

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Regular Meeting - May 6, 1997 - 6:00 P.M.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk**

M I N U T E S

**ALL AREA NEWSPAPERS, RADIO STATIONS AND TELEVISION STATIONS
HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THIS MEETING IN COMPLIANCE WITH
GUIDELINES OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.**

PRESENT

**Chairman William A. Floyd - District #2
G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Clint Wright - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Joey Preston - Administrator
Jack McIntosh - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council**

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, May 6, 1997 at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Clint Wright gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the April 15, 1997 minutes as mailed.

Ms. Christy Jones talked during remarks from Citizens. Ms. Jones explained that her husband is a Sergeant at the Sheriff's Office (Arthur Jones). He made \$15,000 after he did their taxes and for the job he does his salary should be above poverty level, she said. She pleaded for Council's consideration for a raise for her husband. Council received as information.

Council recognized Ms. Beth Ann Klosky for her contribution for a video cassette tape presenting the story of Anderson's pioneer role in the development of hydroelectric power in the South and will be featured on the History Showcase series. The tape "Electric City" was produced by Anderson author, Ms. Klosky, historian and lecturer. Council commended Ms. Klosky for her endeavors.

Council recognized winners for the 1997 Governor's Environmental Poster Contest from Anderson County. They were presented certificates and county pins.

Council recognized Miss Brittany Lea Pruitt as the 1997 Arbor Day National Poster Contest. A certificate and County pin was presented to Ms. Pruitt.

Council recognized the 1997 State winning 4-H Livestock Judging Teams from Anderson County. They were presented certificates and County pins.

Council recognized Mrs. Carolyn Pratt, Mrs. Bonnie Buzhardt and students from Pelzer Primary School for second place State award - Keep America Beautiful Educational Initiatives. A plaque was presented and certificates and pins were given to the individuals.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading of Ordinance #97-010 - an ordinance granting a ten (10) year extension of a non-exclusive franchise to HPI Acquisition Company, LLC, a Delaware Limited liability company ("Helecon") as the successor through an asset purchase agreement with Booth Communications Carolinas, Inc. ("Booth").

Mr. Preston presented Ordinance #97-011 - 1997-1998 Administrator's Proposed Budget (title only) for first reading. He said that by second or third reading he will provide Council with an itemized list of any proposed changes as a result of discussions and budget meeting last week. The proposed budget will read as follows as a result of moving the Library millage from the General Fund millage.

General Fund Budget:	\$28,960,964	estimated millage	45.8
Debt Service:	\$ 3,314,845	estimated millage	9.5
Capital Projects	\$ 549,730	estimated millage	1.0
ENTERPRISE FUNDS:			
Sewer	\$ 2,468,141	estimated millage	3.0
Solid Waste	\$ 3,476,191	no millage	
Civic Center	\$ 601,297	no millage	
Special Education	\$ 1,441,108	estimated millage	3.6
EMS-1	\$ 147,000	estimated millage	.8
Library	\$ 1,676,415	estimated millage	4.7

Mr. Tolly moved to approve on first reading title only. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Preston explained an ordinance for first reading consideration by title only. The ordinance deals with transferring the White Street Sewer Line to the Homeland Park Water & Sewer Commission. Mr. Holden moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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On the motion of Mr. Wright seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R97-017 expressing opposition to House Bill 3863 granting complete autonomy of elected county officers.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R97-018 - providing for the appropriate display of the United States, State of South Carolina and the County of Anderson flags.

Mr. Floyd made the following appointments:

Parks & Recreation - Mr. Jason Peterson

Economic Advisory Board - reappoint Dr. Jerry Neal

Land Use - reappoint: Mr. Richard Allen

Farmers Market - reappoint Mr. Roy Mack and Ms. Peggy Banister

Mr. Tolly moved to approve the appointments and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve a budget transfer for Computer Services in the amount of \$7,000 from computer software and supplies/data processing to computer equipment.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve a budget transfer for the EMS Department from the salary budget to overtime needed to allow additional comp. time.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve a transfer for \$5,455.65 to pay for contract on a monthly basis for EMS antenna located on tower at Anderson College. The funds to come from EMS budget - Equipment communication to Communications. A contract was signed with Anderson College for tower space in the early 90s. The contract was in the amount of \$1800 per month on the college tower. The College notified the County that the rates would be raised to a more competitive rate of \$1.50 per foot which is a total of \$6,300 per year for the 320' height. This is not a budgeted amount. Mr. Preston asked that this be done on a month-to-month basis because of trouble on the tower site relative to the Sheriff's office. Because of the problem and the only solution is to move the transmitter, the County is presently looking at an alternate site to relocate the transmitter.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve a transfer for the Airport in the amount of \$7,000 from Repairs to Buildings to Electricity & Gas.

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Bids were presented in the amount of not to exceed \$450,000 for renovation of the Old DSS Building on Towers Street. This will be a design build program and will be done by Southern Designs. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the bid as presented.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve Phase II B of the SC 24 Sewer Project by Moorhead Construction, Belton, SC in the amount of \$167,777.30.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$2,000 for the Caroline Civic Center in Williamston to help meet ADA requirements for the center. The funds are to come from District #1 Recreation Funds.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$2,000 to the Town of Pelzer to help repair the swimming pool. The funds are to come from District #1 Recreation Funds.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to scrape and remove gravel by the Public Works Department from the Double Springs School site. This is the area where the ball field will go and will enable them to play ball. The expense will come from District #5 - paving funds (approve December 17).

Mr. Wright reported that the Public Safety Health & Human Services Committee met and based on information received at the meeting, the committee voted unanimously to recommend that an RFP be issued for the design build of the Sports Complex facility. Mr. Wright moved to accept the recommendation by the committee and the RFP be issued. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous. Mr. Holden said that he wanted to make sure that Anderson County keeps control of this facility.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve a grant application (for Belton-Honea Path Water Authority) for the relocation of a waterline located at the bridge at Holliday Dam. The construction cost is \$106,150 and will not require any matching funds from the County.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the Lakes of Anderson - Phase I, Greenfield Ridge, and Kings Grant - Phase I into the county road system. All the roads have been inspected by Road Maintenance and engineers and meet the requirements of Anderson County.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to renew a maintenance contract with Merk, Sons and Associates in the amount of \$6,750.00 for maintenance of the Mountview Park on Lake Russell. Water Recreation Funds will be used for this.

Mr. Jack McIntosh, County Attorney, reported on the possibility of reinstatement of humanitarian practices by the County to provide for minimal improvements to private roads to enable access for emergency vehicles in cases of extreme illness or death. Mr. McIntosh has requested an opinion from the Attorney General's office. He suggested that Council approve (by title only) first reading. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded to approve first reading of Ordinance #97-013 by title only. Mr. Tolly stated that he would vote in favor but feels that this opens the door for political shenanigans and any number of bad situations. Vote was unanimous. It was the desire of Council to work out certain questions prior to third reading.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the use of the Anderson County Civic Center by the Department of Education for the Commitment to Excellence in Education Banquet on December 4, 1997.

Mr. Wayne Gaskins presented a Safety Management Manual developed by the Safety Advisory Committee. The document establishes the rules and policies for safety in the County, outlines training and education programs for safety and promotes accident prevention as a way of doing business in our daily activities, Mr. Gaskins said. The committee recommends the adoption of the manual for use by the County. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bill West, Planning Director, presented a public relations strategy for the Anderson County Building & Codes Department resulting from an audit performed by Ms. Gina Smith last year. On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the plan.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Industrial Revenue Bond - Kravet Fabrics, Inc. - Mr. Preston stated that Kravet Fabrics, Inc. will expand its existing facility which will include about 45 new jobs within the next 12 months. Once the expansion is in full service, the company anticipates up to 145 additional employees being hired at the plant site. This will come before Council on June 3 for approval of JEDA's Industrial Development Revenue Bonds.

2. Long Range Sewer Plan - Mr. Preston presented a report development by B.P. Barber & Associates, Mr. Dewey Pearson, and Mr. Bill West. The 10 Year Plan developed, the first 5 years contain about ten million dollars in projects, and the second five years contains about 6.5 million dollars in projects. Priority was based on present needs, potential, prior projects approved by Anderson County Council, compatibility with County growth patterns, proximity of I-85 interchanges and ability to serve multi-county and other known industrial parks. This is a good blueprint to follow. Additional waste water capacity requirements/needs for treatment are not itemized in the document. Also there is a need to address the existing residential communities in the unincorporated areas. Other aspects of the plan were explained by the Administrator. Four subdivisions which qualify are Centerville Terrace, Beverly Hills Subdivision area, another un-named subdivision, and San Mateo. The plan will go to the State for Endorsement and possible State Revolving Funds. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the 10 year sewer plan and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

(Mr. Banister had to leave at this time.)

- 3. Ongoing Training for Employees**
- 4. Building for Fire Truck**
- 5. Contract Paving Testing**
- 6. Employee Name Tags**
- 7. Alpha Technology Sewer Grant**
- 8. Anderson County Criminal Justice Task Force**
- 9. Airport Renovation - Mr. Preston recommended that the Foundations for the Future Board be allowed to use two offices at the Airport. Mr. Wright moved that the request be granted and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 4-0. This is based on a year to year agreement.**

Mr. McIntosh talked about the need to approve an ordinance for terms concerning the Appalachian Council of Governments new building as discussed last year. Mr. McIntosh explained changes that are needed and asked that Council approve first reading (Ordinance #97-014) by title only. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was three in favor (Tolly, Holden, Wright) and one abstention (Floyd). Mr. Floyd abstained because of being a member of the Board.

- 10. Recreation Fund Account**
- 11. District Paving Account**
- 12. County Building Project Schedules**
- 13. EMS Report for March**

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- 14. Compliance Report for March**
- 15. Public Works Reports for March & April**
- 16. Recycling Report**
- 17. Parks & Recreation Department**
- 18. Building Permit Report**
- 19. Letter of Appreciation from Ron Hart**
- 20. Letter of Appreciation from Pelham Medlock**
- 21. Letter of Appreciation from Jim Grantham**

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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