

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - April 6, 1999 - 6:00 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

MINUTES

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
Chairman William A. Floyd - District #2
Larry E. Greer - District #3
Vice Chairman Clint Wright - District #4
Joey Preston - Administrator
Tom Martin - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council
Stacey R. Russ - Assistant Clerk to Council

ABSENT

J. Mike Holden - District #5

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Fred Tolly gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Floyd welcomed the group and invited everyone to come back. Mr. Floyd stated that Mr. Holden was not able to attend the meeting because of another obligation.

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On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 16, 1999 meeting as mailed.

Chairman Floyd requested that Item #11D be moved to #1. Mr. Wright moved to amend the agenda as recommended by the Chairman. Mr. Tolly seconded the motion and vote was four to zero.

Public Comments: #1: Ms. Pat Seawright-informed Council of a survey that was sent to 53 residents and they all opposed to having the sewerline go down Beaverdam Creek. #2: Mr. Chuck Sitka - talked to Council about the opposition to the sewerline down Beaverdam Creek. #3: Mr. Bernard Wilson - opposed to sewerline going down Beaverdam Creek. #4: Ms. Cindy Wilson - opposed to a high polluting industry locating in the Beaverdam water basin. #5 - Mr. Leroy Christeson - expressed an interest in having an activity center in Anderson County. He spoke of similar centers in Batesburg, SC and Hendersonville, N.C. Mr. Floyd asked Mr. Preston to look into the feasibility of this particular idea in Anderson County. Council received all remarks as information.

Ms. Mary Skein, Executive Director of the Foothills Rape Crisis Center, thanked Council for the special proclamation on the agenda. Mr. Floyd read the Proclamation proclaiming the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She pledged to Council and to fellow citizens that their organization will continue to work to combat the issue along with Council's continued support and efforts to try to see an end to this terrible problem in Anderson County. Ms. Skeen presented all Council members with a blue to wear in observance.

The next item on the agenda (#1 PRESENTATION—Salvation Army - Mr. Michael Morton.) was deferred. Mr. Morton was not in attendance.

Mr. Ed Hillhouse informed Council that on April 11 at 3 p.m. in Sandy Springs, S.C. The Historical Society and the Palmetto Sharp Shooters Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold a Historical Marker Dedication. He invited all Members of Council to attend. He said that the marker marks two very important events in the history of Anderson County. One side tells about a Methodist Campground, which existed from 1928-1897 where Methodist people from many

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miles away came and camped out for 2 weeks in September, around a nearby spring. The other side of the monument commemorates the Muster Ground for Confederate soldiers. Council received as information.

Mr. Joey Preston announced that there is a project, which will be a significant investment in the County. \$25,000,000 plus. It will create not less than 75 new jobs, requires the location in a multi-county industrial park with that comes a 20% Special Source Revenue Bond. Mr. Jerry Howard announced that Torrington Company would be the company. This will cause approximately \$3,000,000 to be paid to Anderson County in fees. Mr. Greer said that he was glad to see Torrington confident enough in Anderson County and the Honea Path-Belton Community to do this size of investment. Mr. Preston recommended that Council pass the Resolution and inducement agreement for the company. On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R99-013 and inducement agreement for the Torrington Company. Council heard from Mr. Ted Burgess, Quality Manager at Torrington, who thanked Council for their support.

Mr. Bob Daly introduced Mr. Steve Newton as Employee of the Month for February. Mr. Newton has been with the County for about 6 months and has made a lot of major accomplishments for Anderson County in those 6 months. He has managed the development of a new park in the Double Springs area, provided the design for the Veteran's War Monument, and the most recent is the operations plan scheduled to be used at the Freedom Weekend Aloft event in May. Mr. Newton was presented a gift certificate to a local restaurant, an Employee of the Month coffee mug, and a plaque. Council commended Mr. Newton for his accomplishments and dedicated work for Anderson County.

Mr. Bob Daly presented Officer James Moore as the Officer of the Month for the Detention Center. Mr. Moore is enthusiastic and eager to take on any challenges that arise. He is usually asked for assistance on special jobs and his cooperative attitude is an asset to the morale of the entire staff, Mr. Daly reported. Council commended Mr. Moore for an outstanding job.

