

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Regular Meeting – October 4, 2005 – 6:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

**MINUTES**

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

**PRESENT**

Chairperson Gracie S. Floyd, Presiding  
Vice Chairman Larry E. Greer - District #3  
G. Fred Tolly – District #1  
Bill McAbee – District #4  
Michael Thompson – District #5  
William C. Dees – District #6  
Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Joey Preston – Administrator  
Tom Martin – County Attorney  
Linda N. Eddleman - Clerk to Council  
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, October 4, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Gracie S. Floyd called the meeting to order. Mr. Bill McAbee gave the invocation and then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Michael Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2005 meeting. Ms. Wilson seconded. Mr. Michael Thompson stated that on page 5 – under "Requests by Council Members" – change 5,000 gallons on the 27<sup>th</sup> line to [REDACTED] gallons. Mr. Greer asked that on the same page under "Requests by Council Members" Change District 4 to read District # [REDACTED] and Change Barker Bowie to Parker Bowie. Vote on the minutes as amended was unanimous.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Agenda Matters - Mr. Brooks Brown, IV stated that Council could not overrule the state; if the state has a code or regulations Council is bound by it. He said that at the meeting before last Mr. Tolly put a motion on the table concerning Mr. Bennett's rezoning and he said that he has never been formally served with notice that the plan is in the works. At the last meeting, he gave notice that he was in the zoning area and he still has not received notification. He asked that the ordinance be removed from the table and asked Council to vote it down because he has not complied with all the state regulations. Mr. John Snively said that he had a number of formal objections to make with procedure regarding the same matter that Mr. Brown discussed. He said when it comes off the table it becomes an agenda item and he would then reserve his remarks until the time it is brought off the table. He said that he had a written list of those objections to Council in the form of a letter to become a part of the record. Mr. Robert Gallant said that he was present for the same item as Mr. Snively and would like to reserve the right to speak when it comes off the table. Mr. Maurice Lopez echoed what Mr. Snively said and he said that one of his objections raised was proper notification. He said he spent 39 years in education and he taught his students and children if there is a rule then follow it. He asked Council to do the same.

Chairperson Floyd asked Mr. Tom Martin, County Attorney, if Council could allow for another public hearing on Ordinance #2005-029 which was tabled on September 6, 2005. He said that Council could hold a public hearing at anytime they desire. The 15-day notice is a legal requirement for one public hearing and Council could hold a public hearing at any given meeting they desire with a simple 24-hour notice to the news media. He said that if a matter was tabled it falls into somewhat of a gray area – it is not technically on the agenda and yet it is still a matter within the purview of Council so it is totally within the authority to allow comments on the ordinance under "Agenda Matters" or under "Other Matters". He said the better way would be to give advance notice to

everyone. Mr. Greer moved to reopen the "Citizens Comments" to allow those individuals to speak during the "Agenda Matters". Mr. Dees seconded and vote was six in favor and one opposed (Floyd).

Citizens Comments: Mr. John Snavelly of Hill and Dale Subdivision addressed Ordinance #2005-029. He said that apparently there are no plans whatsoever for the project. He said that he believed that the applicant may not met all the technical requirements to have the application for zoning considered by Council, possibly invalidating this application for rezoning and if the application is denied, he would address the issues then. He urged Council to vote against the rezoning request. Mr. Robert Gallant said that he had been a developer for about 20 years and has just finished a development in Beaufort County. He said that people do not like change. He said that he felt that the residential designation as multi-family condominiums is a better designation than what could go there under C-3 commercial. Mr. Maurice Lopez found that the traffic count in the area is approximately 17,000 cars per day. The Anderson Mall has 39,000 cars per day and they have five lanes of traffic to handle that and they have two lanes to handle the 17,000 cars per day. Mr. Dave Chamblee with Anderson Area Properties said that he was there for two reasons. Two of the agents involved are with his firm and he is a life-long resident of Anderson. He said that the residents are frustrated by high property taxes and they (we) get concerned when a fair and reasonable development that would contribute substantially to the property tax base is denied simply because of a small pocket of resistance. For every real estate development there is opposition and if rezoning and development was left to the neighboring property owners – nothing would ever happen, he said. He said that on August 24 the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously to approve the change and on August 30 the Planning Commission voted six to one to approve the zoning change. He asked Council to approve the rezoning change for the betterment of Anderson County.

