

September 15, 2003

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, September 15, 2003, in the County Council Chambers, 366 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC, at 5:30 p.m. The following attended: Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman; Honorables Johnnye Code Stewart, Steve Parker, David Britt, Rock Adams, Ken Huckaby, and Frank Nutt, Council Members; along with James K. Hartmann, County Administrator; Glenn Breed, Assistant County Administrator; Chris Story, Assistant County Administrator; Roy McBee Smith, County Attorney; William McBee Smith, Assistant County Attorney; and Edwin Haskell, Assistant County Attorney.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties.

I.

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order.

Invocation was rendered by Mr. Charles Clark, Minister of Boiling Springs Church of Christ. Mr. Brady led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Nutt to adopt a Resolution remembering and recognizing Army Pvt. Michael Scott Adams of Spartanburg, South Carolina for his military service. Motion seconded by Mr. Huckaby and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Adams to adopt a Resolution expressing recognition and appreciation for the pride and honor bestowed upon Spartanburg County by the services of Jesse E. Campbell, Director of the Spartanburg American Legion Post 28 Baseball Team. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.
- C. Motion made by Mr. Adams to adopt a Resolution in celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Spartanburg American Legion Post 28. Motion seconded by Mr. Huckaby and carried.

III.

- A. Chairman Horton declared open a public hearing to consider an Application for Permit for special Public Event Exclusion from Noise Ordinance for October 23, 2003 from 5:00 p.m. through 9:30 p.m. for music and fireworks at Family Festival at First Baptist North Spartanburg located at 8740 Asheville Highway.

No one appeared, and the matter was closed. Ms. Katherine Cheves appeared on behalf of the church.

IV.

No appearances scheduled.

V.

Public Health and Human Services Committee (Honorable Johnnye Code Stewart, Chairman)

No items scheduled.

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Personnel and Finance Committee (Honorable Ken Huckaby)

- A. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to approve a request from the City of Woodruff to deduct the city's debt to the county from the city's road money allotment. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to approve giving employees the Friday after Christmas, December 26, as an additional holiday this year. This extra day is being added for this year only. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and carried.
- C. Mr. Gil Bulman and Ms. Sharon West presented a Reappraisal Update. Mr. Bulman indicated that almost all informal hearings have been held. Assessment ratios of agencies have not come in yet.
- D. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to approve awarding the bid for advertisement of properties for the 2003 Delinquent Tax Sale Notification in the amount of \$0.74 per advertisement to the Herald-Journal, Spartanburg. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.
- E. Motion made by Mr. Huckaby to approve the recommendations of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee as it relates to funds to be allocated for fiscal year 2004. A copy of the recommendations for Fiscal Year 2004 is included in backup. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.
- F. Updated personnel vacancy report was received.

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Recreation Committee – (Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman)

- A. Mr. Chris Story presented information in reference to Football and Soccer league participation levels and field utilization.

Economic Recruitment and Development Committee – (Honorable David Britt, Chairman)

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to approve BFS Diversified's request for a 5-year tax abatement from non-school ad valorem taxes. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.

Public Safety and Judiciary Committee – (Honorable Rock Adams, Chairman)

- A. Motion made by Mr. Adams to approve a request from the Solicitor's Office to accept the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Grant for a Task Force to combat Violence against Women. Task Force will be operated out of the Solicitor's Office. Approval is requested to accept this grant and establish four positions. Match funds will be provided from the Solicitor's current budget. Mr. Hartmann stated that this is a \$201,000 grant with a \$66,000 match. You have to reapply annually. This is being approved contingent upon recurring grant funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.
- B. Information received regarding activities of the Building Codes Department.

Land Use Committee (Honorable David Britt, Chairman)

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to approve first reading by title to Ordinance amending Spartanburg County Ordinance #O-99-015 (Unified Land Management Ordinance). Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.

Public Works, Buildings and Grounds Committee (Honorable Frank Nutt, Chairman)

- A. Information was received in reference to bids for Architectural and Engineering Services. Motion made by Mr. Nutt to approve staff recommendation to select McMillan Smith & Partners for those continuing Architectural Services. Motion seconded by Mr. Parker and carried.
- B. Information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.

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VI.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render first reading to an Ordinance suspending the "Blue Laws" which prohibit the retail sale of certain items prior to 1:30 p.m. on Sundays pending outcome of November referendum. Motion seconded by Ms. Stewart and carried.

VII.

No Items Scheduled.

VIII.

All resolutions, ordinances, agreements, petitions and related documents which were read and approved by Council at this meeting for the financing of certain industrial or similar revenue bonds or notes, are incorporated in these minutes by reference as if fully set forth herein. The reference is to all such documents showing execution by the county on the date of this meeting included in the office of the Clerk of Court for Spartanburg County.

IX.

No items scheduled.

X.

Motion made by Ms. Stewart to approve minutes of August 18, 2003. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

XI.

Meeting adjourned.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By:_____

Jeffrey A. Horton, Chairman

Attest:

Deborah C. Ziegler

Clerk to Council