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Mr. Daly presented Ms. Jackie Swaney for Officer of the Month of February 1999 for the Detention Center. Jackie is one of the Detention Center's most reliable officers. She has an excellent reputation for the professional manner with which she treats the inmates and is very conscientious in making certain that the jail is properly run. Council commended Ms. Swaney for an outstanding job.

Mr. Preston pointed out to Council an article in the newspaper on the effectiveness of the County's boot camp that was written regarding Mr. Daly.

Mr. Preston presented the amended Anderson County Vision Statement and Goals as a result of the County Retreat held in February. He recommended Council's adoption of this new Vision Statement. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve as recommended.

Mr. Preston presented an update and progress report on all the County sewer projects. A list of the projects, time tables and basic construction information was also presented in the report. Mr. Preston recommended that the Council receive as information with permission to proceed on with each individual project. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve as recommended by Mr. Preston.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve on third and final reading, as recommended by Mr. Preston, Ordinance #99-001 - an ordinance approving the financing of the improvement, construction and equipping of certain sewage collection facilities (Highway 76/Sandy Springs Sewer Extension) by borrowing of \$1,600,000 from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance #98-028 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$320,000 principal amount Hospital Revenue Bonds (Anderson County Disability and Special Needs Board Project).

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Mr. Jeff Ricketson presented second reading of Ordinance #99-003 - an ordinance to adopt the Anderson County Comprehensive Plan, February 1999, and all maps and materials therein. Mr. Ricketson explained that the existing maps were the maps in the 1994 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Wright moved that the Ordinance be approved on second reading and Mr. Greer seconded. Mr. Greer stated that under Goals - Chapter 8 change from "industrial park" to industrial park or parks" as stated at the March 16 meeting. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #98-004 (title only) of an ordinance to implement zoning in Anderson County.

Mr. Ricketson presented a request for first reading consideration for Ordinance #99-006 - an ordinance reaffirming in certain limited particulars and readopting the Anderson County Land Use and Development Standards Ordinances, and other matters relating thereto (title only). Mr. Ricketson stated that under the Planning Act of 1994 all Counties and Cities in South Carolina to revise the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Ordinances. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on first reading.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading (title only) of Ordinance #99-008 - an ordinance approving the Major Road Study. Mr. Greer stated for the record that the Highway 76 & 20 from Honea Path through Belton up to 29 and Highway 252 from Honea Path over to the Belton/Anderson Highway are included in the plan and *neither* of the bypasses or Austin Road route are included in this plan. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted four to zero to approve first reading (title only) of Ordinance #99-005 - an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation bonds in the principal amount of not exceeding \$750,000 (Airport Project).

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On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance #99-007 (title only) - an ordinance authorizing the assignment and transfer of a certain lease agreement between Anderson County and Apache Products Company, Inc. and other matters related thereto.

On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R99-011 - a resolution encouraging the development by the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) to develop a gas turbine powered generation facility in Anderson County and Anderson County School District #3 in such a manner as to be mutually beneficial to Santee Cooper, Anderson County, and Anderson School District #3.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R99-012 - a resolution authorizing the annexation of certain County Property into the Corporate limits of the City of Anderson (Civic Center/Sports Complex).

Mr. Floyd presented Mr. Chuck Watkins a Proclamation supporting the declaration of "A Day of Commitment" in Anderson County. This will be a gathering of people of good will to support positive, uplifting goals which will unite the community, heal wounds, and cross all boundaries of race, color, creed, and social and economic lines is to the betterment and benefit of Anderson County.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve Construction Change Order #1 and Construction Change Order #2 for the Hwy. 76/Sandy Springs Sewer Project. Change Order #1 is due to the DOT reversing an earlier decision to allow the sewer line to be hung from the existing bridge over 3 & 20 Creek, and to additional culverts being required by DPT under the access road to the pump station. This will increase the project cost by \$163,371. Change order #2 is required because additional gas lines and fiber optic cables have been installed in and near the route of the proposed sewer line. These conflicts create additional cost to the sewer line construction. This will increase the project cost by \$1,760.00.

