

Aiken City Council Minutes

August 18, 1997

Special Meeting

Present: Mayor Cavanaugh, Councilmembers Anaclerio, Papouchado, Perry, Price, and Radford.

Absent: Councilwoman Clyburn.

Others Present: Steve Thompson, Gary Smith, Frances Thomas, Sara Ridout, and Tom Smith of the Aiken Standard.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the special meeting to order at 5 P.M. to consider second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to sell Lot 13 in the Verenes Industrial Park.

VERENES INDUSTRIAL PARK - ORDINANCE 081897Lot 13Airport Industrial ParkFerguson Industries

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AIKEN TO TRANSFER ALL OF ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN LOT NO. 13, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 9.9 ACRES LOCATED IN VERENES INDUSTRIAL PARK TO FERGUSON INDUSTRIES, INC., BEING KNOWN AS A PORTION OF TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 00-174.0-01-033.

Mr. Thompson stated the ordinance is for the sale of Lot 13 in the Verenes Industrial Park containing approximately 9.9 acres at a purchase price of \$10,000 per acre to Ferguson Industries out of Linwood, North Carolina. The prospective owners have agreed to the conditions on the sale of the property including their compliance with the Restrictive Covenants in the Industrial Park. The city has received the environmental review on the property and has tentatively accepted the price pending City Council approval. The city has also included the restriction that the site plan be approved by both the city and by the county.

Mr. Thompson stated Ferguson Industries would be a small industry that will manufacture and repair yarn carriers for Owens Corning Fiberglas. The company would employ 30 to 40 new hires initially increasing to 50 - 90 employees within 3 years. This is a combination of a production and warehouse facility. The investment for the building and machinery will total between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Anaclerio asked if the city was able to get help from other sources with the costs that would be incurred.

Mr. Thompson stated the State of South Carolina had made a commitment for assistance with extending utilities to the site. He said the city had not resolved the issue of ownership of the road in the Park.

Ms. Thomas stated she had not received a commitment from S.C. Electric & Gas to help with the industry. She said they had commented that they would help but she did not have anything in writing from them at this time.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Perry and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on second and final reading to authorize the sale of Lot 13 in the Verenes Industrial Park to Ferguson Industries with the conditions set forth in the Contract of Sale.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

  
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Sara B. Ridout  
City Clerk