

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting – April 2, 2002 - 6:00 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 set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

PRESENT

Chairman Larry E. Greer – District #3, Presiding
G. Fred Tolly – District #1
Vice Chairperson Gracie S. Floyd - District #2
Clint Wright – District #4
Mike Holden – District #5
William C. Dees – District #6
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Joey Preston – Administrator
Tom Martin – County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap – Clerk to Council

ABSENT

Tammie Shealy, Deputy Clerk to Council

(During times of discussion and presentations the minutes are condensed and paraphrased.)

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Bill Dees used a prayer attributed to Minister Joe Wright, which was given at the opening session of the Kansas State Senate. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Greer read the quote that was on the agenda.

Mr. Tolly moved to approve the February 19, 2002 minutes as mailed. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Citizens Comments: (Agenda Matters) (1) Ms. Bennie Sue West of 1308 Hanover Road, Anderson said she had read a report on Airport proposals and she had several questions and concerns that she wanted to share. One listed the insurance but it did not state what the total cost of the policy would be but it mentioned that it would be an increase of approximately \$8,000. The cost of a new maintenance building (6,000 square feet) was not listed. The cost of the upgrade for the present maintenance building or hangar was not listed and the upgrade on the salaries or several positions but there seemed to be a need for a "line item" budget of each. (2) Ms. Teresa Morgan of 334 Garren Road, Belton said that Mr. Floyd, before his passing, had made the Cheddar Community aware that in order to work on the roads around the area, Council needed to do impact studies on the roads to determine the tonnage of trucks coming in, the layout and routes of the trucks coming through. She asked that if the lateral expansion is given to the landfill, that Council try to keep the trucks off of the roads between Palmetto High School and Palmetto Middle School. She also asked council to assess the roads to determine which ones needed to be upgraded for safety reasons especially Highway 20. (3) Ms. Donna Childers of 641 Osteen Hill Road, Piedmont urged County Council to continue to work on stronger ordinances to protect homeowners'

investments (noise and safety). (4) Ms. Edna Bagwell of 121 Consolation Road, Piedmont stated that there was a man in the community that was trying to operate a gun range in their community, which is very noisy. She said that this is devaluating their property and she asked Council to look into stronger noise restrictions. (5) Mr. Jim Pruitt from Seneca asked Council to reconsider having the County do the maintenance at the Airport of which he has used for the last 30 years. He said Mr. Reid Garrison has done his maintenance and now he has no place to do it other than bringing his truck to the hangar in another County. (6) Mr. Frank Oschowel of Oconee County said that he has had dealings at the Airport and spoke on Mr. Reid Garrison's behalf concerning his maintenance facility. He said it was really deplorable. He said that his son built an airplane (took him 3-1/2 years) and the Anderson facility was not adequate so the plane was kept in Toccoa, Georgia. He asked Council to review the situation very carefully because it is very important for the business of Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties to have adequate aircraft maintenance in the area. (Other Matters) (7) Mr. Charles Crowe of the Lebanon community spoke on funds that the incumbent council has to spend, practically at this time of the year. Recreation and paving funds he said is what he was referring to. He said is it possible for someone to give the balance in each Council person's recreation and paving fund accounts. He also said that he was concerned about the time limits for agenda items. He said that he looked at the agenda and a Councilperson is allotted 2 minutes to talk about roads and road repairs and someone else, a candidate, is given 3 minutes. To him something seems to be wrong. He asked Council to look at the ordinance. (8) Mr. Dan Harvell of the High Point Precinct. Mr. Harvell offered his opinion of misunderstandings that many citizens of Anderson County have concerning the involvement of Ms. Cindy Wilson with the proposed Beaverdam Creek Sewer line. It is not the citizen's fault if they think that Ms. Wilson's main concern is Beaverdam Sewer. It appears to be a deliberate planned scheme of Council with the blessing of a local newspaper to attempt to distract from many of her other concerns, which are open, accountable County government. The citizens of Anderson need to know that she is only one of twenty-five to thirty landowners involved in protecting their property.

Chairman Greer read Resolution #R2002-035 - a resolution recognizing and honoring Westside High School Senior Sara Coffey for being selected as a Presidential Scholar and for representing Anderson County and the State of South Carolina as a Senator at the prestigious girls Nation National convention in Washington, DC. Mr. Mike Holden moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Holden presented a framed copy of the resolution to Ms. Coffey and congratulated her on her outstanding achievements.

Chairman Greer read Resolution #R2002-036 - a resolution recognizing the Anderson County Soil & Water Conservation District for being selected as the South Carolina Conservation District of the Year. Mr. Greer moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Greer presented a framed copy of the resolution to the members of the Soil and Water Conservation and commended them for this outstanding achievement.

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Mr. Larry Greer presented Resolution #R2002-038 - a resolution applying for State of South Carolina Grant Funds, authorizing the acceptance of such grant funds, and applying the grant funds to Anderson County infrastructure projects; and other matters related thereto. The funds freed up will be used for the following projects: City of Belton \$150,000.00 to replace 2" water lines and provide an 8" water main, Starr-Iva Water & Sewer \$129,000.00 for various water system improvements, Belton-Honea Path Water Authority \$442,000.00 for various water system improvements. Chairman Greer thanked Representative Ronny Townsend and Senator Billy O'Dell for working with the State Government to help make this a possibility. Mr. Greer moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Stephanie Pawlowski, Chairperson for the Anderson County Heritage Corridor Board gave a slide presentation on the Heritage Corridor and its purpose, location, and the benefits of the heritage tourism in Anderson County. Council received as information.

Council recessed at this time (6:50 p.m.) Chairman Greer called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Greer presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2002-008 - an ordinance authorizing the leasing of available commercial office space at the Anderson Airport; and other matter related thereto. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Greer presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2002-011 - an ordinance amending, in limited particulars only, section 38-638 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances pertaining to the means by which a road may be designated as a County road, and other matters related thereto. Mr. Tolly moved to approve on third reading and Ms. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Greer presented a PUBLIC HEARING only for Ordinance #2000-068 - an ordinance amending Chapter 38 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances pertaining to Land Use and Development Standards; canceling tabled Ordinance #2001-005 pertaining to Billboard Signs, and other matters relating thereto. Chairman Greer announced that third reading would be delayed until a later date. The public hearing was held and the following individuals spoke. Mr. Charles Crowe of the Lebanon Community spoke on gun ranges and asked if it would be a "grandfather" clause in it. He also said that the proposed changes for distance on signs was 1000 feet and is over three footballs and to his knowledge he has never heard anyone complain regarding billboards. Ms. Deno Hicks, Executive Officer of the Home Builders Association expressed appreciation to County Council and Mr. Preston for allowing communications to be opened up with their association and County Council. Mr. Gerald Terry, Chairman of the Anderson County Developers Council said that he looked forward to a good ordinance and thanked Council for allowing them to have a chance to put in their "two cents" on the ordinance. Mr. Dan McKinney said that he was a member of the Planning Commission, and originally worked on the land use and development standards, and a citizen and he was speaking from all of these roles. He said he appreciated council updating these standards, which is needed badly. He pointed out Section 8 - Signage and said that signage was important and urged Council to stick to the language that is proposed. Mr. Greer said that one of the major things that employees and Council handled as they moved through the buffer yard requirements they removed the possibility of exception which would eliminate some

of the problems that we have experienced as they have moved through the zoning process. Mr. Dees asked Ms. Childers to elaborate on their problem since she never stated what it was. For the record, it was stated that the gun range talked about was not Mr. Charles Crowe's. She responded that it was an illegal gun range. Mr. Wright asked whether the buffer yards would affect the road frontage landscaping along the county's major corridors. If a new business or industry came in would the buffer requirements extend the entire area of their property not just the adjoining properties on the sides and back? Ms. Wilson asked for another work session to be completely clear on what the council needed to do to have a workable and enforceable document. Council agreed to notify Ms. Wilson prior to the next subcommittee meeting with members of the Board of Realtors. The public hearing was declared closed. No action was taken other than the public hearing.

