

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Regular Meeting - April 21, 1998 - 6:00 PM

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

**AMENDED
MINUTES**

**ALL AREA NEWSPAPERS, RADIO STATIONS AND TELEVISION STATIONS
HAVE BEEN 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
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Clint Wright - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Joey Preston - Administrator
Jack McIntosh - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council**

**The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council
Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, April 21, 1998 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Clint Wright gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to
the flag.**

Chairman Floyd welcomed the group and everyone was invited to come back.

**On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted
unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 7, 1998 meeting as mailed.**

**Council heard from Mr. & Mrs. William Morgan complaining about a water problem
on 29 South. They live at 4448 Highway 29 South. Council explained that the
road was a state road and they would have Mr. McClure work with the State to
solve the drainage problem.**

**Council received a certificate of Congressional Recognition for the County's Saluda
Basin Waste Water Treatment plan. Ms. Jane Goolsby presented Council with the
certificate.**

**Mr. Terry Armstrong with Allied Waste presented Chief Casey Bolton of the Belton
Rescue Squad a check in the amount of \$7,910 to help with painting of the Rescue
Squad.**

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Mr. Mike Holden presented Resolution #R98-020 - a resolution honoring Mr. Michael Bridges for extraordinary response to young Matthew Page, who had fallen from a tree and was suspended with a rope around his neck.

Ms. Holly Matheson, Executive Director, appeared on behalf of the Anderson County Development Partnership which is a public-private group that has been formed. Ms. Matheson gave an status report to Council because the County is a major investor in the group. One of the primary goals is to make Anderson a better place to live, work and play and to do that she plans to help build an enhanced community image, she said. Council also heard from Mr. Jim Harris, President of the Group. Council received the report as information.

Mr. Jerry Howard announced that Mikron Corporation was seeking approval of a \$4,000,000 Industrial Revenue Bond to finance an expansion in Anderson. This would include an additional 85 new jobs once the addition is complete. This does not require a financial commitment from the County. Council heard from Mr. Allan Henschcliff, Vice President and General Manager of Mikron. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution as presented.

Mr. Preston presented third and final reading of Ordinance #97-033 - an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds, series 1998, of Anderson County, S.C. in the principal amount of not exceeding \$13,700,000; fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the Chairman of County Council and the County Administrator to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto. (Anderson County Library). A public hearing was held and no comments were heard. On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve third and final reading of the ordinance.

Mr. Jack McIntosh presented third and final reading of ordinance #98-007 - an ordinance authorizing the Administrator to negotiate the sale of a 20 to 25 acre tract of land at the Tri-County landfill to Pickens County. A public hearing was held and no comments were heard; the hearing was declared closed. Mr. Wright moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jack McIntosh, County Attorney, presented second reading of an Ordinance #98-008 - an ordinance amending Section 55-20 (a) (1) of the Anderson County Administrative Leave Policy to add Bereavement leave. On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on second reading.

Mr. Preston presented first reading of Ordinance #98-009 - an ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, and ending June 30, 1999. Mr. Preston called attention to budget changes from the last meeting when the budget presentation was done. These changes will not increase the general operating fund of the budget. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance #98-009 on first reading.

Mr. Jeff Ricketson gave Council a report on the downtown parking situation. The primary purpose of the county's report is to determine the special needs of citizens and employees who work and park near the courthouse square, he said. DSS currently houses approximately 100 employees, when the new building is complete that will free up approximately 260 parking spaces. Council received as information.

Mr. Jerry Shealy explained an amendment to Section 1.7 (General Penalty) of the County Code which would allow the County to impose a Civil penalty rather than a criminal penalty on animal complaints. Tickets issued now for animal complaints and litter the County issues a criminal citation which is a misdemeanor. Also to issue parking violations, the County needs to adopt an ordinance which would allow the County to issue tickets that the County magistrates would hear if a person wants to go that way rather than pay a civil penalty. By first reading of Ordinance #98-010, they will be able to deal with parking in handicapped parking spaces in private parking lots under county jurisdiction and for obstructing fire lanes, and in County parking lots and animal complaints. Mr. Tolly moved to approve first reading as presented by Mr. Shealy and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Preston presented Resolution #R98-021 - a resolution allowing the County to apply for a low-interest loan for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities from the Water Pollution Control Fund pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act with a real low interest rate. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution as presented.

Mr. Preston announced for the record that the County may be able to secure around one-half million dollars (\$500,000) to help assist Pelzer with their sewer

problem through a Community Development Block Grant.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Taylor to the L.E.P.C. (Local Emergency Planning commission).

On the motion of Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. John Ross to the Cobb's Glen Special Tax District Commission.

Mr. J.R. McClure presented the 1997-1998 paving bids from the low bidder Sloan Construction Paving Company in the amount of \$25.17 per ton. On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the bid as presented for \$25.17 per ton.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve change order #1 for Beers Construction Company in the amount of \$137,781.00 for the construction of the Civic Center road (Sports Complex).

Mr. McClure presented a request from the City of Anderson to relocate the most westerly end of West Beltline Boulevard to accommodate a new commercial development. The following two items needs to be addressed for this relocation to be acceptable: 1) the intersection of West Beltline Boulevard and Civic Center Boulevard should be at ninety (90) degrees to Civic Center Boulevard to give the best site distance both directions. 2) the horizontal curve radius just before this new intersection will need to be two hundred fifty feet (250) and contain a tangent section with adequate holding capacity. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the request as presented.

Mr. Clint Wright said as a result of discussions out of Columbia about the reduction of state wide car taxes, the Chairman has allowed him to form a task force to study the effects that the reduction of car taxes will have on Anderson County and particularly the schools. The Task Force will consist of one representative from each school board, a representative from the County School Board, a representative from each City within the County, an appointment from each Council member, the County Administrator, County Treasurer, County Auditor, and County Assessor. Mr. Floyd appointed Mr. Wright as Chairman of the group. Mr. Wright moved that the Task Force be approved and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve \$5,000 from District #5 Recreation Funds to help with the excavation,

moving, and filling needed at the Double Springs Fire Department for development of a park. Vote was 4-0, Mr. Banister was out of the room at the time of the vote.

Mr. Holden asked Mr. Preston to research the zoning issue in Anderson County and report back.

Administrator's Report:

- a. **Letters of Commendation**
 - Compliance Office
 - Public Works
- b. **Minutes**
 - Anderson County Major Road Study
 - Recreational Complex Advisory Committee
 - Public Works Safety Meeting
- c. **District Paving Account Report**
- d. **New Building Permits by Council District - March 1998**
- e. **Consumer Price Index (CPI) Article**
- f. **Accommodations Fee Projections**
- g. **Museum Commission Progress Report**

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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