood School has been cleaned up and the bushes cut. Mr. Walters discussed a total number of 358 tie-ins at the Stockade and he estimated that the cost be \$37,000. Mr. Walters also asked for permission to purchase asphalt from Tribble Construction Co. when the other plants are not open for \$22.30 at ton less 50¢ per ton discount. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to allow the County Engineer to purchase the asphalt from Tribble when not available elsewhere.

Mr. Gilreath stated the need to hire someone to help out the Engineer due to the large number of work orders. On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to leave the decision up to the Administrator using the funds available in the budget with the stipulation that this position would be temporary.

Mr. Watson asked for approval of a budget transfer from account 123.17 to account 123.10 (Solicitor) in the amount of \$250.00. On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to grant the request.

Mr. Gilreath announced that the County had received 122 applications for the administrator's job. He also stated that there was a need to hire a receptionist through the training department for the new building to direct and greet people coming in. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted four in favor and one against hiring this receptionist. Mr. Rhodes voted against the motion. This would be for three months and at which time it would be evaluated.

Mr. Gilreath stated that the Appalachian Council of Governments needed someone appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy. Mr. Gilreath nominated Mr. Alexander to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Rhodes nominated Mr. Lynch. Vote for Mr. Alexander was three for and one against. and one abstaining. Mr. Rhodes voted against, Mr. Alexander abstained. Vote for Mr. Lynch was one in favor and three opposed.

Several concerned citizens express their views concerning the meeting.

Mr. Lynch discussed the need to fill a vacancy on the Gleaams Human Resource Commission. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, Council voted four in favor to nominate Mr. Lynch to the Commission. Mr. Lynch abstained from voting.

On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to check into the legality of Gleaams and the Human Resource Commissions and see who can help secure funds for Anderson County.

Mr. Flack stated that the Human Resource Commission would hold a meeting on February 22, 1983 at 5:00 at the Anderson County Library and asked that Council be present if possible.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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