

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Regular Meeting - February 18, 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, February 18, 1997 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Chairman William A. Floyd 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 February 4, 1997 minutes as mailed.**

**Public Comments: Mr. Roger Rawls, President of the Piedmont Chapter of the  
American Civil Liberties Union of South Carolina, appeared at the request of a  
member of the chapter concerning certain practices of Council. He said that the  
ACLU is dedicated to preserving and defending the rights and liberties guaranteed  
to all Americans by the Constitution and Bill of Rights and committed to protecting  
fundamental principals such as the separation of Church and State. No  
governmental officials however sincere their religious belief may impose those  
religious beliefs on others directly or indirectly and when County Council opens the  
sessions with a prayer it does that. Ms. Jo Ann Moonie, President of the Up State  
Sectular Humanists of South Carolina also expressed opposition to Council opening**

the meetings with prayer. Mr. Michael Deanhardt also spoke on "community standards" and incident in 1969. He then complained of a council member leaving the Council meeting to go to Oakwood Baptist Church for another meeting. Council received all remarks as information.

Council recognized Mr. Iberneal Southerland as Anderson County Fireman of the Year.

Mr. Doug Bell with Michelin presented a grant check in the amount of \$40,000 for starting "seed" money for project at the Fire Training Center. Mr. Bell also presented a letter of commitment (phase 2) in the amount of \$80,000 to be used for the construction of the Sports Complex.

All new County uniforms were modeled for Council to see the new look.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted four in favor and one opposed (Banister) to approve second reading of Ordinance #97-006 - an ordinance for the purpose of establishing an accommodations fee to apply to all accommodations located in Anderson County, South Carolina and providing for severability and an effective date. A public hearing was held. No comments were heard.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #97-005 - an ordinance to provide supplemental appropriations for the year beginning July 1, 1996, and ending June 30, 1997, for the Anderson County budget for ordinary County purposes; to provide for funding; to provide for matters relating to Anderson County; and to provide for the expenditure of said appropriations.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #97-007 - an ordinance to amend section 55-30 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances - Grievance Procedures.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R97-012 - a resolution endorsing and supporting the goals and program of the OMEGA PROJECT established by the Anderson County Human Relations Council.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve a Proclamation proclaiming May 24, 1997 as NATIVE PLANT AWARENESS DAY in the Tri-County Region: Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee

**Counties.**

**On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve transfers as designated in each packet for the following departments:**

**Animal Shelter - \$27,200 from Contingency fund**

**Assessor - additional funding within the department to purchase car**

**Building & Grounds - within department budget for week-end work (\$800)**

**Solid Waste - (from within the department) \$10,000 from Management Consulting Fund to repairs to equipment, \$9,000 from equipment and machinery to repair to equipment, \$5,000 from Landfill closure to repairs to equipment, \$81,000 construction in progress to repairs to equipment, \$30,000 from electricity and Gas to Repairs to Equipment, \$5,000 from engineering to repairs to equipment, \$4,000 from supplies-safety to repairs to equipment, \$7,000 from monitoring equipment to repairs to equipment.**

**Sheriff - (within the departmental budget) \$10,000 from repairs to vehicles to uniforms, \$5,000 from Repairs to vehicles to repairs to equipment, \$20,000 from salaries to temporary-part time, \$30,000 from salaries to overtime,**

**Court Coordinator - (within the departmental budget) \$1,500 from permanent full time to temporary part time.**

**On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the paving of an existing parking area at Sheppard Swim Center and a new proposed parking area. The amount needed: existing: \$12,180, proposed: \$3,476 for a total of \$15,656 to come from District #2 paving account.**

**Mr. Banister explained a request from the Town of Honea Path for a portion of Shirley Avenue be closed to make way for a new shopping center. The County has written statement that no further liability to the county on this road. Mr. Banister moved to allow the section to be closed by abandoning any interest in the section of the road and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.**

**Mr. Floyd presented a request from the Anderson County Office of the Department of Juvenile Justice asking for office space in the old Nations Bank building. Mr. Floyd has all information and suggested that this request be referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation.**

**Mr. Preston informed Council of a meeting last week with the State Budget and Control Board. He said that the purpose of the meeting was that the county road map was 30-40% inaccurate/incomplete. This could mean that the population**

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count could be off 5-7%. This would mean more money for State Aide to Subdivisions. Mr. Preston will keep Council aware of this.

Mr. Holden asked the Administrator to check into repairs at Wellington Park on the fence, lighting and crime watch signs. He also asked that the mud on Seminole Point be removed done by logging trucks.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- 1. Temporary Restraining Order- Mike Cannon and Show Club at Hot Shots**
- 2. 1996 Reassessment Program Information Sheet**
- 3. Council road Report from Public Works**
- 4. Letter form Duke Power**
- 5. Compliance Office - January Activity Report**
- 6. Special Olympics Indoor Games and Receipt of new Van**
- 7. Recognition of Civic Center**
- 8. Letter of Gratitude from Belton Senior Citizen's Action Center**

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
**Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk**  
**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL**