

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Joey English, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: Councilwoman Dora Martin, Councilman Tommy Ford

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, WBCU Radio Station, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Mr. Darrell Wade, Ms. Ann Canada, Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension, and Mr. James Kollock.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called the meeting to order and gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Joan Little, District 1 – Present

Dora T. Martin, District 2 – Absent (Due to having had surgery)

Tommy E. Ford, District 3 – Absent

Joey D. English, District 4 – Present

Randall Hanvey, District 5 – Present

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Joan Little: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on August 11, 2009, the special meeting of County Council held on August 17, 2009 and to adopt the minutes as written.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented service award certificates and gift cards to Susan Hanvey for 15 years of dedicated service and to John Sherfield for 15 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated there are three vacancies on the Union County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission due to term expirations which had been advertised. Mr. Joseph E. Harper, Ms. Teena Heym, and Mr. Bernard Dawkins had applied to serve another term.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to appoint Joseph Harper, Teena Heym and Bernard Dawkins to serve another term on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that one of the members of the Union County Development Board had not met the seventy-five percent attendance requirement for the

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board meetings and the position had been advertised. Mrs. Andrena Powell-Baker stated they received one applicant as a result of the advertisement and they had one applicant from the previous round of appointments that wished to be considered. They are both from the health care field and both live in Union County. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked to review the two applications and passed them around for the other Council Members to look over. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked if they had a recommendation and she stated the recommendation is Bill Leonard who is the CEO of Wallace Thomson Hospital. She felt he was heavily involved in business development for the hospital so he has a vested interest in economic development.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to accept the recommendation to appoint Mr. Bill Leonard to serve on the Union County Development Board to fill the unexpired term.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion.

Councilman Randall Hanvey asked if they should postpone the appointment until the full Council could vote on it and then stated they should go ahead and take action on the matter.

The motion carried with three (3) Council Members voting in favor of the motion and one (1) Council Member (Joey English) opposing.

Sheriff David Taylor informed Council the Sheriff's Office had received approval for two federal grants. One would be for upgrading courthouse security. He stated he would like to meet with the Law Enforcement Committee to go over the suggested improvements. Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated they are looking at a new medical contract and Live Scan fingerprint system for the Jail which would need to be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing an amendment to that certain multi-county park agreement, dated July 11, 1994, as subsequently amended, governing a multi-county business/industrial park by and between Union County, South Carolina, and Spartanburg County, South Carolina, to authorize the expansion of the boundaries of the park; and other matters thereto related. This request was being made by Merit Leasing LLC.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance to authorize the expansion of the boundaries of the multi-county park as stated.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any other business but there was none.

Chairman Donnoe Betenbaugh stated Council needed to go into executive session to seek legal advice and requested that Mrs. Andrena Powell-Baker stay during executive session.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to go into executive session to seek legal advice.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The County Council went into executive session to seek legal advice.

(Councilwoman Joan Little left the meeting just prior to the close of executive session)

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Joey English: Made a motion to return the meeting to regular session.
Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

The County Council meeting returned to regular session.
Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh announced that no action was taken during executive session.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh asked if there was any other business but there was none.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented an audit from the Union Hospital District for Council to review and approve.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to table review and approval of the audit for the Union Hospital District until full Council is present or the next regular meeting.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Joey English: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council