Chairperson Floyd moved to amend the agenda to add a "Pride Award". Mr. McAbee seconded and vote was unanimous.

**Chairperson Floyd presented third reading of Ordinance #2005-028** – an ordinance amending Ordinance #99-004, the Anderson County zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by amending the Anderson County Official Zoning Map to rezone from R-20 (Single-Family Residential) to R-15 (Single Family Residential) a parcel of land comprising approximately +/- 88.5 acres in the Hopewell Precinct at the corner of Shackleburg Road and Thompson Road. The property is identified by TMS #144-00-02-006. Mr. Thompson moved to approve and Mr. McAbee seconded. Vote was six in favor and one opposed (Wilson). Motion carried.

**Chairperson Floyd presented second reading of Ordinance #2005-030** – an ordinance authorizing the issuance of an infrastructure credit to Sargent Metal Fabricators, Inc. (The "Corporation") pursuant to an infrastructure financing agreement between the Corporation and Anderson County, South Carolina; authorizing a First Amendment to the Lease Agreement dated February 28, 2001 between Anderson County, South Carolina and the Corporation to extend the investment period there under by five years; and other matters relating to the foregoing. Mr. McAbee recused himself and provided a written explanation to the Clerk to Council. A public hearing was held; no comments were received. Mr. Dees moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was six in favor and one recusal (McAbee).

**Chairperson Floyd presented second reading of Ordinance #2005-031** - an ordinance authorizing the assignment and transfer to Shaw Industries Group, Inc., or its directly related (owned or controlled) affiliates, of certain interests in and as to that certain Lease Agreement and Indenture between Anderson County, South Carolina, and Honeywell Nylon LLC (as assignee and transferee of BASF Corporation, through Honeywell Nylon, Inc.) each dated as of December 1, 1997, and certain property, other rights, and other matters related thereto; and other matters related, including the release of Honeywell Nylon LLC from its obligations under the Lease Agreement and the Indenture as to the assigned interests, the assumption of those obligations by the assignee and transferee of Honeywell Nylon LLC, and the continuation of a Fee in Lieu of Tax pertaining to such Lease Agreement and the Indenture with Shaw Industries Group, Inc., or its directly related (Owned or controlled) affiliates including the right of Shaw Industries group, Inc. or its directly related (Owned or controlled) affiliates, to further assign and transfer its interests in the Lease agreement, Indenture, Property, other rights, and other matters related thereto to one or more of its directly related affiliates, all as to the assigned interests. A public hearing was held and the following individuals spoke. Mr. Mike Burns, with McNair Law Firm, stated that he had been working with Honeywell on the documents. He said that the version before Council was somewhat revised since the documents were approved on first reading. No further comments were received. Ms. Wilson moved to approve the amended version and Mr. McAbee seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**Chairperson Floyd presented first reading of Ordinance #2005-032** – an ordinance to amend Ordinance #98-019, as previously amended by Ordinance Nos. 99-029, 2000-063, 2001-014, 2001-046, 2002-017, 2002-036, 2003-047, 2003-051, 2003-053, 2003-054, 2004-004, 2004-044, 2004-047, and 2004-048 relating to the Industrial/Business Park of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park. Ms. Wilson moved to approve and Mr. McAbee seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Fred Tolly moved to remove from the table Ordinance #2005-029 – an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Richard Bennett to rezone approximately 4.3 acres off of Liberty Highway near Pearman Dairy Road from C-3 (Heavy Commercial) to R-M (Multi-Family Residential) (tabled on September 6, 2005). The motion was seconded and vote was unanimous. Discussion – Mr. Tolly said that he had talked with the developer and he told him that he was expecting to build luxury condominiums to sell at \$200-300,000. He said the County was going from commercial to multi-family residential. Ms. Wilson said that it was an absolutely horrendous situation and she would like Council to request the Planning Department's staff to henceforth on any rezoning to make an absolute concerted effort to notify all property owners within 1,000 feet as per South Carolina law. She also said that the County needed to focus more on how to get landowners seeking rezoning their properties properly presented to their neighbors when they are asking for a rezoning change. Mr. Greer said that he was going to concur with some of Mr. Tolly's logic and reasoning on this particular issue although he understands the concern of the neighbors in that community. He said that he believed going from a commercial designation to a residential designation would provide a better buffer to lessen the impact of development of this property on the community. He said that he tends to favor moving this to residential rather than commercial. Mr. McAbee asked about what was designation C-3. Mr. Ricketson named the uses prohibited. Mr. Thompson and chairperson Floyd both said they were concerned about the fact that several citizens were not notified and if they were notified they would have spoken at the public hearing. Chairperson Floyd said that she would also like to re-open the public hearing at the next meeting. Mr. Ricketson said that he looked up the designation and found that the C-3 allows hundreds of uses, all uses allowed in C1 and C2 and is very permissive. C2 does specifically exclude bars and taverns. He apologized to Mr. Snively. Vote was four in favor (Tolly, Greer, McAbee, Dees) and three opposed (Floyd, Wilson, Thompson). Motion carried. Chairperson Floyd moved to hold another public hearing on second reading. Mr. Thompson seconded and vote was unanimous. Mr. Greer asked that another card me mailed to all effected property owners that another public hearing will be conducted on second reading.

