

Aiken City Council Minutes

August 8, 1994

Present: Mayor Cavanaugh, Councilmembers Anaclerio, Clyburn, Papouchado, Perry, and Radford.

Absent: Councilmember Price

Others Present: Steve Thompson, Jim Holly, Frances Thomas, Anita Lilly, Roger LeDuc, Ed Evans, Terry Rhinehart, Stanley Quarles, Andy Anderson, Sara Ridout, Philip Lord of the Aiken Standard, and 9 citizens.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. Mayor Cavanaugh led in prayer which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the meeting of July 11, 1994, were considered for approval. Councilman Radford moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved.

RECOGNITIONS

Price, Lessie
Municipal Achievement Award

Mayor Cavanaugh pointed out that at the Annual Municipal Association meeting held at Hilton Head on July 27-31, 1994, two big events took place. He stated Councilwoman Price was elected as President of the Municipal Association which is a very high honor. Mayor Cavanaugh stated also the City of Aiken earned and won the Municipal Achievement Award in our population category for the DARE on the Air Program. He stated this was the fifth straight year the city had won this award.

THE OAKS SUBDIVISION - ORDINANCE

- Gem Lakes
- Huckleberry Drive
- Utilities
- Dedication
- Water Lines
- Sewer Lines

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to accept the remainder of the water and sewer utilities in The Oaks Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson stated that at the July meeting Council gave first reading to an ordinance to accept the balance of the water and sewer system at The Oaks in Gem Lakes. The staff is working with the developer to obtain annexation agreements and still needs a few more signatures. The staff is recommending that Council consider delaying second reading until the annexation agreements are completed.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that second reading and public hearing on the ordinance to accept additional water and sewer lines in The Oaks Subdivision be continued until the annexation agreements are completed.

SANDSTONE SUBDIVISION - ORDINANCE 080894

- Dedication
- Streets
- Utilities
- Section 1, Phase III
- Whiskey Road
- Detention Pond

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance amending Ordinance 052394B to include dedication of the detention pond area in Section 1 of Phase 3 of Sandstone Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 052394B SO AS TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF THE DETENTION POND AREA LOCATED IN SECTION ONE OF PHASE 3 OF SANDSTONE SUBDIVISION.

Mr. Thompson stated the ordinance amends Ordinance 052394B accepting dedication of the streets and utilities in Sections 1 and 2 of Phase 3 of Sandstone to include dedication of the detention pond area in Section 1 of Phase 3.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved that the ordinance be passed on second and final reading to amend Ordinance 052394B to accept dedication of the detention pond area in Section 1 of Phase 3 of Sandstone Subdivision and that the ordinance become effective immediately.

SANDSTONE SUBDIVISION - ORDINANCE 080894A

Dedication
Detention Pond
Phase 4
Whiskey Road

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to accept dedication of the detention pond for Phase 4 of Sandstone Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF DETENTION POND AREA LOCATED IN PHASE 4 OF SANDSTONE SUBDIVISION.

Mr. Thompson stated the city's policy is to accept utilities within residential subdivisions, and the developer of Sandstone Subdivision, Phase 4, has asked the city to accept dedication of the detention pond area in Phase 4 of Sandstone. The city staff has inspected the development and the utilities in the development and recommends acceptance of the detention pond area.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance accepting dedication of the detention pond in Phase 4 of Sandstone Subdivision be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately.

URINATING - ORDINANCE 080894B

Public Places

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to prohibit urinating in public places.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 20-9 OF THE AIKEN CITY CODE DEALING WITH EXPECTORATING SO AS TO DELETE EXPECTORATING THEREFROM AND TO PROSCRIBE URINATING AND DEFECATING IN PUBLIC.

Mr. Thompson stated the city does not have an ordinance against urinating in public places. The PACT Team has encountered problems with people urinating in public places in the downtown area and has recommended adoption of an ordinance.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance prohibiting urinating in public places be passed on second and final reading to become effective immediately.

TAX ASSESSMENT - ORDINANCETaxesHistoric PropertiesReal PropertyTax IncentiveRehabilitation

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the staff was recommending tabling the ordinance granting special property tax assessments for rehabilitated historic properties.

