

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - December 20, 1988 - 4:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on December 20, 1988 at 4:00 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
Jack Crowe - Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Cox called the meeting to order and Councilman David L. Hooper gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Garrison moved to approve the minutes from the November 18, December 6 and December 12 meetings as mailed. Mr. Wiles seconded the motion. Mr. Wiles asked that in the December 6 minutes (page 5) the spelling of Carswell be changed from Carnesville. The clerk has made the change and regrets the error. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox explained that the salaries of various sheriff's deputies, who are leaving, needed to be discussed. Council discussed the substantial accumulated holidays and vacation time for those who would be leaving when the new sheriff takes office. Mr. Watson explained the County policy for holidays and vacation. Council recessed at 4:35 p.m. to allow the County Attorney to return to the meeting to answer questions.

Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order at 5:05 p.m. Mr. Wiles moved to go into executive session to discuss a wage and hour problem and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Mullinax explained that he had other items; one which involves a contractual matter and another dealing with economic development and asked that these be discussed at the same time in executive session. Mr. Wiles moved to discuss all the items in the same executive session and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order at 5:35 p.m. Mr. Garrison moved to come out of executive session back into regular session. Mr. Wiles seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles moved that the seven employees involved with holiday and vacation pay in the Sheriff's Department be paid 24 days plus either 2 or 2-1/2 days vacation per month since July 1, plus whatever holidays have been worked at 2 times the rate as outlined in the personnel policy. He said this would be in keeping with the adopted Personnel Policy of Anderson County. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. This would amount to approximately 40 days that they could be paid. Council discussed. Vote was two in favor (Garrison, Wiles) and three opposed (Cox, Hooper, Holden). Motion failed. Mr. Cox offered a motion that the employees be paid for the time which can be substantiated (verified) through the records. Mr. Hooper seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Wiles amended the motion that all the people on the list be included for verification. Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Holden moved to table for further study and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Cox called a special meeting for 5:00 on December 27.

Mr. Hooper explained that the Good Neighbor Cupboard needed additional shelving, a partition and door for privacy. He moved that Council appropriate up to \$500 for this work to be done. Mr. Holden seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$500 from District #5 - Special Projects to the Anderson County Community Concert Association. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden asked Mr. Watson to present the information concerning the State Retirement request by Ms. Elsie Schrimp. Mr. Watson presented calculations from employees who are eligible to buy retirement time back. He said 12 out of 37 eligible, have expressed they would be interested. The County would have to match the employee's amount and this total for the 12 employees would be approximately \$18,000. Mr. Holden moved to allow the request and the money to come from the Contingency Fund. A three month deadline was placed on the project. Mr. Cox seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden asked certain questions concerning EMS and the contract with Anderson Ambulance Service. 1. Does the County pay for maintenance and repairs to the vehicles? Mr. Crowe responded that the County pays for repairs only, the routine maintenance is done by Anderson Ambulance Service at no cost to the County. 2. How much annually does the County pay for repairs? Mr. Crowe said that in checking the records and based on the past several months, the cost will run \$20,000 to \$25,000 annually. 3. Are there any other costs in addition to the \$12,500 monthly contract amount? Mr. Crowe said that there was one other which is for professional liability insurance on the vehicles. The County agreed to pick up the tab on this at a cost of \$1,670

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annually. 4. What is the total approximate cost that the County pays Anderson Ambulance Service per month? Mr. Crowe said that it would average \$14,500. 5. Mr. Holden asked if Anderson Ambulance had agreed to purchase all County equipment in possession. Mr. Crowe said that it was true and the total was \$42,500 to be paid over the next 24 months at a 12% interest rate (\$53,960). 6. Will this reduce the over all cost with this Company? Yes, Mr. Crowe replied. He said that the County's net cost would be \$10,001.51/monthly figured on a three year contract. The third and final year would be at a cost of \$12,250 per month. Mr. Holden asked what the total cost for the new contract would be? The County's cost would be \$120,024 per year for the first two years and the third year would be \$147,000. Mr. Holden said the three mill assessment would bring in approximately \$325,000. The cost if the County goes with Anderson Ambulance would be \$120,000, therefore the County could possibly roll back taxes by 1 or 2 mills. Mr. Garrison explained that the cost needed to be looked into in-depth, therefore would move that action be postponed until next year. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox explained that a public hearing was advertised for citizens comments concerning Ordinance #274 dealing with emergency medical services. Mr. Mullinax opened the floor for comments. Several citizens spoke and the public hearing was declared closed.

Mr. Mullinax opened a public hearing for comments on Ordinance #269 making it unlawful to willfully or maliciously damage, remove or deface any sign designating a county road or otherwise erected by the County of Anderson. Mr. J.D. Compton spoke. The public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Wiles moved to approve Ordinance #269 on third and final reading and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles moved to reappoint Mr. Frank Williams for another four year term on the Anderson County Sewer Authority. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox moved to reappoint Mayor Marion Middleton (2 year term) and Mr. Ellis Ball (4 year term) to the Anderson County Sewer Authority for another term. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles moved that \$530 in his District #3 - Special Projects Fund, be appropriated to the Iva Rescue Squad. Mr. Holden seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison explained that he served as chairman of the LEPC, a subcommittee under that committee is CERTA. Council set aside \$25,000 to fund the team for equipment. He presented a request for equipment from the Committee totally \$4,500. He moved that Council approve the expenditure and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison explained the need for additional computer terminals for the Assessor's Office used by the public. He said the cost to provide

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three more would be about \$2,500-\$3,000. He then moved to purchase the terminals and the money to come from the Assessor's Office - overtime account. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox moved to approve Ordinance #271 concerning additional expenditures of tax funds in excess of bonded indebtedness for the Civic Center and the Courthouse. This would be third and final reading. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Council conducted a public hearing for comments concerning the Land Use Ordinance #272 (fee schedule). There were no comments.

Mr. Mullinax presented third and final reading of Ordinance #270 authorizing the issuance of industrial revenue bonds in the amount of \$200,000,000 for Michelin Tire Corporation. A public hearing was opened for comments on the ordinance. There were no comments and the public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Cox moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax said that he had one item of business as a result of executive session. He talked about an engineering contract between Anderson County and Russell and Axon to provide a study for waste water facilities on U.S. Highway 76 and Interstate 85. This is the Clemson Quadrant and is a budgeted item. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper presented Mr. Garrison and Mr. Wiles a plaque, on behalf of Council, for serving on County Council. Mr. Garrison and Mr. Wiles thanked Council for the privilege to work with each member.

Chairman Cox was presented a gavel from Council for his leadership while chairman.

Mr. Holden moved to approve Ordinance #268 (rescinding Council's Salaries) on third and final reading. Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Wiles moved to table the ordinance to see what the out come of the court case will be. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion and vote was three in favor (Cox, Wiles, Garrison) and two opposed (Holden, Hooper). Motion carried.

Mr. Jacky Hunter presented the following budget transfers: Road Maintenance - Account #601-100-001 to #601-100-002 in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Hunter explained expenses incurred by the Sheriff's transition. The estimated amount would be \$2,500 and asked that Council approve payment of these bills from the department's budgeted operating expenses. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe presented a request to purchase a station wagon to be used by the Coroner at a price of \$12,499.66 (State Contract). Funds are

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available in the budget. Mr. Wiles moved to go with state contract and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson informed Council that the County now had a County map, the first time since 1898.

Mr. Wiles said that if there was another meeting next week, he would like to place on the agenda the subdivision in his district that is without water for discussion.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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