

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - December 15, 1998 - 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
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Clint Wright - District #4
Joey Preston - Administrator
Jack McIntosh - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council
Stacey 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, December 15, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman William A. Floyd 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. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 1, 1998 meeting as mailed.

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Council heard remarks from Concerned Citizens: Mr. Carl Johnson and Mr. Brantley Jordan. Council received as information.

Council recognized Mrs. Druanne White as Anderson County Employee of the Month (November). Mrs. White has served as Assistant Solicitor in the Tenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's office for over ten years. Council presented Mrs. White a plaque, County Employee of the Month T-shirt, and a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Council recognized Officer James Shaw as the recipient of the Detention Center's Officer of the Month award for November. Mr. Daly reported that Officer Shaw was transferred to the Detention Center in January. He has established an outstanding record for attendance and punctuality. He has worked very hard to develop his skills and he performed well at the Academy. He has earned the respect of his supervisors and become an asset to his assigned shift. Officer Shaw was presented a plaque.

Mr. Jerry Howard gave the following economic development report. Mr. Howard announced that Continuous Forms and Checks, has announced that they plan to relocate their operations from Greenville to Anderson County. They will construct a 40,000 square-foot facility in the Upstate Industrial Park located along I-85 in the Powdersville area. The Company will make a capital investment of \$1,000,000, will transfer approximately 55 jobs, and hire an additional 5-10 people. They will locate in the Industrial Park on Hwy, 86 and I85. The County also has an international (German) Company that will be purchasing a building in the Powdersville Area, which will be a \$3,000,000 investment, 20 new jobs, and they are in the automotive parts business. Both companies discussed above are coming to Anderson County without any incentives, Mr. Howard stated. The County has experienced in the manufacturing sector three hundred and seventy three million dollars investmet during 1998. New jobs total 1362. The County has lost 540 jobs from plant closings. Pier 19 also has announced 100 million dollars in new investment plus 1500 jobs when complete. Council received as information.

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Mr. Floyd presented Ordinance #98-028 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$320,000 principal amount hospital revenue bonds (Anderson County Disabilities and Special Needs Board Project) for a public hearing only. The public hearing was held; no comments were received. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the public hearing.

Mr. Floyd presented third and final reading of Ordinance #98-026 - an ordinance to amend sections of the Anderson County Subdivision and Land Use Regulations (ordinance #97-002). A public hearing was held; no comments were heard. Mr. Floyd read a letter from Chairman Ralph Hardin of the Planning Commission asking Council to reconsider the adoption of this ordinance. Mr. Tolly moved to approve on third reading as presented and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Floyd presented third and final reading of Ordinance #98-029 - an ordinance granting the consent of Anderson County to the transfer of control/consent to assignment of the non-exclusive cable television franchise from Charter Communications to Peachtree Cable Television, Inc. A public hearing was held; no comments were heard. On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance as presented.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R98-050 - a resolution relating to the declaration of intent by Anderson County, South Carolina, to reimburse certain expenditures prior to the issuance by the County of its general obligation bonds. (Airport)

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$1,500 from District #1 Recreation Funds for improvements at the Equinox Park (basketball hoops, balls, etc). Mr. Banister seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Banister moved to add Hudgens Street and "cross street through East View Cemetery" in Honea Path to the existing paving contract for District #3. The estimated cost is \$20,706.18. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Banister moved to abandon all the County's interest in a portion of Mount Bethel Church Road so the church can take court action to close this section. The Church has voted in favor of the closure. There are no houses on the street and is all church property. Mr. Tolly seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Preston presented a request for Mr. Holden, who was unable to attend the meeting because of a family emergency. He asked Council to approve the paving of Phase I of the Double Springs Fire Department in the amount of \$5,327.50 from District #5 Road Asphalt account. Mr. Banister moved to approve the request and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Floyd stated that the County was presently working on closing a dead end part of Mariner Road. Council received as information.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve a wastewater leasing agreement with the City of Anderson. This is a result of negotiations for capacity at the Generostee Creek Wastewater Treatment plant.

Mr. Preston presented a proposal for a proposed road for the purpose of developing the Industrial Park. He said that the road needs to be placed out for bids to get the road constructed in order to move on. We have \$251,000 committed for the development of this road. On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the construction of the road for the industrial park as explained by Mr. Preston.

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Mr. J.R. McClure presented a request to approve the ACTC list of approved roads and projects. He explained that the total for County roads is \$552,147.53 and \$932,340.07 for State projects. On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the list of roads/projects and to add to the existing paving contracts.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- (a) Letters of Appreciation:
 - For: Mr. Michael Cunningham - From: Janet M. Kelly, Ph.D, Clemson University
 - For: Mr. Jerry Richey and Ms. Sharon Oliver - From: Paul R. Jenkins, Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser
 - For: Council Members and Administrator - From: Boards of Directors - Townville Recreation Department
 - For: Clint Wright and Members of Council - From: New Light Community Center
- (b) Discover Anderson Graduates (Karolyn Pinson, Steve Newton, Jason Phillips, Jana Pressley, Phyllis McAlister, Stacey Russ, Teresa Bannister, Mike Freeman, Victor Carpenter, Robert Carroll)
- (c) State Certification of E9-1-1 Telecommunications
- (d) Ms. Bob Smith - Emergency Preparedness IS-1 Achievement Award, IS-2 Emergency program Manager
- (e) Minutes from Safety Meeting
- (f) Press Release - Bids for Library's General Obligation Bonds
- (g) Moody's Investors Service, Standard and Poor's
- (h) Grant Award - Jail Expansion

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Council members commended Mr. Banister for his dedicated 10 years of service to the Citizens of Anderson County. Mr. Banister also thanked all members of Council and staff for working well with him the last ten years. Council presented Mr. Banister an engraved clock in appreciation for all his years of dedicated service to the County.

A reception for Mr. Banister was held immediately following the council meeting.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda N. Gilstrap". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

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