Mr. Thompson stated in May Council gave first reading to an ordinance that would provide an incentive to owners of historic properties to renovate the property. The staff has been holding the ordinance for second reading until additional information could be received from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. The staff has not heard from the S.C. Archives and History department, but is ready to move forward in a different direction. The staff is suggesting that Council table this ordinance and instead consider an ordinance that combines historic and low and moderate income rental properties in the same ordinance. It was felt a combined ordinance may be clearer. A combined ordinance is on the agenda for Council's consideration later in the meeting.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh and unanimously approved, that the ordinance granting special property tax assessments for rehabilitated historic properties be tabled.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCEJohnson, J. StevenSolo Builders605 Boardman RoadTax Parcel No. 30-076-02-008

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to annex property at 605 Boardman Road.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 0.39 ACRES OWNED BY SOLO BUILDERS, INC. LOCATED AT 605 BOARDMAN ROAD, AND TO ZONE THE SAME AS R-1A, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

Mr. Thompson stated Council has received a request from Solo Builders, Inc. for annexation of a .39 acre vacant lot on the south side of Boardman Road just west of Chatham Street. The property owners would like to annex in order to obtain utilities for the home that is under construction. The property is contiguous to the city and zoning is requested for R-1A Single Family Residential. If annexed this property would be the only property on this section of Boardman Road inside the city, but the staff feels that city services for this property may convince others in the neighborhood to annex. Mr. Thompson stated the request had been reviewed by the Planning Commission and was recommended for approval by City Council.

Councilman Analcerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance to annex 605 Boardman Road and zone as R-1A Single Family Residential be passed on first reading and the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

FRIENDSHIP AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH COMPLEX - ORDINANCELandmarkAiken Historic RegisterHistoric SiteRedd, LillianRichland AvenueKershaw StreetTax Parcel No. 30-070-06-008

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to designate Friendship African Baptist Church Complex to the Aiken Historic Register as a landmark.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

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AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING FRIENDSHIP AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH COMPLEX LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF RICHLAND AVENUE AND KERSHAW STREET TO THE AIKEN HISTORIC REGISTER AS A LANDMARK.

Mr. Thompson stated Council had received a recommendation from the Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission that Friendship African Baptist Church complex be designated as a landmark in the Aiken Historic Register. The church building is one of the oldest buildings in the city. It was originally constructed in 1866 and reconstructed in 1893. The property was identified by the State Historic Preservation Office in the inventory of historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property meets two of the seven historic register criteria. Both the Planning and the Historic Preservation Commissions agree that the property is significant in the area of history and culture and that the integrity of the property should be protected and preserved.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading designating Friendship African Baptist Church complex to the Aiken Historic Register as a landmark and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

SYCAMORE TREE - ORDINANCE

Landmark

343 Chesterfield Street S.
Miller, Phillip and Cathy
Aiken Historic Register

Mayor Cavanaugh stated a request had been received from the owners of 343 Chesterfield Street S. that a sycamore tree on the property be designated to the Aiken Historic Register as a landmark.

Mr. Thompson stated the request to designate a sycamore tree at 343 Chesterfield Street S. as a landmark had been reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Commission and both groups had recommended against the designation. Under the city's ordinances, this is presented to City Council for consideration.

Mr. Thompson stated many issues were raised by the request. The Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission focused on the historical value of the tree and the applicability of the ordinance to this designation. The tree owners have suggested that the tree meets three of the seven historic register criteria, but the Commissions found that the tree does not meet any of the criteria listed in the application and that the tree does not meet the conditions of historical value and recommended against approval.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio, that designation of a sycamore tree at 343 Chesterfield Street S. to the Aiken Historic Register as a landmark be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission.

Councilwoman Clyburn asked why the sycamore tree was being requested to be designated as a landmark.

Mr. Phillip Miller, of 343 Chesterfield Street S., stated he felt the sycamore tree was endangered and he felt private owners had a right to advise proper care for the tree to protect the tree. He stated the tree was probably about 88 years old, and he felt it should be preserved. He was asking that the tree be protected by declaring it a landmark.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated two of the city's commissions had studied the request and had recommended that the tree does not meet the requirements for designation as a landmark and recommended that the request be denied.

