

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2006 AT 4:35 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, Councilman Joe Lawson, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: None

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 – Present

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of Union County Council held on November 8, 2006 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented certificates and gift cards to Mike Savage for 5 years of dedicated service, to James W. Vaughn for 5 years of dedicated service, to Clyde Rutledge for 10 years of dedicated service, to Jackie Boulware for 5 years of dedicated services and to Becky Cobb for 25 years of dedicated service and to Roger Gregory for 30 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Heather Daum with the Recreation Department recognized the winners of the Christmas Lighting Contest. The winners in the creative category were first place to Joe and Sandy Wade, second place to Paul Burgess and third place to Rev. Aubrey Parks. The winners

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in the elegant category were first place to Tracy and Lori Sanders, second place to John Walton, and third place to April Smith. Each of the winners received a cash prize and was congratulated for their efforts.

Chamber of Commerce Director Torance Inman informed Council that the Sandlapper Magazine would be doing a six page article on Union County in the summer edition at a cost of \$5,000.00. He stated they already had commitments of \$3,000.00. Mr. Inman requested that County Council provide \$1,000.00.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to approve \$1,000.00 for the article in the Sandlapper Magazine.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced a resolution awarding the bid for upgrade of the Standard Textile Carolina Wastewater Pretreatment Plant to JL Construction Company of Piedmont in the amount of \$831,800.00 contingent on Standard Textile Carolina, Inc. agreeing to pay for all project costs greater than the grant amount of \$400,000.00, that JL Construction Company meets all the contracting requirements of the Catawba Regional Council of Governments and the South Carolina Department of Commerce, and that JL Construction Company meet all requirements of the contract documents, specifications and drawings for the upgrade of the Pretreatment Plant.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution awarding the bid to JL Construction Company of Piedmont as stated.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced an ordinance in title only creating an Infrastructure and Development Bank.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to accept first reading of the ordinance to create an Infrastructure and Development Bank.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh referred the ordinance to the Committee on County Administration and Finance for further review and creation of a document.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any committee reports but there were none at this time.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented Councilman Toney L. Farr with a proclamation recognizing his educational and career achievements. Mr. Farr served in the South Carolina House of Representatives then went on to serve on the Union County Council. Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh proclaimed December 13, 2006 as Toney L. Farr Day and encouraged all citizens to celebrate the positive impact he has made. Councilman Farr expressed his appreciation. He stated he dreaded this day since it was his last day working with County Council as he was honored to serve as a member of this governing body. He commended Council on the way they conducted themselves and the meetings. Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated he appreciated Mr. Farr's commitment to public office and appreciated his family for allowing him to serve.

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Dora Martin: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council