

JOINT MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
AND THE CARLISLE TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.
CARLISLE FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCATED AT
4600 KING KENNEDY HIGHWAY IN CARLISLE, SC

Present-County Council: Chairman Frank Hart, Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford, Councilwoman Joan Little Councilman Ralph Tucker, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: None

Present-Town Council: Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn, Councilwoman Maxine Spencer, Councilwoman Darlene Small, Councilwoman Ann Stevens, Councilman Ronnie Lyles and Clerk to Council Shannon McBride.

Absent: None

Council Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order for the Union County Council. County Council Chaplin Ben Ivey 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

Ralph Tucker, District 2 – Present

Tommy Ford, District 3 - Present

Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present

Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn called the special meeting to order for the Carlisle Town Council.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Carlisle Town Council would adopt the County's Building Codes Ordinance so that the County could provide the Town of Carlisle with code enforcement. There would not be a fee involved and the existing one part-time person would be used for enforcement. The County also has a full-time Building Inspector. He said the County is working on a grant to hire a full-time person to handle litter control and be a backup for animal control. They would provide services to the Town of Carlisle. The County cannot legally enforce the ordinance until the Memorandum of Agreement is in place. The Town of Carlisle is currently contracting with an outside agency for building code enforcement. There was discussion about providing public safety, beautifying the community to bring in new businesses, having a health clinic, banking, retail, manufacturing, and transportation for the Town of Carlisle. Chairman Frank Hart asked how the Town of Carlisle could be marketed. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated the Carlisle area is known for deer hunting. Chairman Frank Hart suggested building on a theme that is unique to the Carlisle area. Councilwoman Maxine Spencer stated there are natural springs in the area. Councilwoman Ann Stevens stated there are problems with

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crime and drugs in Carlisle and public safety is an issue. Chairman Frank Hart stated it would cost about \$100,000 for two deputies because the Town of Lockhart also needs public safety and that cost would not include equipment. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated that at one time the Sheriff only had four cars patrolling Union County at night which has 140 miles of county roads. Mayor Glenn stated the grass cutting on the edge of the roads and the upkeep on the playground and baseball fields needed to be put on a schedule. Mayor Glenn stated that because the State is not doing their job they need the County to step up to do their job and do it on a regular basis. Chairman Frank Hart stated he has a meeting with DOT officials to discuss a master plan for Union County. Mayor Glenn stated ESPN was writing a special article about the Carlisle baseball field. She stated they have received assistance from the County with updating the playground but the equipment is very old. They need a place for the kids to go with safe equipment. Mayor Glenn asked about PARD funds and how they worked. Chairman Frank Hart stated they could look into that.

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn presented for final reading their ordinance Number 18 to repeal the Town of Carlisle's building code ordinance and replace it with the Union County Building, Construction, and Technical Codes which was adopted by the Town Council.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on August 11, 2015 and to adopt the minutes as written.

Ralph Tucker: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider appointments to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to appoint Charles Lott, Sr. to serve on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission as his recommendation.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion.

Chairman Frank Hart recommended the appointment of Modest Keenan.

Joan Little: Made a motion to appoint Modest Keenan to serve on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission as recommended by Chairman Frank Hart.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any comments from elected officials or department heads.

Ronnie Roberson as Director of EMS stated if anyone had any problems or concerns with EMS to see him after the meeting.

Curtis Hunter as Director of the Tourism Commission updated Council on the Blue Way Summit held in Lockhart on August 25th, the Float Down the River scheduled for October 24th, and the Coon Hunter events. The Uniquely Union Festival will be held on September 11th and 12th.

