

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - September 6, 1988 - 4:30 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on September 6, 1988 at 4:30 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers - Room 109. Chairman James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. presided.

PRESENT

Chairman James M. Cox, Jr. - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Robert L. Wiles - District #3
Ernie Garrison - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Watson - County Administrator
Mike Mullinax - County Attorney
Jack Crowe - Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Mr. Cox called the meeting to order and Councilman Ernie Garrison gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 24, 1988 meeting as mailed.

Mr. Carl Stone introduced members of the Library Board of Trustees. Members present were Mr. Henry Spann, Ms. Ethyl Hail, Ms. Cleo Stathakis, & Ms. June Martin. Mr. Henry Spann, Chairman, thanked Council for their support in funding the new bookmobile and for previous support in Library endeavors. He presented Council with a plaque for the Bookmobile dedication. Council recessed for 10 minutes to look at the new bookmobile.

Mr. Carl Stone presented a request from the Anderson County Library Board of Trustees to lease a 2100 square foot office building owned by Jerry M. Yeargin and Robert E. Yeargin for use as a branch library serving the Piedmont area. The building is located one mile off Interest 85 in Anderson. The terms of the lease are as follows: \$600 per month commencing on October 1, 1988 and extending for 5 years (1993). The lease has an option to renew for another five years (1993-1998) at the sum of \$800 per month. He said the Library's budget contains funding for the lease agreement. Mr. Cox opened a public hearing for comments concerning the lease. Only one person spoke (Carl

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Johnson). The public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Cox moved to approve by Resolution #472 the lease agreement and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dave Peters, Chairman of the Airport Commission, came before Council concerning a request for \$276,000. The purpose of the request is to renovate the Bowman Aviation Ramp which has deteriorated. A State grant has been obtained to fund 50% of the cost. The reimbursement will be made after the project is complete. Mr. Watson said the Commission must respond to the grant within 60 days. Council discussed. Mr. Garrison moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #262 (budget supplement) to preserve the grant. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was four in favor (Cox, Wiles, Garrison & Hooper) and one opposed (Holden).

Mr. Dave Peters asked about the request for furniture money as discussed several meetings ago. Mr. Peters said the original request was for \$10,000 but would settle for \$3,000. Mr. Hooper moved to direct Mr. Crowe to work up a list of furniture that can be purchased with the money authorized for that purpose. Mr. Cox seconded. Council discussed the amount appropriated. Mr. Crowe will come back with a list for Council's final approval. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Stephen Crawford came before Council asking for approval to appropriate \$2,000 from the Recreation Commission's budget, for the development of the Whitehall School Park on the corner of Whitehall and Mall Road. He showed the plan for Council to examine. He said the Southern Bell Pioneers Club will take the master plan and present to various garden clubs and they will be responsible for planting the materials listed on the master plan for the park. The Southern Bell Pioneers will be responsible for up-keep. Mr. Wiles moved to approve the request and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden presented Resolution #468 requesting the State Highway Department to investigate the traffic problem around Varennes Elementary School, Centerville Elementary School, Westside High School and other schools throughout the County. He then moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper asked that his following speech be enter into the minutes as public record: "As you know, Anderson County owns over 300 acres of prime real estate in the center of the county and in the middle of one of the fastest growing commercial and residential areas. By sheer luck and the grace of God, the County owns this extremely valuable property free and clear. On a part of it we are building a civic center. Another part of it called the County Reserve, is being held for future county government needs. The rest is in forest and pasture land. Due to the rapid growth and development in this area and the request that we are getting for the use of this land, I feel it necessary that we proceed, slowly, continuously and deliberately, with a Master Plan of this property. My reasons are many, but the most important one is to

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guarantee that the development of this property will benefit every citizen in this county and will enhance our county's quality of life and financial well being. It is very rare when a community has the opportunity to develop a unique asset such as this and in such a great and critical location. To ensure that this property is developed to its highest and best use, and to ensure that it complements and encourages the development of the surrounding area, I will propose a resolution after I add one more key point. Let me add that I do not believe we should sell, and I will never vote to sell, one inch of this property. I will not vote for that before the Master Plan or after its completion. I do not see selling the property for short term gain when it can be developed to serve this county for generations to come. Every citizen in this county owns that property and it must be developed with that thought uppermost in our minds." He then presented Resolution #469 authorizing the advertisement of request for proposals for a Master Plan of the Anderson County Farm Property. Mr. Holden seconded the motion. Mr. Garrison said that it was the first he'd heard, seen, or looked at. He asked if a Commission had been considered to look into this. Mr. Hooper said he believed that a Master Plan was needed first. Mr. Garrison then move to amend the motion that the Resolution be received as information and refer to the Planning & Development Board for a complete plan of how it should be handled. The amendment died from lack of second. Vote was four in favor (Cox, Wiles, Hooper & Holden) and one opposed (Garrison).