Councilman Perry called for the question.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the motion was that the request be denied to designate a sycamore tree at 343 Chesterfield Street S. as a historic landmark. The motion was unanimously approved to deny the request.

BUDGET 1993-94 - ORDINANCEAmendment

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to amend the budget for fiscal year 1993-94.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF AIKEN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1993 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1994.

Mr. Thompson stated with the close of the fiscal year some budget adjustments needed to be made. He said some expenses that were made from holding funds for special projects needed to be identified in the budget. He said the budget had previously been amended but other expenditures were made that need to be included in the budget. These expenses include design for the new gym at the Weeks Center, construction of Citizens Park, and billing for completion of the Public Safety building expansion. He said the expenses will amend the budget by \$164,980.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance amending the budget for fiscal year 1993-94 be passed on first reading and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

DESIGN MANUALAmendmentWindowsHistoric Preservation GuidelinesHistoric Preservation Commission

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission regarding guidelines for repairs to windows.

Mr. Thompson stated the Historic Preservation Commission has been reviewing the guidelines in the Historic Preservation Ordinance and the Design Manual. The Commission has found that the present guidelines in the Design Manual do not give enough detail to adequately guide property owners and contractors, and the Commission has developed a more extensive outline.

Mr. Thompson stated the present guidelines require that all new materials for any repair or replacement be compatible with existing materials. The new guidelines differentiate between landmark and other types of properties. A landmark property is a structure that is specifically designated as an historic property and that contains significant architectural features. In landmark structures the materials and design must be the same as originally provided in the initial construction. For these structures, alternative materials will not be allowed.

Contributing properties are those that are included within the Historic District and generally are compatible with the historic guidelines. Generally the window replacement must be identical in size, design, and material type for a new window, but substitute windows and materials may be considered on an individual basis by the Preservation Commission. The third category of structure is for non-contributing properties, including any home that may not contribute to the historic appearance or character of the Historic District. The guidelines for these properties would be the same as those for the contributing properties. Substitute materials will be considered on an individual basis.

Mr. Thompson stated window repairs is an important issue for Historic Preservation and can be a controversial issue for contractors and homeowners. The guidelines prepared by the Preservation Commission include a discussion on the use of identical materials to the earlier windows, and outlines energy efficiency considerations. Through these guidelines the Commission is recommending the use of a high quality storm window instead of double glazed windows, and the Commission recognizes that separate storm windows are available to improve the thermal performance of existing windows.

Mr. Robert McCreary, of the Historic Preservation Commission, stated nothing specific came up that required the Commission to take action on the matter. He stated, however, the Commission has had a number of applicants who wanted to change windows in their residences. He pointed out the guidelines adopted

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about five years ago contain a very short paragraph on windows, and the Commission felt the matter should be clarified. He stated often the Commission was making decisions based on the way they felt the windows should be and really did not have enough backup in the guidelines to support their decision. He said the Preservation Commission requested the revision so they would have a more defensible position if the matter came up again.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council adopt the amended guidelines for repairs to existing windows in historic districts as outlined in guideline 6.6 in the Design Manual.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Mutual Aid Agreement Williston Resolution

Mayor Cavanaugh stated a resolution had been prepared for Council's consideration to provide animal control services to the Town of Williston.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the resolution:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT, FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WITH THE TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Mr. Thompson stated the city has received a request from the Town of Williston that the City of Aiken assist the town with animal control services. The City of Aiken presently provides this service to five other towns in this area. Overall this has been working well.

Mr. Thompson stated the Town of Williston really needs only a few Saturdays of each year for animal control. The proposed resolution outlines the services with the City of Aiken providing animal control for up to three Saturdays per calendar year. The Public Works staff has reviewed the issue and feels that the Animal Control Officer can help the Town of Williston. The employees involved in the animal control are able to earn extra money through this part-time assistance and the city recovers the cost of overhead expenses for equipment, etc.

Mr. Thompson stated Council needed to consider the resolution to enter into an agreement to help the Town of Williston with animal control services.

