

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - August 20, 1991 - 7:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on August 20, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. in the Anderson County Chambers. At 7:30 p.m. the chairman moved the meeting to the main courtroom - Anderson County Courthouse because of over crowding. Chairman Mike Holden presided.

PRESENT

Bob Waldrep - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Ed Allgood - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Tom Martin - County Attorney
David Standeffer
David Watson - County Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Mike Holden called the meeting to order and Mr. Bob Waldrep gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Rusty Burns presented a request from City Administrator John Edwards of Belton, asking that the County apply for a grant in the amount of \$120,076.80. Mr. Banister moved to allow the request and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Standeffer presented Resolution #599 declaring September 16-21, 1991 as Existing Business and Industry Appreciation Week in Anderson. A reception is being planned for industry and business leaders with private donations. Mr. Holden moved to approve the resolution and allow the reception. Mr. Allgood seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns presented Mr. Jim Lewers, a reporter with the Anderson Independent Mail, a resolution (#600) wishing Mr. Lewers the very best in the future and declaring him a lifetime honorary citizen of Anderson County. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Waldrep seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Standeffer presented third reading of Ordinance #333 providing for the issuance and sale of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Waldrep seconded. Mr. Hooper explained that it was his understanding that none of the bond money would be used on a building

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for DSS. Mr. Tom Martin, County Attorney, said that was correct. Mr. Banister said that he was not happy with the bond. He said that it started with \$1.5 million, went to \$2.5 million and then changed to \$3 Million. The minutes doesn't say anything about the increase or the amount designated for each project, he said. He said that the money must be approved by a vote of council before any of it is spent and all it would take is three votes to use the money on anything. Mr. Watson said that the following amounts had been discussed in a budget workshop on June 18, 1991: \$1,000,000 - Old Courthouse, \$400,000 - Courthouse Furniture, \$500,000 - Other building upgrade, \$500,000 - Road Maintenance Equipment, \$500,000 - Computer, \$100,000 - Landfill equipment for a total revised figure of \$3,000,000. Council discussed the designated purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended. Mr. Watson said that Council had committed \$400,000 for courthouse furniture previously. There are no further commitments. Vote was four in favor on one opposed. (Mr. Banister opposed.)

Mr. David Standeffer opened a public hearing for comments concerning Ordinance #337 amendments to Anderson County Boards and Commissions. Several citizens spoke. The public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Holden moved to approve on third and final reading and Mr. Allgood seconded. Vote was unanimous.

At this time (7:30 p.m.) the chairman moved the meeting to the main courtroom - Courthouse because of over crowding.

At 7:45 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting back into regular session.

Mr. Tom Martin asked that Resolution #595 dealing with the annexation of property from Anderson County into Pickens County be deferred until the next meeting for more study. He said that the Pendleton YMCA asked that certain details be worked out prior to passage. He asked that Mr. Rusty Burns contact Mr. Stephen Crawford to work with the Pendleton YMCA. Council agreed to hold off until the next meeting.

Mr. Martin presented Resolution #598 providing for the commissioning of certain law enforcement officers, to provide for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Anderson County. Mr. John Ervin Chambers would be commissioned and appointed as a law enforcement officer of Anderson County. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin opened a public hearing concerning Ordinance #339 calling for a referendum to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1991, on the question of implementing the local option sales and use tax within the Anderson County area. Several citizens spoke. The public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Holden moved to approve the ordinance on third reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was four in favor and one opposed (Allgood).

Mr. Martin presented Ordinance #339 for Council's consideration on first reading. The ordinance establishes the general organizational policy and management structure for the governance and administration

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of Anderson County. Mr. Holden moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Waldrep seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Hooper asked that the Planning & Development Board work with the City of Anderson on our drainage problems caused by Whitner Creek, Cox's Creek, and Rocky River. He suggested that a two-man committee be appointed to work with the City and County with the problem. He recommended himself and Mr. Allgood and Mr. Waldrep. Council members agreed.