Chairperson Floyd moved to approve an Anderson County Pride Award for Mr. Nathan Nowell for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in the Six and Twenty District. Mr. Thompson seconded and vote was unanimous.

Council took a 5 minutes recess at 6:55 p.m. Chairperson Floyd called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m.

**STATUS OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR ANDERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY BRIEFING:** Mr. Tommy Thompson gave an overview of emergency services/preparedness in Anderson County. Mr. Taylor Jones also gave information concerning emergency responders. A PowerPoint presentation was given. The PowerPoint presentation in on file in the Clerk to Council's office. Council received as information.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REIDVILLE MANOR-PHASE III INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM:** On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Thompson Council voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of Reidville Manor Phase II into the County Road system. Mr. Holt Hopkins stated for the record that no water or drainage problems are present.

**REQUESTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$1,000 for the Anderson County Arts Council for the "Radio" Sculpture Fund. The funds to come from District 1 recreation account. Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$1,000 for the Anderson Free Clinic from District #1 Recreation Account. Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairperson Floyd moved to appropriate \$1,000 for the Anderson Free Clinic from District 2 Recreation Account. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$500 from District 3 Recreation Account to Crime Stoppers. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$2,000 from District 3 Recreation Account for the Grove Fire Department for vehicle maintenance. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

District 4 – none.

Mr. Thompson moved to appropriate \$1,000 from District 5 Recreation Account to the Anderson Free Clinic. Mr. McAbee seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thompson moved to appropriate \$500 from District 5 Recreation Account to Crime Stoppers. Mr. McAbee seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thompson moved to appropriate \$1,500 to Westside High School for a wrestling tournament, which would include 30 teams from 3 states participating. Mr. Tolly seconded. The funds will come from District 5 recreation account. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thompson moved to appropriate \$700 from the District 5 Recreation Account to the Congressional Youth Leadership Council on behalf of Miss Haley Gundrum. Ms. Gundrum has been selected to represent Anderson County at the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. Mr. McAbee seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dees moved to appropriate \$500 from District 6 Recreation Account for Crime Stoppers. Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dees moved to appropriate \$1,000 from District 6 Recreation Account to the Anderson Free Clinic. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson – none.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Letters of Appreciation:

1. For: Mr. Joey Preston From: Ms. Debra Howard, VP Garbage Pick-Up, Inc.
2. For: Mr. Charles Wyatt and Staff From: Mr. David Locke, Locke Design
- b. Certificates of Training:
  1. Mr. Charles Pinson – 7 hours OSHA Requirements
  2. Mr. Joshua Briggs – VESTA M 2.2 Installation & Maintenance/Administration, National Incident Management system and Introduction (FEMA)
- c. Reports:
  1. Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center Fall Usage Report
  2. Detention Center Litter Report
  3. 911-Dispatched Calls Report
- d. Meetings/Minutes:
  1. Anderson County Development Partnership – Executive Committee (September 20, 2005), September 22, 2005 Board Meeting
  2. Anderson Regional Airport (August 15, 2005)
  3. Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center – August 8, 2005 meeting
- e. Ms. Gina Humphrey's appointed by President of NACo to serve on Steering Committee
- f. Cable Television Franchise Survey
- g. Anderson County Tax Levy
- h. Public Notice regarding Michelin North America, Inc (Starr Facility)
- i. Letter to Milton Roach
- j. News Article – County Earns Ninth Consecutive Financial Reporting Award
- k. News Articles on Clemson Area Transit
- l. News Article – County Council continues public Prayer
- m. News Article – Greer makes statement on Reference to God
- n. Standard and Poor's upgrades County's bond rating
- o. Anderson Prayer Task Force – September 23, 2005
- p. Grants #1533 Anderson County/Broadway Water and Sewer District, #1554 Anderson County/Powdersville Water District, #1553 Anderson County/Powdersville Water District, #1555 Anderson County/Powdersville Water District
- q. Wachovia quotes lowest rate on County GO Bond