In response to a question by Mayor Cavanaugh regarding liability insurance, Mr. Holly pointed out the agreement contains a hold harmless indemnification provision and the City of Aiken requires that the other city have a law enforcement officer accompany the Animal Control Officer.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that Council adopt the resolution extending the mutual aid agreement for animal control services to the Town of Williston, South Carolina.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT - ORDINANCE

Public Works Services Animal Control

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading authorizing the City Manager to execute mutual aid agreements for public works services.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, UPON THE ADVICE AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE CITY ATTORNEY, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE MULTIPLE AGENCY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF AIKEN AND AGENCIES OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AND TO REPORT THE SAME TO CITY COUNCIL.

Mr. Thompson stated cities and counties in the area execute mutual aid agreements allowing the local governments to assist each other with the use of employees and equipment. These agreements help resolve several liability issues and also provide the employees with clear authority to perform their

official duties outside of the city limits of the City of Aiken. In 1993 Council received many requests for mutual aid agreements for public safety services, and at that time Council adopted an ordinance allowing the City Manager to execute these agreements. The staff is recommending that Council extend this authorization to include all mutual aid agreements. He pointed out the city had received several requests for help with animal control services and each had been brought to Council for approval. He felt that Council had expressed through these actions a policy to assist other local governments as long as the city can provide the assistance without diminishing the city's ability to serve the residents of Aiken. He stated an ordinance had been prepared to allow the City Manager to execute multiple agency mutual aid agreements with other local governments. He pointed out the proposed ordinance is written to specifically address mutual aid agreements for public works services. He suggested that Council may wish to amend the ordinance to include all mutual aid agreements. He stated the proposed ordinance requires that the staff report to Council all mutual aid agreements which might be executed on behalf of the city.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance authorizing the City Manager, upon the advice and recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the City Attorney, to execute multiple agency mutual aid agreements between the City of Aiken and agencies of other local governments, be amended to include all mutual aid agreements for the City of Aiken, be passed on first reading and the second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

TAX ASSESSMENTS - ORDINANCE

Special Tax Assessments

Historic Properties

Low Income Rental Property

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to grant special property tax assessments for rehabilitated historic properties and for qualifying low and moderate income rental properties.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE AIKEN CITY CODE TO ADD A SECTION GRANTING SPECIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS FOR REHABILITATED HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND FOR QUALIFYING LOW AND MODERATE INCOME RENTAL PROPERTIES.

Mr. Thompson stated Council had discussed possible incentives to encourage reinvestment in homes and rental property in Aiken. He said an ordinance had been prepared to grant special real property tax assessments for rehabilitated historic properties, and for qualifying low and moderate income rental property.

Mr. Thompson stated several months ago Councilman Anaclerio had suggested that the city identify tax incentives for property owners to encourage the rehabilitation of existing homes and structures. The State Code does authorize cities to provide special real property tax assessments for rehabilitated historic property and for low and moderate income rental properties. Under this system a property owner would only pay a portion of the taxes on improved property. The property owner would submit historic property for inclusion under the program to the Historic Preservation Commission of the city. Low and moderate income rental housing would be submitted through the Housing Committee of the city. If the property is included under the program, the property owner would pay taxes on the property, frozen at the assessment prior to the improvements, for the first two years. For the next eight years the property owner would pay taxes equal to either 40% of 4% of the appraised value after rehabilitation, or at the original assessed value of the unimproved property. This same formula changes slightly for income producing properties, with the 4% rates rising to 6%. The effect of this ordinance would be to give a very attractive tax incentive to the rehabilitation of properties and essentially the property owner would pay taxes as if the property had not been improved. He said basically the ordinance would give property owners a ten year tax break on the properties.

The Historic Preservation Commission would receive petitions for historic properties and submit eligible properties to the State Department of Archives and History for approval. The property owner would have to complete renovation of the building within two years after receiving approval of the

plans. The ordinance includes provisions specifically outlining the type of properties eligible for the program. The Housing Committee of the City of Aiken would receive petitions for designation of low and moderate income rental properties.

Mr. Thompson pointed out Council had considered an earlier ordinance approving the special tax incentive for historic properties and the staff has recommended that Council adopt a single ordinance addressing both historic and low and moderate income rental properties.

