

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - August 7, 2001 - 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

PRESENT

Chairman Clint Wright - District #4 - Presiding
G. Fred Tolly - District #1
Gracie S. Floyd - District #2
Larry E. Greer - District #3
Vice Chairman Mike Holden - District #5
William C. Dees - District #6
M. Cindy Wilson - District #7
Joey Preston - Administrator
Tom Martin - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council
Tammie Shealy - Deputy Clerk to Council

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, August 7, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Wright called for approval of the minutes from the July 3, 2001 and July 17, 2001 minutes as mailed. Mr. Tolly moved approve and Mr. Greer seconded. Chairman Wright called attention to the minutes of July 3, 2001 - page 3, bottom of page: line #2. "Townville Community Center" should be "*Double Springs Fire Department*". Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes with the one amendment.

Public Comments: Mr. David Quinnally spoke concerning the proposed billboard ordinance and changes that he would like to see made to the ordinance. He asked the county committee to look at the following items: spacing-under "A" he would like it be changed from 1000' of any billboard add "on the same side of the road or street" and within 500' of any residential zone "within the same side of street or road". Maximum Allowable Height - asking for 100' on a billboard for I85 (currently 70') and 60' for billboards in all other sections (currently 50'), Minimum setback from any right of way-ask for 5'. #10 (d) - "New Billboards will only be eligible for permits if other Billboards are removed at a ratio of one square foot of new Billboard sign face area for each one square foot of billboard sign face area removed." Change "one square foot for *every three foot taken down*". He said that these changes will not only work toward the benefit of the County but also to the benefit of outdoor companies within this market. He said that he would type up these recommendations and give them to the secretary. Council received as information.

Miss Crystal Dawson and Mr. Kenneth Brownlee gave a brief speech on the SHARE program and the experience that they gained this summer while participating in the program. They thanked Ms. Gracie Floyd and members of Council for appropriating the money, which made it possible for them to work.

Chairman Wright presented County Fire Chief Glenn Gables and City Fire Chief Jack Abraham a check in the amount of \$15,000 to be used for the Anderson Fire Training Services building. Both Chief Gables and Chief Abraham thanked Council for their contribution toward the project.

Chairman Wright recognized Boy Scout Troop 84 who was in attendance.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the Noise Committee studying proposed changes to the County Noise Ordinance. Sheriff Taylor was not in attendance; therefore, the Council asked the Clerk to Council to place the item on the next agenda and to contact the Sheriff.

Mr. Michael Cunningham presented Ms. Adrienne Sayers as Employee of the Month of June 2001. Ms. Sayers was nominated by Mr. Chuck Watkins of the Purchasing Department for her ability to efficiently handle all tasks required by the department. She is loyal, capable and exhibits tremendous initiative and has served in various capacities, he said. She was presented an Employee of the Month plaque, Anderson County shirt, gift certificate to a local restaurant, a day off certificate and a plaque to hang in her office. Council thanked Ms. Sayers for a job well done.

Mr. Joey Preston announced that the County had won the J. Mitchell Graham Memorial Award for their presentation on GenPower which was a collaborative effort with the City of Anderson, Homeland Park Water and Sewer District, School District Three and GenPower in finding a site that met all GenPower's needs while securing a \$300 million investment in the County from the Company. The tax base of Anderson County School District three is expected to more than double.

Mr. Tom Martin presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2001-014 - an ordinance to amend Ordinance #98-019 as previously amended by Ordinance #99-029 and by Ordinance #2000-063 relating to the Industrial/Business Park of Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Ms. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2001-007 - an ordinance amending Chapter 38 of the Anderson County Code of ordinances by identifying and designating all roads in Anderson County currently maintained by the Anderson County Transportation Division as County roads, accepting such roads into the County road system, specifying the only means in which a new or existing private road may be designated a county road, and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Holden moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Tolly seconded. Mr. Greer discussed right of ways on county roads and that in the past the county has not required any form of deed of conveyance for such roads. Mr. Greer moved to amend the ordinance in the manner outlined in Mr. Martin's letter (Page 2 - paragraph designated as #4)

from Tom Martin, county attorney. The following language will be added at the end of subparagraph (2) of Ordinance #2001-007: "..., transferred to the county by warranty deed, and accepted by action of County Council.", and by adding a requirement to Section 38-639 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances that any road accepted into the Anderson County Road system, upon inspection of county staff, must be voted into the road system by action of County Council and title to such road must be conveyed to Anderson County by warranty deed. This would only apply to future roads accepted into the County. Mr. Tolly seconded the amendment and vote was unanimous. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Martin presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2001-025 - an ordinance finding that Homeland Park Water District may issue not exceeding \$800,000 General Obligation Bonds; to authorize Homeland Park Water District Commission to issue such bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization. On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance as presented on final reading. This has no fiscal impact on Anderson County at all.

