

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006 AT 4:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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

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, WSPA-TV, WIS News, Allen Hutto with MHISC, Mr. Ethan Burroughs with Wachovia Bank, the Union County Development Board, Mr. J. B. Stepp, Mr. Scott Frost, Wallace Thomson Hospital, Mr. John Cadena with SCANA Corp., Ms. Ann Fesperman with the Upstate Workforce Investment Board, Mr. Darrell Wade, Ms. Ann Canada, Ms. Annie E. Wessinger with Capital Consultants, Ms. Sandra Palmer and Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called the meeting to order. Chaplain Dora Martin gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Toney L. Farr, District 1 – Present
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 – Absent (Vacation)

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of Union County Council held on June 14, 2006, the special meeting of County Council held on June 28, 2006, and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented a service award certificate and gift certificate to Ora J. Savage for 5 years, to James C. Boyd for 5 years, and to Myron Harris for 15 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh recognized his special guest, his daughter Bailey, who was present at the Council meeting.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated the new van purchased for the Recreation Department was parked in front of the Tax Assessor's Office if Council wanted to have a look at it after the Council meeting adjourned.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated the Finance Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, July 19th at 4:00 p.m. for a presentation from the Historical Society and to consider an intergovernmental agreement from the City of Union for use of the County's animal shelter.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated he attended the meeting of the Tourism Commission and stated they have come up with some great ideas. They set up some subcommittees and they are gaining momentum. It was encouraging to see all the energy and direction being taken.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any elected officials or department heads who wished to address Council. There were none.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina, and LSP Automotive Systems, LLC, with respect to certain economic development property, wherein such property

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would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes and other matters related thereto.

Toney Farr: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance pertaining to the Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement with LSP Automotive, LLC as stated.

Dora Martin: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for second reading an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg County, such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Union County and established pursuant to Sec. 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Spartanburg County to provide for the expenses of the Park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxation; and other matters related thereto.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance pertaining to developing a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park as stated in relation to LSP Automotive Systems, LLC.

Toney Farr: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh asked County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros about a resolution pertaining to LSP. Mr. Diamaduros stated he did not think it had come in yet because of needed changes and he had not received the revised version.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any committee reports but there were none at this time. Mr. Betenbaugh stated that Council needed to do some preliminary ground work on the Building Inspector's position as well as the rules and system the Council would operate under.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any other business.

Councilman Randall Hanvey commended Becky Cobb and her staff at the Union County Recreation Department for doing such a great job on the ball fields for the playoffs. Councilwoman Dora Martin stated they not only did a great job on that but do a fantastic job all year. The third tournament will occur next week.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh gave a reminder that there would be a public hearing held on Thursday, July 13th in the Main Court Room at the Courthouse concerning the sports complex. Timken has some additions they would like to add into the process that he hopes to announce at that time.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council