

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - January 9, 2001 - 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 Clint Wright - District #4 - Presiding

G. Fred Tolly - District #1

Gracie S. Floyd - District #2

Larry E. Greer - District #3

William C. Dees - District #6

M. Cindy Wilson - District #7

Joey Preston - Administrator

Tom Martin - County Attorney

Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council

Tammie Shealy - Assistant Clerk to Council

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Holden said that there was a request to "retire" the gavel used by many Council Chairmen over the past 20 years. Mr. Preston stated that the gavel would be placed in the museum on a plaque listing all chairmen, which used the gavel since Home Rule. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to retire the gavel and place it in the museum.

Mr. Holden welcomed Ms. Cindy William and Mr. Bill Dees who are new Council members representing new districts 6 and 7.

Chairman Holden called for nominations for Chairman for the year 2001. Mr. Greer nominated Mr. Clint Wright. No further nominations were heard and vote was unanimous on electing Clint Wright as chairman.

Mr. Holden relinquished the chair to Clint Wright. Chairman Wright called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Tolly nominated Mr. Mike Holden as vice chairman. No further nominations were heard and vote was unanimous.

The Council presented out-going chairman Holden a plaque in recognition for his service as Chairman during 2000. Mr. Holden thanked Council and congratulated Mr. Wright as the new chairman.

Mr. Wright thanked Council and said that this was a historical and significant day but he did not see this as a "turning point". He said that the Council would continue the path that has been set over the past four years with a progressive movement, improvement and prosperity of this County.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve the December 19, 2000 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Brantley Jordan said that he had been looking forward to this day for a number of years since he had always been an advocate of a 7-member Council. He commended the five council members for their accomplishments over the past years. He welcomed the two Council members. He also commended the Clerk to Council for her many years of service and welcomed her assistance, Ms. Tammie Shealy. Mr. Clifton Thomas stated that he had approached Council a couple meetings ago and asked Council to do something regarding the air coming in the back of the courthouse where seniors work. Council received all remarks as information.

Mr. Joe Jones representing Consulting Engineers Council presented Council with the S.C. Engineers Award presented to BP Barber. As a result of the work of BP Barber and the County, the County will save over 20 million dollars over the next 20 years in funds.

Members of the Finance Department and Ms. Gina Smith were recognized for being awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. This Certificate of Achievement is the highest financial reporting honor that any governmental unit can achieve and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Council congratulated all members of the Finance Department who helped with achievement. Mr. Preston announced that Mr. Jason Phillips was now a Certified Government Finance Officer for Anderson County. Council congratulated Mr. Phillips for his outstanding achievements.

Dr. Robert G. Austin who serves as Director in charge of the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce Business and Government Affairs Council stated that the Chamber of Commerce would like to wish members of Council good luck with their new responsibilities. He also said that the business community really appreciates the positive role that they have played in the community in the past and how much they appreciate Anderson County taking the leadership role in the All-American City award. He said County Council's leadership was seen in the adoption of the first long-range comprehensive land use plan, sewer plan, and road and transportation plan. The business community is pleased that Council has come together and put political differences aside to work as a team on important issues that benefit.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

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(a) Certificates and Training:

1. Public Safety Division - October Training Report
2. Public Safety Division - November Training Report
3. Mr. George Brothers - Liability Issues in Emergency Management and Decision Making in a Crisis
4. Mr. John Chambers - Street Survival (The Tactical Edge Seminar and The Win Seminar)
5. Mr. Ralph Cumber - Street Survival (The Tactical Edge Seminar and The Win Seminar)
6. Mr. Ricky Burgess - Street Survival (The Tactical Edge Seminar and The Win Seminar)
7. Ms. Pamela Garner - Managing the 9-1-1 Center

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(b) Letters of Appreciation:

1. For: Mr. Tony Barnett From: Ms. Linda Zenoni of Mountainview Properties
2. For: Mr. John Chambers From: Guardian Angel Detective Agency
3. For: Mr. Ricky Burgess From: Guardian Angel Detective Agency
4. For: Ms. Joan Scott From: Mr. John T. Garman, President Chamber of Commerce
5. For: Road Maintenance Crew (Mr. Aaron Smart, Mr. Ray Jarrard, Mr. Paul Cribbs, Mr. Robert Mattison, Mr. Talmadge Duvall, Mr. Roman Laboto, Mr. Ike Viney, Mr. Steven Whitten, and Mr. Allen Robinson) From: Mr. Jim Leone
6. For: Road Maintenance Crew (Mr. Aaron Smart, Mr. Ray Jarrard, Mr. Roman Laboto, Mr. Robert Mattison, Mr. Talmadge Duval, Mr. Ike Viney) From: Mr. Larry Kelley

7. For: Road Maintenance Crew (Mr. Steve Whitten, Mr. Jay Patterson, Mr. Allen Robinson, and Mr. Jim Bonham)  
From: Mr. Adam Potts of Fork Rescue
8. For: Road Maintenance Crew (Mr. Mark McConnell, Mr. Iriguos Lindsey, Mr. William Moss, and Mr. Thomas Wilson) From: Ms. Mary Campbell
9. For: Road Maintenance Crew (Mr. Jerry Cash, Mr. Randy Chambers, Mr. Sammy Moore, Mr. Michael Gregory, Mr. Kevin Fleming, Mr. Carl Dutton, and Mr. Carl Day) From: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Williams

(c) Minutes:

1. Department of Transportation - Safety Meeting - December 15, 2000
2. Department of Transportation - Safety Meeting - December 29, 2000
3. Reports:
  1. Road Maintenance Litter Report November 27-December 15, 2000
  2. District Paving Report
  3. Recreation Fund Account

(d) Sports and Entertainment Center Scheduled Events

(e) Economic Development Advisory Board Agenda

(f) Charter Communications

(g) Anderson Regional Airport (Grants)

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk  
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL