

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Called Meeting – October 27, 1999 – 5:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

M I N U T E S

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines of the Freedom of Information Act.

PRESENT

**G. Fred Tolly – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd - District #2
Larry E. Greer – District #3
Chairman Clint Wright – District #4
J. Mike Holden – District #5
Joey Preston – Administrator
Tom Martin – County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap – Clerk to Council**

The called meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Wednesday, October 27, 1999 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Wright called the meeting to order and then gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Wright explained that the meeting was called to discuss the Duke Power water purchase/sale issue. Over the last couple of days there has been a lot of phone conversations and a result of that there is a meeting in Charlotte with Duke Power representatives on Friday, October 29. Chairman Wright stated that City and County officials will go to Charlotte to talk to Duke Power about the issues and ask for more time in order to pursue the purchase of the water supply.

City Manager John Moore made the following statements concerning the City's stand on the issue. He said that the water system needs to be locally owned, and publicly owned. The City is trying to work with the County, all the water companies, municipalities, City of Clemson and Clemson University. The City will not mind being the lead agency and being the wholesale supplier of water nor trying to create an authority with everyone's input. The City is presently considering three alternatives: 1. Purchase the system from Duke Power 2. Creating the City's own treatment plant or 3. Dealing with another supplier such as

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Greenville Water. He said wholesale water rates are not regulated by the Public Service Commission and that is a big concern. He said that all parties need to stick together, continue communication and maybe the meeting on Friday will be fruitful.

Mr. Charlie Gibson, representing the thirteen water companies in Anderson County which make up the Anderson County Water Association, explained that the Association voted to join the City in this effort to have this water system bought and controlled locally.

On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to go into executive session at 5:30 p.m. to receive legal advise and to discuss contractual matters.

After approximately 45 minutes in executive session, Council voted unanimously to come out of execution back into regular session. Resolution #R99-040 (a resolution requesting and encouraging Duke Energy Systems and Duke Water Company, and the South Carolina Public Service Commission to schedule the proposed sale of Duke Water Company's assets in Anderson County, SC, in such a manner as to allow interested public bodies and/or Anderson County Water Companies to consider the purchase of, and if appropriate, to purchase such assets; and other matters related thereto) was read into the record and passed unanimously.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


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