

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - March 6, 1984 - 9:00 a.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:

Fred G. Alexander, District #1
Prue L. Gilreath, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3, Chairman
Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4
A.M. "Al" Lynch, District #5
Billy D. O'Neal, Administrator
Joseph G. Wright, III, County Attorney

Mr. Wiles called the meeting to order and Councilman Fred G. Alexander gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 21, 1984 meeting as mailed.

Mr. O'Neal presented the Road Maintenance activity report. Received 352 work orders and 299 completed. The guard rails are now being installed. Mr. O'Neal explained an amendment to Ordinance #132 (amendment to 1983-84 budget) which included \$22,500 from the sell of voting machines and was placed in account #141 (Election Commission) code 85 (machines and equipment). On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted three in favor (Mr. Wiles, Mr. Alexander, & Mr. Gilreath) and two opposed (Mr. Rhodes & Mr. Lynch) adopting Ordinance #132 on second reading. Motion passed by majority vote.

Mr. O'Neal asked for approval of a budget transfer of \$1,500 from account #540.10 to #540.82 for the Recreation Commission to purchase a small copy machine. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr. O'Neal explained that a replacement was needed on the Human Resources Commission to replace Ms. Johna Cochran. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to delay action until further study can be done.

The Council was informed by Mr. O'Neal that the funds for the Human Resources Commission (\$7,500) will run out the end of this month (March).

Mr. Watson presented the Council with sealed bids for voting booths for the Election Commission. The low bid from Rosco Builder Mart was recommended for \$6,134.96 by the Chairman of the Election Commission, Frank Floyd. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to accept the low bid from Rosco.

Mr. Watson explained sealed bids for a security fence & repair/replacement of the gate damaged by a delivery truck at the County Jail. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to go with the low bid from Robert's Fence company for \$3,257.46 for the fence and \$2,793.00 to replace the gate as requested.

Mr. O'Neal asked for a budget work session with County Council on March 8 at 4:00 or March 13 at the same time. Council agreed on March 13 at 4 in the Council's Chambers.

The Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation asked Council to sign a cothodic easement across county property. On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted four in favor and one abstaining. Mr. Rhodes abstained. Motion passed by majority vote. This involves property behind the Starr landfill.

Mr. O'Neal explained that the City of Anderson and the Sewer Authority had signed a Sewer Service Area Agreement. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to sign the agreement as requested.

Mr. Rhodes read a list of accomplishments made since the County Administrator took office; therefore, he recommended that his two year contract be extended another year. This motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch. Council discussed the motion. Vote was two in favor and three opposed. Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lynch voted in favor. Mr. Gilreath, Mr. Wiles, and Mr. Alexander voted against the motion.

Mr. Tommy Dunaway asked Council to consider the appointment of a duplication committee to study duplication in City and County services and recommend certain services that could be consolidated to improve government efficiency. This committee could be made up of the city and county administrator, two county councilmen, two city councilmen and maybe appoint one at large citizen. ON the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to appoint such a committee.

Mr. Rhodes presented Resolution #215 & #216 to Ms. Jane Allan & Ms. Linda Kelly for devoted volunteer services with the volunteer firefighters throughout Anderson County. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to approve the resolutions (#215, #216).

On the motion of mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to appropriate \$300 to help fund this work until July 1, 1984 for the volunteer firefighters.

Mr. Alexander read a resolution from the State House congratulating Mr. J. Fred Clement upon graduation with honors from the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy. Mr. Wiles, on behalf of the Council, presented Mr. Clement with a certificate of appreciation for his dedicated service to his community and Anderson County.

Mr. Wiles received a certificate of appreciation from the Fork Rescue Squad for Anderson County for the valuable contribution given them.

On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted three in favor and two opposed approving Ordinance #131 (Position of County Attorney) on third reading. Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lynch voted against the motion, Mr. Wiles, Mr. Gilreath, and Mr. Alexander voted in favor.

Mr. Lynch stated that under Home Rule Mr. O'Neal had the authority to hire the County attorney and wondered when he would appoint one. Mr. O'Neal responded that he was constantly evaluating staff members in which he had control over.

Mr. Wright presented Ordinance #129 (Building Permits) for approval on third reading. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance #129 on third reading.

Mr. Wright asked that the Loblolly Pines Resolution be postponed for 30 days and be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Lynch explained a "Writ of Mandamus" concerning a violation of court order. Mr. Lynch presented an Ordinance to create the office of delinquent tax collector for Anderson County. Mr. Lynch made a motion that this ordinance be adopted. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. Mr. Wiles explained that he had contacted Mr. Bo Shetterly with the Association of Counties and was told that this would be illegal. Mr. Wiles goes on record as setting Anderson County up against any other county in the state on the record of collecting delinquent taxes. Mr. Wiles goes on record as being in favor of the sell of property. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to end the debate. Vote on Mr. Lynch's motion to establish the office of delinquent tax collector was two in favor and three opposed. Mr. Wiles, Mr. Gilreath and Mr. Alexander voted against the motion. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Rhodes voted in favor. Motion failed.

Mr. Alexander appointed Ms. Doris Cole to the Recreation Commission. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alexander made a motion that the Council send Judge Dan F. Laney, Jr. a letter of appreciation and support for the severe sentences handed down for drugs.

Council heard from citizens at this time.

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to have the Hospital Meeting, scheduled for March 12 at 4 p.m., open to the public and advertised in the paper. The Council also agreed to hold the meeting in the Council's chambers.

On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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