

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Called Meeting - November 8, 1982 - 5:30 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:

Vice Chairman - Daniel A. Rhodes  
Joseph G. Wright, III  
Fred H. Bratcher  
Curtis Kinley  
David L. Hooper  
Attorney - Robert P. Lusk

Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order and Councilman David Hooper gave the invocation.

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Whatley presented a tax execution notice from the County for delinquent taxes for 1979. They stated that the penalty was unfair and should be dropped from the charge. On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to request the County Treasurer to withdraw the penalty.

Mr. Watson presented Ordinance #97 for approval on second reading. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Kinley, Council voted unanimously to amend the Ordinance to include \$10,850 for the Sheriff's budget (\$5,000 for direct assistance and \$650 for telephone expenses per month).

Mr. Lusk presented Ordinance #98 WestPel Cable TV Franchise. On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the Ordinance on second reading. Mr. Rodgers presented a map for amendment to the franchise.

Mr. Kinley discussed the leasing of the County Farm Property. On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted two in favor and two opposed leasing the County Farm Property. Mr. Wright and Mr. Bratcher voted against the motion. Mr. Rhodes voted in favor to break the tie. Mr. Kinley stated that the contract will stipulate that no milo or sorghum be planted on the right hand side of highway 24 known as Bobbie Dan Property and also if Anderson County gets the FAA Flight Station and if they want the property, the lease will automatically terminate and the successful bidder will be reimbursed for lease fee and expenses incurred. The 11 acres inside the fence will be eliminated from the property and the lease will be for 1 year only beginning January 1, 1983, and ending December 31, 1983. Council heard remarks from several citizens regarding the lease. The County Attorney will draw up the contract. Mr. Wright goes on record as stating that the lease of the property could cause a potential liability problem. He stated that when we get into commercial leasing, this type enterprise might effect sovereign immunity of the County. The County would be incurring a tremendous potential liability in thousands of dollars in case of some disaster.

On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to instruct Mr. Watson to contact whoever in charge and have them start moving all cattle from the Airport property and move to the Stockade property first thing Tuesday, November 9.

Mr. Walters, Engineer, requested additional funds for patching-Acct. 310.35. He stated thru October he has spent \$64,597 out of \$70,000 already appropriated. On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to appropriate \$5,000 for Acct. #310.35 and when Booker Street is complete go to Lake Meredith Road and complete it.


On the motion of Mr. Wright, Council directed Mr. L.H. Senn to draw up an Ordinance concerning the Sewer Referendum that passed and present at the next meeting.

Council discussed a letter from the Broadway Lake Commission concerning the sewer line that will cross Broadway Creek. Council directed Mr. Senn to draw up a letter for the next meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kinley, Council voted unanimously to recommend that the homeowners' assessment be set at 2% rather than 4% which would reduce the homeowners' taxes by one-half without requiring any additional taxes as an option for property tax relief. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously as a second option to property tax relief to have a local option of  $\frac{1}{2}$ % sales tax increase and have a Homestead exemption as the second option. The exemptions should be about \$100,000.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, Council adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk  
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