

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Called Meeting - August 24, 1988 - 5:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A called meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on August 24, 1988 at 5:00 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers - Room 109. Chairman James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. presided.

PRESENT

Chairman James M. Cox, Jr. - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Robert L. Wiles - District #3
Ernie Garrison - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Watson - County Administrator
Mike Mullinax - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Mr. Cox called the meeting to order and Councilman Robert L. Wiles gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to approve the August 16, 1988 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Carl Gross, Airport Manager, explained a request from Tag & Label Corporation to construct a corporate hangar. The company would like to lease land at the Airport and construct the hangar with their own money and at the end of the mortgage period the hangar would be County property. He asked for Council's approval on the construction pending the Airport engineer's approval on the structure. Mr. Hooper moved to turn the request over to Rusty Burns and Mike Mullinax, County Attorney, for them to come back to Council with a recommendation. Mr. Cox seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax asked for an executive session to discuss contractual and economic development matters. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to go into executive session at 5:15 p.m.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to come out of executive session back into regular session at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Mullinax presented third reading of Ordinance #254 creating a special tax district of Anderson County for ambulance services in the Metropolitan area of the City of Anderson and to provide for the funding and operation. He said the public hearing was held at the last meeting (August 16, 1988). Mr. Holden moved to hold another public hearing to hear from all people present wishing to speak on the subject. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

The following persons spoke during the public hearing on the Special Tax District: 1. Lewis Kesler, 2. Curtis W. Rice, 3. Brantley Jordan, 4. Lynn Hogg, and 5. Mary Lynn Otter. The public hearing was declared closed.

Mr. Cox then presented third reading of Ordinance #254 creating a special tax district for ambulance services in the metropolitan area of the City of Anderson. He said it provides for a tax levy of three mills. He moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Wiles asked for clarification. The motion was to set up a special tax district but not to settle any method on how to implement the ambulance service. Mr. Cox said that the County was involved in a temporary contract and at some point some type solution will be decided. Mr. Garrison expressed his opinion that it was a temporary solution that takes one section of the County and treats it differently from the other sections and for those reasons he cannot vote for it. Vote was three in favor (Cox, Hooper, and Wiles) and two opposed (Garrison, Holden).

Mr. Hooper moved to give County Council and David Watson authority to hire an Emergency Services Director. Mr. Wiles seconded. Mr. Hooper said that he will work up a plan (budget) for Anderson County to go into a full paid ambulance system by the next budget period. Mr. Garrison amended the motion that the County Administrator bring back, to this County Council, a job description and a time table to fill the position along with a salary range. Mr. Hooper seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was 5/0. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented third and final reading of Ordinance #256 relating to the election of County Council members so as to provide for and the scheduling of a referendum to change the number of County Council single member districts from five (5) single member districts to seven (7) single member districts. Mr. Mullinax said a public hearing was not required. Mr. Cox moved to adopt Ordinance #256 on third reading and Mr. Garrison seconded. Mr. Burns explained that with a seven member County Council there would be one minority-majority and according to State officials today, with nine member council you will still have only one minority-majority. He said according to them, it would be extremely difficult. A nine member council could further dilute black representation. Mr. Wiles said he felt that nine was not too many for a County of this size and moved to amend the motion to provide for a nine member council. Mr. Hooper seconded the amendment. Council discussed. Mr. Hooper withdrew his second to the motion and the amendment died from lack of a second. Mr. Cox called for the question. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented third and final reading of Ordinance #257 calling for and scheduling a referendum to provide that the terms of office of County Council Members shall be changed from two (2) year terms to four (4) year staggered terms subject to referendum approval. Mr. Cox moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented third and final reading of Ordinance #258 dealing with amendments to the original Land Use Ordinance. The amendments deal with Section 4.6 - Mining and Extraction Operations, Section 5.1 - Vibration, and Section 8.3. Mr. Wiles moved to adopt Ordinance #258 on third reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented third and final reading of Ordinance #259 dealing with amendments to original Ordinance #207 establishing a Uniform Street Naming and Property Numbering System. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented second reading of Ordinance #260 preventing further development of private roads in Anderson County and would require any future development to comply with Subdivision Regulations and the County Road Ordinance. He said the Ordinance will be in written form and provided prior to third reading. Mr. Hooper moved to approve on second reading and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Garrison asked that Council receive the ordinance at least a week prior to third reading. Mr. Cox said he believes changes are needed before third reading. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented Resolution #467 whereby Anderson County Council does resolve to support the grant application for Community Development Block Grant funds to provide adequate water service to Monroe Auto Equipment. The County also resolves to commit \$20,000 to this project required to prepare the grant application. Mr. Burns said the funds have already been allocated by Council. Mr. Cox moved to adopt the resolution and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson asked for permission to buy two pieces of used equipment. One rubber tire and roller at a price up to \$10,000 and one-used motorgrader for a price not to exceed \$16,000. Mr. Cox moved to allow him to purchase and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson said that Council directed Mr. Crowe at the last meeting to bid out the asphalt by district. He said this could be done by tonnage by district. Mr. Cox moved to allow the Administrator to proceed in what ever fashion he sees fit to expedite the paving of roads. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles said he had a right-of-way for a city street in Honea Path with a short strip of land adjoining the street. He asked that Road Maintenance clean the ditch off (from Kay Street to Hammett) with a prison crew. Mr. Wiles moved that this be done and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison asked that Mr. John Larry Kelly be appointed to the Anderson County Board of Appeals to replace Mr. Jimmy King. He is a banker and the position calls for a banker. Mr. Cox seconded the appointment and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden read a letter concerning transportation and the need for another position through the ANAT'S program with approximately 80% being reimbursed by the State. He moved that this be approved by Resolution #471 and Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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