Councilman Anaclerio asked if there was an appeal process if the Housing Authority or Historic Commission disapproved a request.

Mr. Holly pointed out that proposed work on historic rehabilitated properties has to be approved at the state level. He said there are state regulations that govern this and there is an appeal process at the state level. He said the legislation does not require that there be an appeals process on the local level. He stated he did not provide a specific appeal to City Council, but this could be included if Council would like for appeals to be made to Council.

Council discussed the matter of an appeals process. It was suggested that the appeals process not be included at this time, but if an appeal becomes a problem the matter could be addressed at that time.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that Council pass on first reading the ordinance amending the City Code to grant special real property tax assessments for rehabilitated historic properties and for rehabilitation and improvement of qualifying low and moderate income rental property and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

Council discussed ways to advertise the special assessment to encourage its use.

SANDSTONE SUBDIVISION

Dougherty Road Development Agreement Storm Water Project Drainage

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider approval of a development agreement for the Dougherty Road/Sandstone Subdivision storm water project.

Mr. Thompson stated the city has been working with the State Highway Department and with Jerry Waters to develop a stormwater line to drain Dougherty Road and portions of Sandstone Subdivision. The staff is recommending that Council approve a development agreement with Jerry Waters, General Contractor, to install a section of these improvements through Sandstone Subdivision and ultimately tie the storm drainage system into a detention pond located behind the Aiken Mall Cinemas. The development agreement would be a contract with Mr. Waters to install about \$50,000 worth of improvements in the area. The line will help to drain a portion of Dougherty Road and Sandstone Subdivision.

The State Highway Department has agreed to provide \$50,000 for this project and the City will have a total expense of about \$35,000. The development agreement with Mr. Waters will cover the project costs through Sandstone, and the city is bidding the balance of the project to serve the segment to Dougherty Road. A ceiling of \$50,000 is included for the development agreement with Mr. Waters, and the total cost for the stormwater project will be about \$85,000. The County does not have funding available and is not included in the project.

Mr. Thompson stated this project will divert some of the water away from the Wise Hollow drainage area and should improve the storm water system throughout this section of the city and Aiken County. It is felt that this project will eliminate the stormwater contributions of properties within the City to this section of Wise Hollow, including both George's Creek and College Acres. This project will divert all of the water from the triangle bounded by Whiskey/Pine Log/Silver Bluff Roads to the Hollow Creek basin, and the city will eliminate the 8" storm sewer line that now leads to Whiskey Road from the K-Mart detention pond.

Council discussed the proposed project.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council approve the development agreement with Jerry Waters, General Contractor, for installation of a storm sewer line through Sandstone Subdivision which will serve Dougherty Road and the Sandstone Subdivision.

ANNUAL REPORT

FY 1993-94

Mr. Thompson stated the department heads had each prepared a report summarizing the operations for their department for Fiscal Year 1993-94. He said the individual department reports had been combined into the report presented to Council giving information on the city's operations. He said the report was given to Council as information.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh and unanimously approved, that the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1993-94 be accepted as information.

BIDS

Dougherty Road Storm Drainage Drainage

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider acceptance of bids for the Dougherty Road storm drainage improvements.

Mr. Thompson stated Council had executed a developer's agreement with Jerry Waters for installation of a section of a storm drainage line near Dougherty Road and in Sandstone Subdivision. A portion of the project is located outside of Sandstone, and the city has taken bids to install piping that will tie Dougherty Road to the storm drainage lines in Sandstone. The bids received are as follows:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>BID PRICE</u>
Lad Corporation	\$31,687.78
Curtis English	35,488.00
Beam's Pavement	42,160.35

The staff is recommending acceptance of the low bid of Lad Corporation in the amount of \$31,687.78.

Combined with the agreement with Mr. Waters, these two projects will help to alleviate a great deal of the Dougherty Road flooding problems through this section of Dougherty Road. This will also help to drain other detention ponds in the area and will ultimately help reduce water that has been channeled through Wise Hollow.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that the low bid of Lad Corporation in the amount of \$31,687.78 be accepted for installation of a section of storm drainage line near Dougherty Road.