Chairman Greer presented first reading of Ordinance #2001-047 – an ordinance to amend certain sections of Anderson County Code of Ordinances pertaining to Noise Restrictions; and other matters related thereto. Ms. Floyd moved to approve the ordinance on first reading and Mr. Tolly seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Dees stated that the Childers are suffering from is NOISE and he wanted to make this clear that this is their issue. He said that Council did not want to interfere with private property possession and our second amendment rights. Mr. Wright said he has questions that he would hold on to until Attorney Tom Martin returns. He said he would vote in favor on first reading however he wants answers to his questions. Mr. Dees called for the question and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous. Vote was unanimous on approval of first reading of the ordinance.

Mr. Greer presented Resolution #R2002-037 – a resolution requesting the South Carolina Legislature Endorse, support, and fully fund the US Army Corps of Engineers Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Study; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer presented Resolution #R2002-039 – a resolution requesting that the County Administrator direct the Anderson County Transportation Division to investigate the use and condition of all major county maintained roads in the vicinity of the Big Creek Landfill to determine whether such roads require maintenance or improvements in order to accommodate any potential increase in traffic leading to the Big Creek Landfill; and other matters related thereto. Ms. Wilson moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Council discussed. For clarification, Mr. Greer asked Ms. Wilson which resolution was her motion to approve the resolution in the agenda packet or the one at each Council members station? She said that she had not had the opportunity to read the one at her station so she would ask that the one in the packet be approved. She said the resolution simply asked for a study. Mr. Holden moved to amend the resolution included in the packet to include in the study a situation in County District #5 to look into the traffic problems at Dixon Road where it feeds into Whitehall Road at the fire station. Ms. Wilson seconded the amendment. Ms. Floyd asked that the resolution. Chairman Greer stated that the table would be only for the amendment. Mr. Holden then withdrew his amendment. Ms. Floyd then moved to table the resolution to allow time to study. Mr. Tolly seconded. Motion died as a result of a tie. Mr. Wright said that the intent of both resolutions were identical. Mr. Dees said that he did not know that Council needed a resolution ask the Administrator to study County roads. Mr. Preston stated that he had a completed feasibility study yesterday and he handed out copies to all members of Council. Mr. Greer offered an amendment that each Council Member be given an opportunity to add roads in their district to the proposed study in the event that it passes. He said that he has Hwy. 29 South and Hwy.

185, which some are state and some are federal roads. Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote on the amendment was six in favor with Ms. Floyd abstaining. Motion to approve the resolution as amended was defeated by a 4-3 vote. Mr. Greer, Ms. Wilson and Mr. Wright voted in favor of the resolution.

Mr. Greer presented a proclamation proclaiming April as "Deeds of Pride" Month for Council's approval. Mr. Dees moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Gracie Floyd presented a proclamation proclaiming April as "Fair Housing" Month in Anderson County. Ms. Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer presented a proclamation proclaiming April 14-20, 2002 as "Telecommunications Week". Mr. Tommy Thompson explained the proclamation. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Terri Gilstrap, Asst. Director of the Pendleton District Workforce Investment Board asking for approval to re-designate the area as a workforce investment area by a petition that will be forwarded to the Governor for his approval. Mr. Holden moved to authorize Mr. Greer to sign the petition on behalf of Anderson County. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Ms. Wilson, Council voted unanimously to the acceptance of Stone Briar, McPhail Farms, Pleasant View, and Belton Harbor Subdivisions into the county road system.

Chairman Greer announced that the next item of business – "Discussion of Senate Bill 994 – Predatory Lending" would be deferred until a later date.