Mr. Wiles moved to appropriate \$1,700 to the Town of Iva (RevIva) to help with plumbing and wiring connected with the installation of a water fountain from his special projects fund - District #3. Mr. Cox seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles moved to appropriate \$1,000 to the Belton Action Center from his special projects fund - District #3. Mr. Cox seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tony Cirelli asked that the following subdivisions be accepted into the County system: Windy Point: Clipper Court, Schooner Court - District #5. Lakeside Acres - Phase I - District #5. and Rustic Woods - District #2. Mr. Garrison asked about a road behind Shoals Condos. Mr. Holden said he would like to know about things like this prior to the meeting, if they are in his district. Mr. Cox moved to approve Rustic Woods, off Stringer Road, in District #2 and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Holden asked that action be delayed on the two in his district. Mr. Garrison asked that the one behind Shoals Condos be brought back up at the next meeting.

Mr. Cirelli explained that Mr. Baylis Maxwell was in the process of redeveloping Deer Field Subdivision, off Concord Road. He said because of a site distance problem, he would like to abandon the hazardous intersection on the lower side and put in a new cul-de-sac. It is currently a County road. Mr. Cox moved to allow the abandonment of that section of road as designated on plat dated 7-3-85 and allow the

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recording of the new easements on plat dated 8-22-88 by Russell & Axon. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison presented Resolution #470 recognizing September 9, 1988 as Voter Registration Day in Anderson County. He then moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison read a letter from the Sandy Springs Water Company asking for the \$18,000 appropriated for the special expansion project. He said it was for the expansion of water lines in the Asbury Community. Mr. Garrison moved to go ahead and disburse the funds to the Sandy Springs Water Company. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison explained that he had received numerous of calls on the fee for reroofing and residing houses. He said that this Council should do everything possible to encourage people to keep their house up and in good repair. Reroofing does not increase the value, it retains the value and siding is possible and improvement and because it is a repair and encourages people to keep their houses presentable he would move to discontinue the fee previously set for this by first reading approval of Ordinance #263. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Julian Duncan came before Council asking that Hall Street be paved as soon as possible. Mr. Holden said that he had already agreed to pave Hall Street in the fall.

Mr. Rusty Burns asked Council for a motion to issue a notice to proceed, which means for the Engineering Firm to start work immediately, on the following projects: Monroe, Clemson Blvd. Engineering plan, Clemson Quadrant, and the Loblolly Sewer Plant. All of the funds are in the budget. Mr. Cox moved to approve the letter to proceed to the Engineering Company and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax asked for an executive session to discuss legal matters and items dealing with economic development. Mr. Wiles moved to go into executive session and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous. (time: 5:58 p.m.)

On the motion of Mr. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Cox, Council voted to go back into regular session out of executive session at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Mullinax asked that Resolution #473 be approved to direct the County Attorney to deny a FOI (Freedom of Information) request. Mr. Garrison moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented third reading of Ordinance #260 amending the Minimum road standards for residential and commercial development dealing with private roads. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Wiles

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seconded. Mr. Cox offered an amendment that stated: "There may be with the consent of County Council, exceptions made to this Ordinance and these exceptions may be accomplished by a Resolution and a majority vote." Mr. Hooper seconded the amendment. Vote was two in favor (Cox, Hooper) and three opposed (Wiles, Holden, & Garrison). The amendment failed. Vote on the original motion was unanimous.

Mr. Jacky Hunter asked for approval of the following transfers: Assessor's Office - From Account #408-100-002 (Part time) to #408-100-003 (Overtime) - \$6,000.00. Clerk of Court - From Account #411-115-019 (Juror Fees) to #411-100-001 (Salaries) - \$3,000.00. Mr. Cox moved to approve the transfers and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson explained that the Road Maintenance and Finance Reports were distributed before the meeting.

Mr. Burns asked that the Sediment Control Ordinance go into effect one month from today (October 6, 1988). A present part-time position to be moved to full time on a six month trial period. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Wiles and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles asked for the status on the portable landfill. Mr. Mullinax said that everything was completed and they were waiting on the deed.

Mr. Garrison said that he did not like emergencies and having to rush and do things. He said that Council was lucky to have Mike Mullinax representing the people of Anderson County in Columbia with his capabilities, but Council needed to know what his intent was. He asked Mr. Mullinax if he intended to fill both positions or whether the question of dual office holding needed to be addressed by the present Council. Mr. Mullinax replied that Council would be notified at the appropriate time.

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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