Mr. Tom Martin presented first reading of Ordinance #2001-027 - an ordinance to amend Ordinance #98-019, as previously amended by Ordinances #99-029, #2000-063, and #2001-014, relating to the industrial/business park of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park (for new Michelin facility on Dobbins' Bridge Road). Mr. Martin reported that on January 9 and 16, County Council approved first and second readings of Ordinance #2001-002 dealing with this issue. This ordinance has been withdrawn and is a dead issue. Mr. Dees moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Greer seconded. Ms. Floyd asked why ordinance #2001-002 was being replaced with #2001-027. Mr. Greer asked that Mr. Galloway (Bond Counsel) be present at the next meeting to answer questions. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin presented first reading of Ordinance #2001-026 - an ordinance approving a rezoning request to change from R-20 (Single Family Residential) to P-D (Planned Development) 15.26 acres at the southern corner of Old

Williamston Road and Cobb's Way, located in Council District #1 within the Hammond School Voting Precinct. A public hearing was held; no comments were received. Mr. Greer moved to approve and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was six in favor and one abstention (Mr. Tolly). Motion carried.

Mr. Greer asked for a Point of Personal Privilege. Mr. Greer stated that under the ordinance it would require two-thirds approval from Council to add a resolution to the agenda to recognize all parties who participated in the development of the GenPower Project and the presentation. Vote was unanimous to add to the agenda. Mr. Greer then moved that Council approve Resolution (#R2001-032) recognizing all who participated in making the GenPower Project and the J. Mitchell Graham possible. Mr. Martin will prepare the resolution for execution. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin presented a proposal for sale of land to Westwind, Inc. at the Anderson Regional Airport. A certified professional appraiser has appraised the land and the County has proposed to sale the land to the current tenant for the appraised value of the land as recommended by the Economic Development Manager and the Airport Manager. The appraised value is \$15,000 per acre for a total price of \$44,700 for the entire 2.98 acres. If Council desires to sale the land it must be done by ordinance. Mr. Tolly moved to approve first reading (title only) of Ordinance #2001-028 to sale the land as recommended and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mike Freeman informed Council that in 1995, State law was changed placing each county on a 5-year reassessment cycle. The County's last reassessment was 1996 and implemented in 1997. Reassessment basically aligns real estate tax values with current market sales. The County is scheduled now for a 2001 reassessment for implementation in 2002. The 1995 law also gave County Councils the option to postpone reassessment for one year. Mr. Freeman stated that his Department is approximately 90% complete at this time. Council discussed their option to postpone. Ms. Floyd asked Council to postpone making a decision until all members of Council has

an opportunity to check with their respective school districts and others that might be involved. Mr. Greer moved to delay the implementation of reassessment for one year and Mr. Dees seconded. Council discussed further. Ms. Wilson moved to table and Ms. Floyd seconded. Vote was three in favor (Holden, Wilson, Floyd) and four opposed (Wright, Greer, Tolly, Dees). Motion failed. Mr. Greer moved to adjourn for a brief recess and Mr. Dees seconded. Council recessed for 10 minutes. Chairman Wright called the meeting back to order. Council agreed to postpone any action until the next meeting. Mr. Greer and Mr. Dees both withdrew their motion and second.

Mr. Dees moved to appoint Dr. Freddie Zink to the Zoning Advisory Group to represent District #6. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Gracie Floyd stated that she had received numerous calls regarding mosquitoes. She said that Mr. Preston had already implemented a system to help alleviate the mosquito problem. She encouraged Mr. Preston to continue spraying for these mosquitoes and also she encouraged all citizens to pour out any standing water that could be breeding places. Ms. Wilson suggested that the county post the chemicals that are being used for spraying and also the schedule of spraying. Mr. Greer asked Mr. Preston to notify Council if funding for this purpose is needed.

Mr. Greer moved to approve the District #3 paving list in the amount of \$270,768.60. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved to approve the paving of P. Williams Road (C-07-0082) in the amount of \$13,122 from District #7 Paving fund account. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved to approve the following appropriations from District #7 Recreation Fund account: \$5,000 for the Williamston Depot Project, \$4,000 for Hammond School, \$250 for the Friendship Walking Track to buy benches and tables, and \$500 for the SERVE, Inc. for plumbing problems. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

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Item #12(g): Public Safety Issues - Mr. Holden stated that at this time all issues are cleared up.