r. Project for Public Spaces

Mr. Preston asked if he could have Mr. Holt Hopkins report on Switchett's Road since it was brought up at the last meeting. Council agreed. He said that at the last Council meeting Mr. Ray Owens spoke to Council regarding the road length issue on Switchett's Road. Their investigation included looking at the files, visiting the sight, and discussion of the history of the road with Mr. Owens. Mr. Hopkins said that the files revealed inconsistencies in length. One updated list of roads to be tar and graveled showed the length being 1250 feet. In 1996, a road survey stated the length to be 1190'. Another road survey in 1998 shows the length at 1061' and apparently that survey was the basis for the 1061' approved in the Master Road list. Field observations confirmed that someone had maintained the section between 1061' and 1298' in recent years. The gravel was still plentiful and in fair condition. The remaining 163' beyond Mr. Owens' driveway looked as if it had been maintained at some point many years ago. Most of the gravel was gone, but the shape and width of the roadbed was consistent with the other sections. Mr. Owens said that his grandmother had told him that once upon a time the road had been maintained by the County to a point near the pin at the 1461' length. Mr. Hopkins said that none of the evidence presented was conclusive in determining how far the County should be maintaining the road. From their investigation it leads him to believe the road length should have been considerably longer than the 1061 feet currently in the Master Road list. He recommended that Council consider amending the Master Road list to reflect the full length of the road – 1461'. The entire road is gravel. Ms. Wilson moved to begin the process of amending the Master Road list to include whatever is appropriate. Mr. Greer seconded. Mr. Greer said as he listened to Mr. Hopkins it appeared that over the course of years – the road had been maintained the full 1461' on more than one occasion. He encouraged Ms. Wilson to amend her motion to amend the master road list by first reading of an Ordinance (#2005-036) in title only to include the full 1461' on Switchett's Road (C-19-0025A). Ms. Wilson did amend her motion. Mr. Greer seconded. Mr. Martin said that for clarification – Council had the authority by their on procedures under the Anderson County Code to add an ordinance at any time to the agenda and to give first reading by caption only. Vote was unanimous.

Chairperson Floyd asked Mr. Preston to report on the Bond rating.

Mr. Preston: Last Wednesday, we received bids for the 7.35 million dollar bond issue that Council authorized back on October 19, 2004 by a 6 to 1 vote and we're proud to report tonight that Wachovia was the low bidder with an interest rate of 3.416 % and I've included in your packet a news release that went out along with the nine different projects that were approved in that bond issue.

Chairperson: Mr. Preston I was hoping that you were going to mention how many bids we received.

Mr. Preston: Yes ma'am. Thank you for asking that question. We received over 11 different bids.

Chairperson: Can we say that our bond rating had a lot to do with the number of bids we receive?

Mr. Preston: I'm going to ask our attorney to answer that. Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin: Thank you Madam Chairman and members of Council. The simple answer to your question is yes, it did. The real issue is as to why I think members of County Council and hopefully most members of the public are now aware that Anderson County has a credit rating it basically reflects the credit worthiness of Anderson County. Just as every citizen has a credit worthiness that's reflected in their credit report and in their ability to borrow, Counties have the same thing - all public entities do. There are national agencies that rate public entities that provide that credit rating. The one that, I guess probably, most people know is Standard and Poor's. There are several Standard and Poor's, Moody's being perhaps the two best known. Standard and Poor's credit ratings are based on a letter system and it goes all the way from basically junk rated bonds those that are considered not practically credit worthy up to a triple A rating (AAA) which is the most credit worthy. And that is what Greenville County has and the State of South Carolina did have. Standard and Poor's recently down rated the State of South Carolina because of the debt position of the State and certain tax cuts. The same rating agency – Standard and Poor's have recently upgraded Anderson County from a AA- to a AA rating. There are only a couple other counties in the State. I think maybe a total of 4 including Anderson County that has a AA rating. All of the other counties are significantly larger than Anderson County. What that means is that Anderson County is recognized as being extremely credit worthy which is based upon financial fiscal integrity fiscal position. What that means to the bonds sales is that more entities want to buy Anderson County paper. They want to buy Anderson County bonds because Anderson County is considered extremely reliable to repay those bonds. What that also means to the taxpayers is that those bonds are then sold to a lower interest rate because of the competition than they would normally received. In this particular case, if I am not mistaken there were 7 bond bids – 7 below 3.5%. Seven of the bids came at lower than 3.5%. A county, which is not considered credit worthy, may be lucky to receive one or two bids and that frequently from a local bank in that County. In this case Anderson County had over 10 bids. I think 11.

Chairperson: We had 11.

Mr. Martin: Many of which were from national financial institutions - brokerage houses all across the country. So the bottom line is yes there is a direct correlation between the county's financial position and the credit rating. There is a direct correlation between the credit rating and the number of bids. And there is a direct correlation between the number bids and the interest rate that we wind up paying. The better the credit rating the lower the interest rate.

Chairperson: Okay. We have something we should be very proud of.

Ms. Wilson: Madam Chairman. I was very confused when I heard about the current bond rating being double A negative and now being raised to double A because I recall that not too awful long ago we were triple A rating County and I took the liberty of calling the primary credit analyst with Standard and Poor's today and asked her some questions for my information and she acknowledged that Anderson County did have a triple A bond rating until October 04 and I asked what could have happened and she looked and she said it had to do with bond insurance. And what I would like to ask is ..and I asked her a number of questions because although I've had many bond type friends and business acquaintances over the years I never pretended to be an expert. But she said that perhaps our financial advisor for maybe the purpose of the cost analysis did not have bond insurance for this. She pointed out that there were two notches different between the double A and the triple A and the bond insurance was the difference so I was a little bit confused why suddenly we would go from triple A down to a double A negative and now we are back up to double A. And the other part of my concerns are that when I went back looking at the proposed projects for this GOB there were no mention of a Powdersville Recycling Education Center and land acquisition nor a Powdersville Recycling Center construction that I could find. If I'm in error please clarify this for me because in the original bond and budget documents these were not mentioned and they appear to be additional projects. Council someone please enlighten me?

Mr. Preston: I'll speak to the later one first.

Chairperson: Mr. Preston.

Mr. Preston: The recycling center is a convenience center Ma'am.

Chairperson: Excuse me Mr. Preston. Thank you. Can we answer her questions at this and can we do so briefly.

Mr. Preston: We can.

Chairperson: Thank you.

Mr. Preston: A recycling center is a convenience center.

Ms. Wilson: Already existing or would that be this 47 acres that's purchased by the County?

Mr. Preston: I'm not prepared tonight Ma'am because we are currently in the process of negotiating for property right now in the Powdersville area for projects to get into that detail – you'll soon hear about that.

Ms. Wilson: But I understand that it was bought and paid for in April.

Mr. Preston: I'd like to finish my answers Ma'am. Madam Chair if you don't mind.

Chairperson: Please.

Mr. Preston: To answer your second part of your question first – is yes. There was a budget and a document and the projects are listed. I believe the vote was actually on October 19. The minutes reflect that it was a six to one vote and I believe you actually suggested that we move forward with acquiring property in those minutes. And I have a package I've prepared for you in order to refresh your memory and to answer the questions that you had in your letter.

Ms. Wilson: Did I say something about a Powdersville Recycling Center?

Mr. Preston: Ma'am, I am going to give you this information that will answer your questions. Now I'd like to ask Mr. Tom Martin to explain the difference between insurance for these types of projects and a pure bond rating. Which is the first part of your question.