Mr. Steve Pelisser explained the Rural State's Transportation Improvement Plan program. Since 1998, the State DOT has asked the Appalachian Council of Governments to recommend priorities for the "STIP" plan. The current plan runs through 2006, therefore, the Council must add the year 2007 to the plan because it is a 5-year plan. The following projects were recommended to Council for allocating the funds: 1. To implement interchange lightening on interstate 85 at the interchange of highway 76, highway 178, and Highway 81 in the amount of two million dollars. 2. Four lane highway 29 from Highway 8, south to Highway 29 interchange and beyond in the amount of seven million dollars. Mr. Tolly moved to authorize the recommendation to the COG for their consideration. Ms. Wilson seconded. Mr. Tolly said that the roads must be state roads and cannot be county roads. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$2,000 from District #7 Recreation funds for the Cheddar Youth Association for enclosing dugouts. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$3,000 from District #5 Recreation funds for Crime Stoppers of Anderson County. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to add the resurfacing of Cripple Creek Road to the TOP of the current paving contract in the amount of \$24,120 to come from District #5 paving funds.

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$5,000 for the Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament. Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was unanimous. The funds will come from District #1's Recreation funds.

Mr. Greer moved to approve the paving of the following roads in Iva: IV-16-1769, Cain Court at \$7,695.00 and IV-16-1818, Tanglewood Street for \$11,970.00. The funds will come from District #3 (\$13,208.44 would be the additional amount needed for asphaltting the roads- the roads were currently on the list for tar and gravel and this would be the difference.) Mr. Dees seconded. Ms. Wilson asked if council was permitted to continue making appropriations when the paving and recreation accounts are close to being overdrawn/or already overdrawn. Mr. Greer responded to Ms. Wilson that he would assure her that before he makes appropriations that he checks his balances on either accounts and also he responded to an earlier comment that Council members may be using this as a campaign effort in an election year. He said that he does not consider it a campaign effort when the people of his district call him and tells him that the roads are falling apart. This is clearly MEETING the needs of the citizens of his district and he does not appreciate the remark. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$8,000 for the Town of Belton for assistance in establishing soccer fields for the Recreation program. The funds will come from District #3 Recreation Account for construction of these fields. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Floyd moved to appropriate \$3,000 for the Town of Belton for assistance with the construction of soccer fields for the Recreation program. The funds will come from District #2's Recreation Account. She said that the soccer program in Belton has grown from 45 children to approximately 175. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dees moved to appropriate \$1,531 from District #6's paving account for paving at the Piedmont ball field. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dees moved to appropriate a total of \$26,917 for a walking track and parking lot at the Hurricane Springs Park. This includes phase 1 - \$3,217, Phase 2 - \$14,600, and Phase 3 - \$9,100. This will relocate a portion of the walking track. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

a. Certificates and Training:

1. Taylor Jones – 13 hours CE Credits – "Disaster 2002 Are You Prepared?" Exercise Evaluation (G130), and Exercise Design (G120)
2. Mr. Tommy Thompson – Exercise Design (G120), Exercise Evaluation (G130)

b. Letters of Appreciation:

1. For: Mr. Tommy Thompson – Membership on the Advisory Committee for Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic Program at Greenville Technical College
2. For: Mr. Joey Preston From: Mr. Steve Dean and Ms. Marilyn Walker with New Foundations Children and Family Services, Inc.
3. For: Employees of the Detention Center From: United Way
4. For: Officer Manley Adams – Won the Challenge Run Ribbon and excelled both academically and athletically at the Criminal Justice Academy

- c. Minutes:
 - 1. Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
 - 2. Transportation Division Safety Meeting – March 8, 2002
 - 3. Transportation Division Safety Meeting – March 22, 2002
- d. Reports:
 - 1. Public Safety's February Training Report
 - 2. Detention Center Litter Report – February 18-22, 2002
 - 3. Detention Center Litter Report – March 11-15, 2002
 - 4. Detention Center Litter Report – March 18-22, 2002
 - 5. KAB Litter Report
 - 6. Litter Report – February 2002
 - 7. Recreation Fund Report
 - 8. District Paving Report
 - 9. GLR 158 Journal Entry Transaction Summary from Finance Department
- e. EMS Response Times
- f. Craig, Gauden, & Davis Letter concerning Museum
- g. Tax Contributions from Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative's Organizations
- h. Detention Center's Visiting Dignitaries
- i. Request for Funding Brown Road Bridge
- j. Pendleton Rescue Squad
- k. Departmental Transfers

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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