

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - November 5, 1985 - 9:00 a.m.  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 1985 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. CHAIRMAN DANIEL A. RHODES PRESIDED.

PRESENT

Jimmy Cox, District #1  
David L. Hooper, District #2  
Robert L. Wiles, District #3  
Chairman Dan Rhodes, District #4  
Harold E. Beebe, District #5  
David Watson, Administrator  
Rusty Burns, Asst. Administrator  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

ABSENT

Mike Mullinax, County Attorney

Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. Mr. Watson led in prayer. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to approve the October 15, 1985 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Rhodes presented a certificate of appreciation to Mark Simmons who will be leaving Friday.

Mr. Fred Dobbins, Chairman of the Anderson County Board of Education, came before Council requesting that Council adopt an ordinance making those who appeal their tax assessments pay 80 percent of the protested bill. He then read a written proposal and asked Council to consider. Mr. Wiles moved that the ordinance be passed on first reading and have the County Attorney to check with the state attorney general's office to see if Council can pass the proposed ordinance. Mr. Hooper seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. The County Attorney was asked to put in written form - Ordinance #180.)

Mr. Wiles presented Resolution #300 requesting that the Legislative Delegation support legislation and work toward its prompt passage in January requiring property owners to pay a portion of their taxes in order to pursue their appeals of assessments. Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Rev. W.T. Lewis from the Anderson Interdenominational Church asked Council to consider issuing them a bingo permit. He stated that they had only been chartered by the state for 2½ years and therefore asked Council to waive the 3 year requirement in the Ordinance. He also asked Council to grant permission to get an annex building to operate in. Council received as information. Some decision will be made at the next regular scheduled meeting after consulting with the County Attorney.

Mr. Robert King informed Council that during the regular October meeting of the EMS Commission, the EMS Commission voted to recommend to Council that the EMS Commission membership be increased from 9 to 11. This would have to be done by amending the present EMS Ordinance. Council received as information. Mr. King was asked to get with the County Attorney for drawing up the amendment.

Mr. Robert Rushton asked Council to accept a dirt road off James Cox Road in Belton into the County system. This road is approximately .6 of a mile long. He stated that the developer had promised to fix the road to county specifications and deed to County and did not. Mr. Wiles moved that the road be accepted into the County system. Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Rhodes offered an amendment that two dirt roads in his district be included in the county system also. His motion died from lack of second. Mr. Beebe amended the motion that the County Engineer check and make a list of all other dirt roads that needs to be considered. Mr. Wiles seconded. Mr. Rhodes said that this was a bad idea. Vote on the amendment was unanimous. Vote on the original motion as amended was four (4) in favor and one (1) opposed (Rhodes).

Mr. Burns read resolution #297 supporting the concept and construction of the East-West Connector. Mr. Rhodes moved that the resolution be approved. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox moved that resolution #301 supporting the concept of Highway 29 connector to I-85 to serve the towns of Honea Path, Williamston and Belton. Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns read resolution #298 opposing a section of the Omnibus Criminal Justice Improvement Bill requiring the Counties to keep non-violent convicted inmates for up to one year. Mr. Rhodes moved that the resolution be adopted and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Rhodes read a resolution (#299) endorsing all Anderson County Boards and Commissions. He moved that the resolution be adopted. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper asked to defer the Civic Center discussion until next meeting.

Mr. Beebe moved that Council refuse the resignation of Jerry Wiles from the Airport Commission and give him a vote of confidence. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was four in favor and one abstaining (Wiles).

Mr. Watson presented the road maintenance activity report to Council for information.

Mr. Watson presented Ordinance #179 (amendment #2 to original ordinance #171-1985-86 Budget) and explained the necessity to amend the ordinance. Mr. Beebe moved to approve Ordinance #179 on first reading as presented by Mr. Watson. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson recommended to Council that they address questions concerning the Indigent Health Care Bill at the next meeting. (1) Who the County recommends as their agent to pay these indigent claims and (2) if the County reserves the right to review claims. Council agreed.

Mr. Burns opened a public hearing for written or oral comments concerning the proposed Ordinance #178 (Belton Industries, Inc.). One citizen was told that Belton Industries was the same as the old Belton Bagging Company. The public hearing was then declared closed.

Mr. Burns presented third and final reading of the Ordinance (#178 - Belton Industries) for approval. Mr. Wiles moved that the ordinance be approved as presented. Mr. Beebe seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns asked to purchase radios for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$24,304.35. The money (\$25,000) was appropriated in the current budget. Mr. Hooper moved that the purchase be allowed and Mr. Beebe seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns asked that the County renew the rent of certain farm property to Major Bolt for another year for \$1,630. Same price as last year. Mr. Rhodes asked if this was bid out. Mr. Burns explained that because of lack of interest in the past, it was not bid out. Mr. Hooper moved that Mr. Bolt be allowed to rent for another year. Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was four in favor and one opposed. Mr. Rhodes voted against the motion because it was not bid out.

Mr. Burns informed Council that the boom mowers were less than desirable and will be rebid at this time.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to ratify the auctioneer for the November 9, 1985 auction. Mr. Henry Norris was the low bidder for 4½%.

Mr. Burns asked for approval of a purchase for the Health Department for 12 drums of malathion (mosquito poison). This would be state contract pricing. Mr. Cox moved that the purchase be allowed. Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous. The total cost would be \$6,480; provided in the 1985-86 budget.

Mr. Burns asked for approval of the low bid for the purchase of a video recorder for the Coroner's Office. The amount of \$1,711.45 is provided in the 1985-86 budget. The low bidder is Fant's Camera Shop. Mr. Wiles moved that the purchase be allowed. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns said the Ambulance bids were opened and are still under review at this time.

Mr. Burns informed Council that the Hopewell Bridge was entered in the Off Systems Bridge Replacement Program for consideration. He feels that the bridge will be accepted. Five other bridges will be entered in the program for consideration also.

Mr. Hillhouse asked Council to go out today and shut down the junkyard on state secondary highway #4-65 until they are in compliance with the provisions of the ordinance. Council received as information.

Council heard from other concerned citizens.

Mr. John McCrary spoke on building a building for the teenagers of Anderson at the City Park. The Chairman referred Mr. McCrary to the Recreation Commission.

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Mr. Wayne Meredith recommended that a resolution or proposal be presented to the newspaper asking them to publish votes of Council meetings in the paper. Mr. Rhodes recommended that Mr. Meredith get on the next scheduled meeting's agenda.

No further business, Council adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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