Mr. Tony Cirelli presented a request that Sunchase Subdivision be accepted into the County system. The subdivision includes 12 lots and is approximately 700 ft. long. It has been inspected by Road Maintenance and meets County specifications. Mr. Waldrep moved that the subdivision be accepted into the County system and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Waldrep explained that there was a subdivision named Timbrooke Way Subdivision in Powdersville. Mr. Norman Garrison developed the subdivision approximately 15 years earlier. The adjoining property owners, Mr. & Mrs. Wilton Tucker, wishes that a road in the subdivision, as shown on the plat, be extended through the unpaved portion of the right-of-way. The Tuckers explained that they only wanted a thoroughfare for a driveway that would lead to a planned home for their son and wife. The residents of the subdivision are opposed to the road because they believe it would increase traffic, increase the crime rate and decrease property values. Mr. Waldrep asked Council to abandon any interest in the road right-of-way. Council hear from several citizens of the subdivision and also heard from the Tuckers. Council discussed further. Mr. Waldrep moved to abandon any interest in the roadway and Mr. Allgood seconded. Vote was unanimous. The residents must take legal action to court to close the road.

Council heard from Mr. Tommy Tucker, Chairman of the Sewer Authority. Mr. Tucker asked about the status of the audit of the Sewer Authority's books. Mr. Watson said that only one response for proposals was received and therefore no action was taken on a single proposal and recommended a couple days ago that the audit be done by Greene, Lindley with the entire county audit. He also nobody talked with a Sewer Authority employee planned to be moved by Mr. Watson to the Finance office. He said that the employee should have been notified. He said that someone had attempted to destroy records of the Sewer Authority. Mr. Waldrep asked that he reveal who and Mr. Tucker declined to name any individual. Mr. Tucker said that he would remove himself from the Council and that he thought County Council did not care about progress and did not give a damn about sewer He said that he would be most happy to disassociate himself from this group. Council received as information.

Mr. Martin, County Attorney, requested an executive session to deal with personnel issues, economic development matters which may involve possible contractual matters and a briefing on some legal matters. Mr.

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Holden moved to go into executive session at 9:00 p.m. for the reasons stated and Mr. Waldrep seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 10:00 p.m. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin explained that Council discussed matters dealing with economic development involving potential contractual action, discussed contractual actions, potential legal issues requiring legal advise from Counsel and personnel matters. No action was taken.

Mr. Jack Crowe, Purchasing Manager, asked for permission to purchase the following items. For Road Maintenance: Tires and Tubes \$21,595 the vendors are Wl.. Watson of Greenville, Welborn Tire, Anderson Tire & Auto. All were bid and these represent the low bid. No additional funding will be required. For Road Maintenance: Road signs and sign material - low bid of \$3,966.48 from Vulcan Sign Co. Mr. Holden moved to approve the purchases and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. David Watson asked for permission to sign an agreement with State Surplus Property to buy at surplus property. Mr. Holden moved to allow Mr. Watson to sign the agreement and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson explained that he had the School Crossing Agreement, between the School District, Sheriff's Office and County. This agreement would be subject to the final wording by the County Attorney and would be a reimbursement type deal. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin said that he briefed Council which involves a potential contract in executive session between the County and certain individuals. Council received the exact dollar amount of the contract for the Airport in executive session. Mr. Martin recommended that Council approve a Resolution (#601) authorizing the Administrator to enter into the contracts on behalf of the County with the named individuals up to the dollar amount that is requested. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Martin said that certain concerns had been brought before Council concerning the way certain procedures are being handled at the Anderson County Animal Shelter. The County Administrator has requested the assistance of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to come and evaluate the procedures being used and the conditions at the Animal Shelter. Any further actions will based upon the finds of DHEC as well as any other outside agencies. The County Administrator will continue to follow-up with DHEC or some outside agency to see that the investigation is done.

Mr. John Culbertson spoke to Council concerning the disposal of septage in Anderson County. He said that he came to Council in September of last year. Council assured Mr. Culbertson that something was being

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done.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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