

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007 AT 4:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Vice Chairperson Dora Martin, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Joey English, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilman Joe Lawson, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly
Absent: Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh, Councilwoman Joan Little

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, and Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension.

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin called the meeting to order. Mrs. Martin 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 – Absent
Dora T. Martin, District 2 – Present
Tommy E. Ford, District 3 – Present
Joey D. English, District 4 – Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 – Present
Joe G. Lawson, District 6 – Present

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on May 9, 2007 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin presented a certificate and gift card for Elaine Peake for 10 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin stated Council needed to consider the vacancies on the Union County Development Board.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the City of Union to reappoint Mr. Carlisle Oxner, to accept the recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce to reappoint Mr. Louis Jordan, Jr. and to reappoint Mr. Tommy Fowler as the County' representative to serve on the Development Board.

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

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin stated Council needed to consider the sale of the .21 acre of land in the Buffalo community which was part of the property the county bought when they purchased the mill office. The County received one bid in the amount of \$1,500.00.

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Council held a public hearing concerning the sale of the property and no objections were raised at that time.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion that since there were no objections then the Council would accept Mr. Mack Ochiltree's bid to purchase the .21 acre of land located in Buffalo.

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

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin stated that Mr. Mike Petrie had called and wished to delay his address to Council.

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin reminded Council that the Upstate Workforce Investment Board would be holding the dedication ceremony for the Upstate Workforce and Economic Development Center on Thursday, June 14, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the From Building located at 103 West Main Street in Union.

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin informed Council there would be a dedication ceremony at the new park in Jonesville on Monday, June 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Tax Assessor Bill Randall presented various properties that were considered unsightly or needed to be condemned. They included three properties owned by Robert Steve Bogan located in Jonesville at Bogan's Used Cars, at 422 S. Main Street, and at 429 S. Main Street. There was one piece of property owned by James and Timothy Fowler located on Harris Street in Jonesville, one piece of property owned by Helen Williams located at 206 Church Street in Jonesville and one piece of property owned by Angus Garner at 418 Church Street in Jonesville. There was a piece of property owned by Bruce Smith located in Ottoray at 102 3rd Street and a piece of property owned by Joe Helton located in Ottoray at 109 3rd Street. There was a piece of property owned by Dennis Tucker located at 209 Wardlaw Street and a piece of property owned by Elliott Holdings located at 4447 Cross Keys Highway. Helen Williams was present and had a gentleman with her who said he would help her get the property cleaned up and make the house livable. Mrs. Martin suggested they get together with the Tax Assessor to see what needed to be done.

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin presented for third and final reading an amendment to County Ordinance No. 214 which created the Union County Tourism Commission to require the members to attend seventy-five percent of all meetings during each calendar year.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to adopt the amendment to the ordinance pertaining to the Union County Tourism Commission as stated.

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

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing the development of a joint county industrial and business park in Spartanburg County in conjunction with Spartanburg County and a written agreement with Spartanburg County to provide for the manner by which expenses and revenues for such park will be allocated.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance pertaining to a Multi-County Park Agreement with the County of Spartanburg.

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

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin introduced in title only an amendment to the ordinance which created the Union County Carnegie Library Board to allow for staggered terms.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to dispense with referring the amendment to the ordinance pertaining to the Library Board to a committee and to accept first reading as stated.

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

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin called for any committee reports but there were none at this time.

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin called for any other business but there was none.

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin presented audits and financial statements from the South Carolina Association of Counties, Clemson Extension and Bonham Fire District for Council to review and approve.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to approve the audits and financial statements as presented.

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

Vice Chairperson Dora Martin stated that Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh was absent as he was spending some much deserved vacation time with his family.

As there were no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Dora T. Martin, Vice Chairperson
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council