BIDS

Airport Roadway Aviation Park Bush Field Aircraft

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider acceptance of bids for the airport roadway.

Mr. Thompson stated the city had been working with Aiken County and the South Carolina Economic Development Coordinating Council to construct a roadway from Highway 1 to serve the new aviation business that is locating at the Aiken Municipal Airport. Bids have been accepted for the construction of the road. The bids received are as follows:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>BID PRICE</u>
APAC-Georgia	\$36,850
Beam's Pavement	38,126

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Mr. Thompson stated the staff is recommending acceptance of the low bid of APAC-Georgia in the amount of \$36,850. This road will serve the facilities for Bush Field Aircraft and will also serve as the entranceway to property that could ultimately serve as an aviation business park. This expanded use of the road required a heavier surface than would normally have been installed on a similar roadway, but the State is willing to pay for the extra costs associated with this heavier design. The South Carolina Economic Development Coordinating Council is paying for the cost of the surfacing, and the City and Aiken County are sharing the costs of grading and the sub-surface preparation.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the low bid of APAC-Georgia in the amount of \$36,850 be accepted for construction of a roadway to serve the new aviation business at the Airport contingent on Bush Field Aircraft constructing and operating a business at the airport as provided in the lease agreement.

OLYMPIC TRAINING

Nadolski, Tom

Shooting Sports Teams

Aiken Olympic Training Coordination Committee

Mayor Cavanaugh stated a request had been received for funding for the Aiken Olympic Training Coordination Committee.

Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Tom Nadolski, on behalf of the South Carolina Outdoor Shooting Center (SCOSC), had asked that the city financially support the Aiken Olympic Training Coordination Committee's efforts to bring shooting teams into Aiken for training prior to the 1996 Olympics. The South Carolina Outdoor Shooting Center (SCOSC) is located about 11 miles from Aiken near Windsor. Mr. Nadolski has received a commitment from the Canadian Olympic Skeet Team to train at the Windsor site. The Committee has identified expenses to bring in the team that may be as high as \$200,000. The Committee is asking for assistance from the city. City Council met with Mr. Nadolski in a work session before the Council meeting and essentially Council received information that the group would be willing to commit to bringing in teams to be housed in Aiken and to keeping the facility open as a public facility for at least a couple of years.

Mr. Thompson stated he felt it was an exciting project and he felt that members of Council felt the project was exciting and that the financial impact on the businesses in Aiken such as the hotels, restaurants and other businesses would be substantial and would more than recover the city's expenses.

Mr. Thompson stated Council discussed possibly funding the project through the Accommodations Tax funds. The Aiken Olympic Training Coordination Committee has submitted a request through the Accommodations Tax Committee and this will be reviewed at a meeting on August 17. Council has asked that a special meeting of Council be scheduled for August 18 to consider the funding recommendations of the Accommodations Tax Committee. He said Council had discussed adopting a resolution supporting the request and supporting the issue of bringing shooting teams into the Aiken area.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated several members of Council had visited the site, and felt this was an exciting opportunity. He stated he felt the site was a well kept secret. He said he had not been aware of the shooting center before visiting the site. He said he understood that one Olympic team had committed to training at the site and the Committee has an opportunity to get three more teams. He said in the work session discussions Council had stated they do support the Olympic Training Coordination Committee's efforts to get Olympic teams to train in this area. It was felt this could be a real opportunity to bring people into the community.

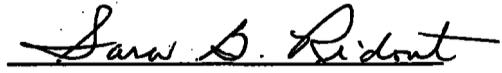
Mayor Cavanaugh pointed out the Coordinating Committee will submit a request to the Accommodations Tax Committee for funds.

Councilman Anaclerio pointed out the City of Augusta had expended much effort to get some Olympic activity in their city and had been willing to expend money to get teams to train in the area. He pointed out this was an opportunity for Aiken to support an Olympic event in Aiken and derive benefits from such an event.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that Council wholeheartedly support the Aiken Olympic Training Coordination Committee's efforts to bring Olympic shooting teams to the South Carolina Outdoor Shooting Center and that Council encourage the review and support of the Accommodations Tax Committee for this project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilman Perry and unanimously approved, that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.



Sara B. Ridout
City Clerk