Mr. Martin: Ms. Wilson, let me first suggest that anytime that you have a question about bonds I will be happy to answer any questions that you have. And it may help solve a lot of confusion. Anderson County has never had a downgrade in bond ratings. Let me repeat that. Anderson County has never had a downgrade in bond rating. I don't know what you asked the bond analysis, but whatever you asked was not the correct question because the answer you are giving is absolutely erroneous. Anderson County has never had a downgrade in bond rating. Anderson County had a triple A rated bond that it issued the last general obligation bond because the base rating for that was a double A minus. Anderson County bought and paid for insurance that upgraded the rating for that bond as it was sold to a triple A. That is not a bond rating. That is the grade of the bond based on insurance. Anderson County has never had a downgrade in bond rating. Anderson County has had three upgrades in Bond ratings. This is the latest upgrade. Anderson County was not downgraded from triple A to double A minus and back up to double A. Anderson County on the bond that you are talking about had a double A minus underlining bond rating that for sale purposes was upgraded to a triple A in order to enhance the market ability of the bond. Anderson County's bond rating has now been upgraded from double A minus to double A. It did not have to enhance this particular marketability because it was already a double A. It therefore saved that amount of cost. The cost for paying for bond insurance in order to make this marketable. The very question you are asking proves the point that's being made here. So Anderson County has never had a downgrade. Anderson County has had three upgrades in the last 10 years and those are the only changes in the bond rating. Anderson County didn't have any change in some 20 odd years, but anytime you have a question like that I will be happy to answer the questions and give you the information. If you want to verify it then you can certainly do that but that may save a lot of confusion particularly to the public in general.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Other Matters – Mr. Brooks Brown IV said he held a press conference last week and members of Council said they would come but he never heard from them. Some members of Greenville City, Greenville County Council, Spartanburg County Council, Spartanburg City Council, Chester County Council, and Cherokee County Council supported his endeavor. He said shame on those who said they would be there and did not show up and shame on those who just didn't show up. Mr. Michael Deanhardt said that we had a lot to be thankful for in Anderson County. He praised Chairperson Floyd, Mr. Tim Martin and Mr. Preston for their outstanding job performance. He said that the Associated Press article in the paper about groups don't mention Jesus in open prayer. He said that he received a phone call and the statement was made that it was a good thing he had a Christian wife and a good Christian daughter in your home because they were going to deal with him. They mentioned Darla Winn's pet parrot. He talked about the violence against Ms. Winn. He asked Council to go to a moment of silence. Mr. John Snavelly asked that his written remarks handed out earlier be made a matter of record. \* He also apologized to Chairperson Floyd for being "out of order". He said it was a mere misunderstanding. (\* Mr. Snavelly's written remarks are on file in the Clerk to Council's office.)

**REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mr. Dees – none

Mr. McAbee – none

Mr. Thompson – none

Mr. Greer said that as he listened to Mr. Tommy Thompson's presentation on the emergency preparedness plan for Anderson County and the introduction of all the emergency responders he said that he thought how much Anderson County was blessed with large numbers of citizens who are willing to donate their time, their talents, and their efforts to serve the citizens of Anderson County. He said that we owe these individuals a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Tolly said that the County was fortunate to get the bonds activated because it had been predicted that bond rates would go up considerably.

Ms. Wilson said that she agreed with Mr. Tolly and that it was important that the County spends the money exactly as it has been earmarked. She read to Council what was given to her in the package. In the notice of public hearing does not address a recycling education center land acquisition. It addresses upgrading and equipping Anderson County's Solid Waste convenience centers including the purchase or real property therefore. That property is on the banks of the Saluda River and there may be issues of water runoff that should certainly be entertained if this is what the property that is acquired will be used for. If it's a C & D landfill, which was mentioned, there should be an issue of a Certificate of Need. She said that she thought there was \$300,000 earmarked in the budget for land acquisition for the Powdersville Library and she understood that the County spent \$527,000 on 40+ acres on the river. She also said that she could not find anything specific addressing it in the budget ordinance or any votes on it. She asked if Mr. Martin was Bond Counsel for the general obligation bond and he responded that McNair Law Firm was bond counsel for Anderson County. Chairperson Floyd asked Ms. Wilson to talk with Mr. Martin if she had any questions.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Eddleman  
Clerk to County Council

Exhibit A – Mr. McAbee's Recusal Form