Mr. Holt Hopkins explained that there was a request to close a small portion of Interlaken Way (C-8-89). Mr. Holden moved to approve the closure and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$2,000 each (total of \$4,000) for two ball teams going to state playoffs. The funds will come from District #5 Recreation Account. Ms. Floyd seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to abandon a section of Field's Avenue (C-4-60) as requested by a property owner. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dees stated that he wanted to make sure that Lane Drive was removed from Ordinance #2001-007 - an ordinance identifying all county roads. Mr. Holt Hopkins stated that Lane Drive has been removed from the list. Mr. Dees moved to approve District #6 paving list for a total of \$171,141 and which includes North Street in Williamston and James Drive in West Pelzer. Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright explained that he had received a request from a group of citizens that live on Mays Street for speed humps. The road has become a cut-through off Clemson Blvd. to get over to Sandy Springs, he said. Mr. Hopkins estimates that two speed humps can be installed for \$1,044.40. Mr. Wright moved to approve and the funds to come from District #4 paving account. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to accept Country View Estates, Pristine Drive (Honey Creek Subdivision), and Woodson Lake Subdivision (Phase I & II) into the County road system. Ms. Floyd seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer stated that he had been asked to serve on the advisory committee developing the regional strategic plan for Economic Development

by the Appalachian Council of Governments. He then passed out a copy of the plan for Anderson County. Mr. Steve Pelissier with the Council of Governments explained the plan to Council. Council will look at and review and a resolution will be prepared for adoption of the plan at the next meeting scheduled for August 21, 2001.

Ms. Wilson asked for a Point of Personal Privilege. She said that she was told that the census numbers were in for redistricting and she would like to request that a meeting be set up with all staff involved. She also requested that within two weeks of any advisory board meeting that the minutes be sent to Council Members for their review, and she requested the general ledger report as soon as possible. She stated that the transfers included in the agenda packet were old and some were repeats from April and May. She asked that the Jockey Lot Convenience Center be checked out regarding paving. Mr. Preston stated that that center would be redone very soon and therefore that is why paving has not been done there.

Mr. Greer stated that he had a request for speed bumps on Sam Bryum road in Iva. He asked Mr. Hopkins to report to Council the reason why these speed bumps could not be installed. He said that this County road must have a speed limit of less than 25 mph.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- (a) Proposed Billboard Ordinance
- (b) Certificates and Training:
 - 1. Ms. Melissa DeCandt - Microsoft PowerPoint 2000 Proficient & Microsoft Excel 2000 Proficient, Microsoft Word 2000 Proficient
 - 2. Public Safety Division June 2001 Training Report
- (c) Letters of Appreciation:
 - 1. For: Mr. Jerry Stamps' Road Maintenance Crew (Mr. David Boston, Mr. Frank Anderson, and Mr. Jr. Greenway) From: Residents of Oak Ridge Apartments
 - 2. For: Mr. Aaron Smarts' Road Maintenance Crew (Mr. Ike Viney and Mr. Walt Bethea) From: Mrs. Hazel Jameson

3. For: Mr. Aaron Smarts' Road Maintenance Crew (Mr. Roman Laboto, Mr. Barry Prescott, and Mr. Owen Martinson) From: Mr. Craig Boyles
4. For: Ms. Sharon Oliver of the Assessor's Office From: Ms. Kelly Cox
5. For: Mr. Mark McConnell Pipe Crew (P-Nut Lindsey, Mr. Scott Jenkins, Mr. Carl Shaw, Mr. Calvin Scott, and Mr. Bobby Sargent) From: Mr. Doyle McKinnley
6. For: Ms. Brenda Wood, Assessor's Office From: Ms. Melanie D. Page of D & S Homes, Inc.
7. For: Ms. Johnny Johnson of Public Safety From: Mr. Gonzales
8. For: Ms. Jessica Gump of Public Safety From: Mr. Dale Horne
9. For: Ms. Linda Rook of Public Safety From: Mr. Joe Barr of the Williamston Fire Department
10. For: All Telecommunicators of Public Safety From: Fire Chief Jack Abraham

(d) Minutes:

1. Transportation Division-Safety meeting of July 13, 2001
2. Transportation Division-Safety meeting of July 27, 2001
3. EMS Commission Meeting
4. Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

(e) Reports:

1. Building & Codes Monthly Report-June, 2001
2. Road Maintenance Litter Report - July 2-27, 2001
3. District Paving Report

(f) Sports and Entertainment Scheduled Events for August

(g) *GSA Business* Article on Anderson Regional Airport

(h) Budget Transfers for April and May, 2001

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council