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Chairman Frank Hart presented a resolution allowing the Supervisor to negotiate with Republic Services on all issues pertaining to the landfill in Union County, and to grant the Supervisor the authority to abandon the right of way of Wildcat Road on the expanded landfill property, and to grant the Supervisor permission to enter into an agreement with Republic Services to seek closure of a portion of Wildcat Road. County Council also wished to express that the County intends to cease maintenance, seek judicial closure and abandonment of a portion of Wildcat Road.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution pertaining to Republic Services and Wildcat Road as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented a resolution allowing the Supervisor to negotiate with ESAB on all issues pertaining to the current Lease Agreement and all issues pertaining to an extension and amendment to the current Lease Agreement.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution pertaining to the Lease Agreement with ESAB as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented a resolution authorizing the County Supervisor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Towns of Carlisle, South Carolina and Lockhart, South Carolina, for the County to provide building code enforcement services for the towns, and other matters related thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution pertaining to providing building code enforcement services to the Town of Carlisle and the Town of Lockhart as stated.

Ralph Tucker: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated the County had purchased the property for a park as part of the Ottaray Project. She said she attended a meeting of the fire chiefs and there is a State grant for firemen who have never been certified with the State. Once they have completed the certification they would get \$1,700 for turnout gear and a free physical. She suggested the County advertise this to the public and include in the ad that interested parties would contact their respective fire departments.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie had discussed in the past some type of facility for football player's home team and visitors to use at the Union County Stadium. She asked that it be discussed at their next meeting. She felt that the County should have a long term commitment from the School District on whether or not they plan to continue to use the stadium before committing any County funds for the project. Chairman Frank Hart stated funding was the big issue. Councilman Randall Hanvey suggested the discussion should include County Council, City Council, the Fair Board and the School Board and they should share the cost. Chairman Frank Hart appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Ralph Tucker, and Councilman Randall Hanvey to study the project.

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Chairman Frank Hart asked the Committee on Public Works, Roads, and Bridges and County Property to meet to discuss the paving projects completed this year, discuss the 2015-2016 Road Paving Plan and the County Facility Plan. He asked the Committee on Law Enforcement, Judiciary and Recreation to meet to discuss the Building Code Ordinance and the Animal Control Ordinance. He asked the Committee on Personnel, County Offices and Departments to meet to discuss a personnel policy issue as it relates to the accrual of services years for health insurance benefits and an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. He asked the Committee on County Administration and Finance to meet to discuss bids for replacement of the roof on the fair main building, bids for the HVAC work at the Detention Center and the Jail, discuss the unaudited financial results for the prior fiscal year, and hold an executive session to discuss a contractual matter related to county offices. Then Council would need to hold a special meeting to consider recommendations from the committees. It was suggested the meetings be scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council had been provided a copy of a letter from Spartanburg Regional on the healthcare system. They asked the Council to write letters of support as they are working on the Certificate of Need process for their home healthcare services in Union County.

Chairman Frank Hart provided Council with the Union Community Indicators which was done by the WIB and USC-Spartanburg. The Public Health Committee will be meeting on September 10th at the SC Works Office at 10:00 a.m. The Uniquely Union Festival will be held on September 11th and 12th. The Miracle League is having a pageant on September 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the USC-U auditorium. They are kicking off the Stinger Football season on September 19th. Councilwoman Joan Little stated that was the same day as the Jonesville Festival. Chairman Frank Hart stated the Union County Arts Council reception is Thursday, September 24th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. He said they were working on their next meeting with the Legislative Delegation for early October. He asked Council to come prepared to have their picture taken at the October 13th meeting at 4:00 p.m. for individual and group photos. The Float the Broad River to Lockhart is coming up in mid-October. The South Carolina Association of Counties is holding classes on October 22nd and the County would provide transportation for any members who could attend. The SCAC Fall Meeting will be held on October 23rd. The Development Board Director is working on a familiarization tour to look at industrial sites and the spec building.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for Council's review and approval financial statements from the Town of Jonesville and the Union County Agricultural Fair Association.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to approve the financial statements from the Town of Jonesville and the Union County Agricultural Fair Association.

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

Chairman Frank Hart informed Council they had been provided with a copy of the updated Union County prioritized community needs list. To seek funds for renovations of the

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Union County Carnegie Library to include ADA accessibility was added as item number four on the list.

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn adjourned the meeting for the Carlisle Town Council.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting.

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

The joint meeting of the Union County Council and the Carlisle Town Council adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chair
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council