

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Regular Meeting - February 4, 1997 - 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk**

M I N U T E S

**ALL AREA NEWSPAPERS, RADIO STATIONS AND TELEVISION STATIONS
HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THIS MEETING IN COMPLIANCE WITH
GUIDELINES OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.**

PRESENT

**Chairman William A. Floyd - District #2
G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Clint Wright - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Joey Preston - Administrator
Jack McIntosh - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council**

**The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council
Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, February 4, 1997 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Council member Fred Tolly opened the meeting with prayer and everyone stood and
pledged allegiance to the flag.**

**Chairman Floyd welcomed the group and extended to everyone an invitation to
come back.**

**On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously
to approve the minutes from the January 21, 1997 meeting.**

**Mr. Holden asked that the agenda be rearranged slightly because he would be
leaving early to attend a meeting at Oakwood Baptist Church pertaining to the nude
bar on Highway 28. Chairman Floyd agreed.**

**Mr. Joey Preston, County Administrator, announced Ryobi North America, Inc. will
relocate its North American headquarters in Easley to the Pearman Dairy Road
Facility, move the Power Tool Service Center in Greenville to Pearman Dairy Rd.,**

move the Sears-craftsman power tool warehouse in Easley to Pearman Dairy Road, and move the power tool design operations in Pickens to the Pearman Dairy road facility, relocate 150 power tool warehouse employees from Vytech (Old Pearman Dairy Road) to Pearman Dairy road facility. Ryobi will invest \$2 million for renovation of the Pearman Dairy Road facility for a suitable headquarters, warehousing and distribution facility. Incentives requested by Ryobi of Anderson County: place the facility into a Multi-county Industrial park, and issue a special source revenue bond to defray a portion of the renovation costs (using approximately 25% of fee in lieu of tax stream). Council heard from Mr. Lawrence Campbell, Interim Economic Development Director, Mr. Lloyd Wilson, Member of the Economic Advisory Board, Mr. Hack McGill with the S.C. Department of Commerce, and Mr. Bill McLay, President of Ryobi Power Tool Group regarding the announcement. Mr. Preston said that in order to make all of this happen Council needed to move ahead and to vote on the proposed resolution (#R97-010-a resolution expressing the intent of Anderson County, South Carolina to issue special source revenue bonds, Ryobi North America, Inc., Series 1997, payable from certain payments in lieu of taxes, and to enter into a joint county industrial park agreement, all to induce the creation of jobs, and certain capital investment by, Ryobi North America, Inc. in Anderson County.) Mr. Tolly moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Charles McFall was recognized for helping bring this to Anderson County.

Ms. Janis Hunter, representing the Clemson Extension Service, appeared on the Citizens Agenda requesting the County to proclaim Anderson County as a MONEY 2000 County which is a state-wide program being launched. The program was explained which is designed to increase the financial well-being of South Carolina residents by increasing their savings and/or reducing their debt-load. Council received as information.

Mr. Tom Parkington spoke in favor of the Sports complex. Mr. Guy York spoke. Mr. Michael Deanhardt also spoke to Council regarding churches paying county taxes.

Mr. Holden stated that he stands against the proposed nude bar on Hwy. 28.

Mr. Holden spoke about the problem with two dirt roads in East Lake Subdivision. He asked Mr. Jack McIntosh, County Attorney, to explain the situation of the roads. He said that these people are unable to get in and out because of the bad condition of the roads and the citizens of the area are willing to pay for making these roads passable. They are asking the Council to help make it possible for them to do this. The county will pay and recoup the full amount within four years.

Mr. Holden moved that Council instruct the Administrator to put the roads out for bids so that the paving can be done. The County has ½ of the needed money and the balance will come from District #5 paving. The money will be put back into the appropriate account as it is received over the four year recoupment period. Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Holden asked the Administrator for a time schedule for completion.

Mr. Holden presented a framed Anderson Independent article to Ms. Gina Smith for her participation with the design.

Mr. McIntosh reported on the Supreme Court ruling with regard to the Adult Entertainment Centers.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve third and final reading of Ordinance #97-001 - an ordinance to amend the Anderson County Code of Ordinances concerning the position of Internal Auditor for Anderson County.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted four in favor and one opposed (Banister) to approve third reading of Ordinance #97-002 - an ordinance to amend Chapter 38, Article III of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances by deleting Sections 38-286 and inserting the Anderson County Subdivisions Final Draft of the Anderson County Planning Commission. The ordinance passed with an amendment that the effective date will be April 1, 1997. Mr. Banister stated that he opposed because it will pose a hardship on smaller developers and contractors.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve third and final reading of Ordinance #97-003 - an ordinance to authorize the County Administrator to sell or lease County property to Duke Power.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve third reading of Ordinance #97-004 - an ordinance to authorize the County Administrator to execute a lease of a hangar at the Anderson County Airport.

Mr. Tolly moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #97-006 - an ordinance for the purpose of establishing an accommodations fee to apply to all Accommodations located in Anderson County, South Carolina and providing for severability and an

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effective date. Mr. Wright seconded. Mr. Tolly explained that the ordinance adds a 3% increase in accommodation fee to finance the building of the City/County Sports Complex. The financing of the center could be done by a revenue bond and a contribution from Michelin in the amount of \$80,000. Mr. Banister said that he was not opposed to the complex rather he was opposed to where it was going. "I'm opposed to taking the prime land of Anderson County for this purpose when the County has other land that could be used that is not as valuable," he said. Vote was four in favor and one opposed (Banister).

Mr. Wright presented two proposals from the Civic Center Committee. Mr. Wright moved to adopt the proposals (drop insurance requirement and implementing a co-promotions Policy) and direct the Administrator to proceed under the changes in the operational manual. Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Banister said he was not opposed to it provided the County had adequate insurance coverage. Mr. McIntosh said that the additional insurance was not needed. Vote was unanimous.

(Mr. Holden had to leave at this time to attend another meeting.)

Mr. Preston presented Resolution #R97-008 - a resolution to approve of the transfer of a Cable Television franchise from Booth Communications Carolinas, Inc. to Helicon (HPI Acquisition Co., LLC). Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution #R97-007 - a resolution to establish an organization to advise the Anderson County Council concerning the establishment of a sports complex. Mr. Wright moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was three in favor (Wright, Tolly, Floyd) and one opposed (Banister). Motion carried.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution #R97-009 - a resolution to establish an Anderson County Parks & Recreation Development Fund. Mr. Wright moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve change order #6 for the Rock-Tenn Sewer Project in the amount of \$8,266.37.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve a transfer of funds for the Coroner's Office from account #307 to 102 for \$1,500.00, from 317 to 302 for \$5,000.00 and from 317 to 105 in the amount of \$3,500.00.

Mr. McClure explained that the County had a request to close a bridge on Minor Street (C-10-38D). He said that his recommendation is to close the bridge and have a cul-de-sac for people to turn around. This can be closed without any inconvenience to anyone. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted 4-0 to close the bridge.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to change the hours of operation at the Animal Shelter. The new hours are close at 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and to reopen on Thursday.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to adopt the 1997 fee Schedule for the Chemical Emergency Response Team. This is the same schedule as approved last year.

Mr. Preston, Administrator, explained a plan to phase out the Anderson County Employment & Training Department. SHARE has offered to administer JTPA Grants currently contracted by the County of Anderson. SHARE is willing to offer present JTPA staff comparable positions and salary levels in this process. This will result in a savings of \$54,478 the first year. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council recognized the members of the S.C. Health Community Training program.

Mr. Preston explained that the Anderson County Voter Registration & Election Office received the first Annual Outstanding Voter Registration and Election Office Award. Council recognized the department and Director, Pan Millwood.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

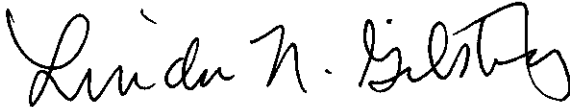
The following items were discussed:

- 1. 1996 Reassessment Program Information Sheet**
- 2. Delinquent Tax**
- 3. Community Development Block Grant**
- 4. Charter Communications**
- 5. Sexually Oriented Business**
- 6. Reflector Installation**
- 7. Recognition - Public Works Office**
- 8. Recycling - letter from Mr. Nickerson**
- 9. Request to continue permitting process for Tri-Counties Landfill**
- 10. Sports Complex - Letter form Roadrunners, Inc.**
- 11. Classified Ad for Certified Police Officers**

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There being no further business, Mr. Wright moved to adjourn and Mr. Tolly seconded at 7:55 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda N. Gilstrap".

**Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL**