

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Tommy Sinclair, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Joey English, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly
Absent: Vice Chair Dora Martin

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, WBCU Radio Station, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Mr. Darrell Wade, Ms. Ann Canada, Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension, Mr. James Kollock, Mrs. Anna Brown with the County News, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Frank Hart, Mr. Ray Treadway, Mr. Brooks Carwile, Mr. Howard Gibson, and Mr. Robert Small. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called the meeting to order. Councilman Randall Hanvey gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Joan Little, District 1 – Present
Dora T. Martin, District 2 – Absent due to medical appointment
Tommy E. Ford, District 3 – Present
Joey D. English, District 4 – Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 – Present
Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on February 9, 2010, the special meeting of County Council held on February 16, 2010 and to adopt the minutes as written.
Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Upstate Alliance had planned to make a presentation but had called and cancelled.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented a Union County dollar to Mr. Modest Keenan, Mr. Russell Roark, and Mr. Jay Allen. They were recognized for their contributions to Union County.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented a plaque to and recognized Dylan Lawson for forty wins and one loss to win the State Championship in wrestling.

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Dr. David Keith as Chief of Staff at Wallace Thomson Hospital representing the Union County Medical Society addressed Council about the composition of the Hospital Board and the change that would have to be made because of the physicians being employees of the hospital. The Council had proposed a ten member board with three non-voting members representing the medical community. Dr. Keith stated they recommend that the hospital would like to be involved in the nominating policy and selection policy of members of the board. Physicians would like to be involved in helping select the board members. They want to review the applicants to make sure there is not a conflict of interest. They want to be sure the three ex-officio or advisory members representing the medical community are actually physicians and would like the latitude to bring another physician into that ex-officio status on a temporary basis.

Perry Haney with the Union County Sheriff's Office stated Union County Crime Stoppers is a non-profit corporation. They have a website that contains the most wanted lists and on an outstanding warrants list. Anonymous citizens can call Crime Stoppers and to provide information. He invited Council to attend their meetings.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any comments from elected officials or department heads but there were none.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for third and final reading an amendment to County Ordinance Number 248 to amend the building code fees.

Joey English: Made a motion to adopt the amendment to County Ordinance Number 248 as stated.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any committee reports.

Councilwoman Joan Little as Chair of the Committee on Law Enforcement, Judiciary and Recreation stated the committee recommends to staff concession and ticket takers with three permanent part time employees with one as lead and the other two as team leaders to use them and others as the tournament intensity rises and falls. Chairman Tommy Sinclair restated the motion for the record that the motion would be for the Recreation Committee to staff the concession stand at Timken Sports Complex and ticket takers with three permanent part time employees with one as lead and the other two as team leaders and to use them and others as tournament intensity rises and falls.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to accept the recommendation as stated.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Joan Little as Chair of the Committee on Law Enforcement, Judiciary and Recreation state the committee recommends informing Supreme Court Justice Toole to continue with CMS update as soon as possible and to pay building and wiring upgrades from existing building budget. Chairman Tommy Sinclair restated the motion for the record to inform Supreme Court Justice Toole to continue with CMS update as soon as possible and to pay building and wiring upgrades from existing building budget.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to accept the recommendation as stated.

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Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated he intends to recognize deserving people every month for their contributions to the community by presenting them with the Union County dollar and asked Council to provide their recommendations.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that as slow as it seems he thought progress was being made on the Buffalo Mill cleanup. They attended a hearing and tried to represent the County's position in that the County wants the site cleaned up. The guy cannot clean it up if he is in jail.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Council approved at their meeting on February 16th to proceed with the grant writing help from Catawba Regional Council of Governments. He and Andrena Baker met with them and they have an agreement that they would do it on a grant by grant basis. The City has done an upgrade on the sewer system in Buffalo and will be doing a phase two. They have done one in Union and want to apply to do one in Monarch. He asked for a motion to let the City use one of the County's slots. Under the community grants, the City can have three at a time and the County can have three at a time. The City is maxed out.

Joey English: Made a motion to allow the City of Union to use one of the County's slots.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked if the County has three slots does the county have any taken now. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated we are close to closing the one on the Quick Jobs Center. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated he had advertised for a floating clerk and had received 72 applications. He had decided because of economic reasons at this time not to fill the position.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the final upgrade of the conference room at the annex building is one track with the City paying their part. It is a Victim Advocate expense that actually comes from the State.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the Grand Opening for the Timken Sports Complex went well. Some people expressed disappointment at not being able to attend. If you allowed each benefactor a number of invitees along with State, County and City officials then the spots ran out quickly. The first home run was hit and the first grand slam was hit but they were against Sims. They allowed Sims to use the Timken Sports Complex because they could not use their field. There is a first aid issue and he had talked to the folks with EMS about access. They cannot get an ambulance in there right now. Mr. Sinclair stated he worked in the concession stand which was a good experience. He saw teams and citizens from all over who were pitching in to help.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked if there was any other business but there was none.

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Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for review and approval audits and financial statements for Catawba Regional Council of Governments, Carnegie Library, Disabilities and Special Needs Board, Chamber of Commerce, Council on Aging, Cross Keys Fire Department, Union Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Youth Leadership Program.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to approve the audits and financial statements presented.
Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair requested Council go into executive session to discuss the lawsuit pertaining to the Kelly-Kelton Fire Department.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the lawsuit pertaining to the Kelly-Kelton Fire Department as requested.
Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council went into executive session to discuss the matter specified.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair announced that executive session was closed and no votes were taken.

The Union County Council returned the meeting to regular session.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there were three vacancies on the Union County Tourism Commission and there were two applicants who were Paul Wilkes and Peggy Waller.
Joey English: Made a motion to appoint Paul Wilkes and Peggy Waller to serve on the Tourism Commission.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Randall Hanvey designated Paul Wilkes as his representative for District 5.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated it would be hard to meet the deadline of March 31st in getting the law and ordinance changed pertaining to the composition of the Hospital Board. He entertained a motion to extend the Board in place until the selection process is complete for new appointments.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to do so.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that as a sense of Council to say to the sitting extended Hospital Board that under these temporary conditions that no major management decisions would be made.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to that realizing the temporary nature of the extension that Council requests, even though they know it is non-binding, that no major management decisions be made at Wallace Thomson Hospital District.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to advertise for the potential positions on the Hospital Board.

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Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council