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On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve Engineering Contract Change Order #1 for the Hwy. 76/Sandy Springs Sewer Project. This change is due to conflicts caused by utilities placed since our line was designed and also redesign of the creek crossing due to the DOT not allowing the County to hang the sewer line from the highway bridge over 3 & 20 Creek. This order requires an additional \$40,000 (approximately).

Mr. Preston presented two change orders for the Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Project. One dealing with the Ashmore Brothers Project in the amount of \$34,488 is necessary because of the deletion of the small apron proposed adjacent to taxiway G and adding site prep for the new T-hangar Project at the south end of the terminal ramp area. Change order #2 is recommended by the Airport Advisory Committee and is for \$13,847. This is necessary because of relocating existing and installing new taxiway lighting in the vicinity of the new T-Hanger site. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve the two above change orders as presented by Mr. Preston.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve minimum maintenance for George McClain Road (to scrape and add stone) located in Council District #4.

Mr. Tolly announced that Mr. Jim Simpson is developing a subdivision in the Town of Williamston named Heritage Estates. He would like to close part of the present street (Green Street) and rename the street Heritage Drive. Mr. Tolly moved that the request be approved and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer asked for permission to appropriate \$3,520.00 from District 3 Paving to purchase an automated external defibrillator for the Ebenezer Fire Department Station #23. On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted four to zero to approve the purchase of the AED.

Mr. Greer said that he had been working with the Starr School Area Athletic Association for the development of an Athletic Complex on Starr property (about

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13 acres) on Bowie Farm Road. Mr. Greer moved to approve the proposed Lease Agreement between the Starr Area Athletic Association and Anderson County. Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Preston presented an Intergovernmental Agreement between and among the Municipalities of Belton and Honea Path and the County of Anderson. Mr. Preston said that this was designed to replace the "Blue Bag" program county wide, only to replace the "blue bag" program within the municipal limits of Honea Path and Belton communities. This will be used as the County's Pilot project. Mr. Preston recommended that the Agreement be approved and work begin on the project. On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve as recommended.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the two ACTC projects: 1) Centerville School Project at Whitehall Road S-04-0034 in the amount of \$59,319.10 and 2) Hwy 86 & Blossom Branch Intersection SC Hwy. 86 in the amount of \$15,000.00 and to add to the existing paving contract.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

(a) Certificates and Training:

- I. Ms. Mary Brooks - Emergency Preparedness - IS-2
- II. Ms. Laura Johnson - Emergency Preparedness - IS-2
- III. Mr. Bobby Ray Smith - Developing Successful Grants
- IV. Mr. John Chambers - Developing Successful Grants IS-5
- V. Ms. Pamela Garner - National Fire Academy
- VI. Ms. Linda K. Rook - National Fire Academy
- VII. Mr. Shane Bruce - Customer Service in the Workplace

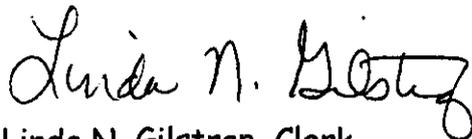
(b) Letters of Appreciation:

- I. To: Finance Department From: Mr. Grady Patterson
- II. To: Mr. Leo Marsden From: Ms. Patricia Townsend
- III. To: Mr. Jerry Bannister and crew From: Mr. J.R. McClure
- IV. To: Mr. Larry Greer From: Mayor David Shirley, Belton

- V. To: Anderson County From: Mr. Hisao Kaji, Sekido Technology Corporation
- VI. To: Mr. Bob Daly From: Ms. Suzanne McMahan, Special Olympics
- VII. Article - Mr. Bob Daly
 - (c) Big Creek Landfill - Appeal
 - (d) Airport Grant
 - (e) Census Update
 - (f) New Legislation
 - (g) Anderson County Paving Schedule
 - (h) Paving Accounts Through March
 - (i) Recreation Fund Account
 - (j) New Building Permits by Council District #2
 - (k) Unemployment Rate Dropping
 - (l) New Bill to Implement a New Way of Financing
 - (m) Veterans Monument Dedication
 - (n) Charter Communications - A Wired World Company
 - (o) Minutes:
 - I. Public Works - Safety Meeting
 - II. Museum Commission
 - III. Economic Advisory Board

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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