

MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
WITH THE LOCKHART TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.
LOCKHART POWER COMPANY LOCATED AT
420 RIVER STREET IN LOCKHART, SC

Present-County Council: Chairman Frank Hart, Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey, Councilwoman Tracie Campbell, Councilman Ralph Tucker, Councilman David Sinclair, Councilman Tommie Hill, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: None

Present-Town Council: Mayor Connie Porter, Councilwoman Wanda Stein, Councilman Jeryl Smallwood and Clerk to Council Shannon Terry

Absent: Councilman Donnie Adams

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 or emailed to the members of the Union County Council, to the County Attorney, to the Union County Development Board, Jeff Fellers with Clemson Extension, Jami Trammell with Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Robert Small, Mr. James Kollock, Mrs. Curtiss Hunter, Mrs. Casie Jolly, Mike Stevens at WBCU Radio Station, Graham Williams at the County News, Charles Warner at the Union Times, Jason Spencer with the Spartanburg Herald Journal, the News Room at the Spartanburg Herald Journal, Chris Lavender with the Spartanburg Herald Journal, Shell Suber at MHISC, Michael Lee with MHISC, Rob Fraim at Emergency Services and Randall Hanvey. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

County Council Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order for the Union County Council. County Council Chaplin David Sinclair gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Tracie Campbell, District 1 – Present

Ralph Tucker, District 2 – Present

David Sinclair, District 3 - Present

Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present

Tommie Hill, District 5 - Present

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on April 9, 2019, the Finance Committee Budget Work Sessions held on April 11, 2019, April 16, 2019, April 25, 2019 and May 7, 2019 and to approve the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Frank Hart thanked the Lockhart Town Council for meeting with the County Council and said there were some good things happening in Lockhart.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated that next on the agenda was Brandy Boyter to discuss the code enforcement and animal control ordinance but she was not present.

Andrew Dobson with McAbee, Schwartz, Halliday & Company gave a presentation on the results of the audit for Union County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. He went over the highlights in the communications letter. He informed Council the cash was down but it was made up in tax receivables which had a lot to do with the BMW FILOT. He said there was a net reduction in the fund balance of about \$1.5 million partially because of the projects and renovations that were going on. He said actual revenues exceeded anticipated revenues partially due to the one cent Local Option Sales Tax. Actual expenditures were less than the budgeted expenditures. The fund balance increased from \$4,980,825 at the beginning of the fiscal year to \$6,414,600 at the end of the fiscal year which is excellent. Mr. Dobson stated it was a good year and said Finance Director Ann Boggs did an excellent job working with them.

Chairman Frank Hart stated there were two members on the Union County Development Board whose terms will expire on June 30th.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to advertise the two positions on the Union County Development Board.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated it was on the agenda to discuss the Buffalo Mill property but he wanted to delay that to get some more information together.

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

Finance Director Ann Boggs stated the budget and audit had been her big tasks. She would be busy ending one and starting on the other.

Sheriff David Taylor said he had been meeting with IT Manager Diane Freeman about an archival system for the data collected from the body worn cameras. They have talked to two companies about cost effective solutions on how to store that data on a long term basis. You can be sued under a civil suit up to seven years so the data has to be stored for a long period of time. They currently have 25,000 videos stored at the Sheriff's Office and they need to come up with some kind of server to store this information on. He said he did not know what they were doing at the jail about storing that data. They need to come up with a ten year solution but it would be a permanent problem.

EMS Director Eric Harold said they were finishing the punch list items on the renovations at the facility and was not sure of the completion date. They are still being considered for an AFG grant for a new ambulance. They requested a regional grant from Spartanburg Regional for a mechanical CPR device. EMS Week is May 19th through May 25th. They hope to do a child safety seat inspection at Wal-Mart like they have done in the past. Their Family Fun Day will be on Saturday, May 25th at EMS headquarters. He gave an update on calls, response time and transports. The Union County Fire Chiefs Association held a county-wide live burn training

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exercise this past weekend with nine departments participating and over fifty people attending and participating.

Workforce Coordinator Katherine Pendergrass stated she was proud of the five students that graduated from Operation Workforce Training. Council had provided the funding for the first training program and it has evolved from there. Lockhart Power Company gave each of the graduates five hundred dollars and Timken offered all of them a job making close to fifteen dollars an hour. They are planning to hold a summer training program. She said she had been helping out at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Office and is trying to set up a meeting with DSS, Mental Health, Probation and Parole Office, Vocational Rehabilitation, the Hospital, the Sheriff and the Police Chief to work together and understand each other's processes.

Development Board Director Kathy Jo Lancaster stated they are working on the abatement and demolition of the Cudd house. She will be working on some grants to help with an attractive entrance to that property. They should be wrapping up the project on Trakas next week and they will be working on marketing that site more diligently. She said the flyers look great. The next plant managers meeting will be held at the Midway Milliken plant formerly known as ESAB on May 23rd.

Michael Lancaster with the Union County Fire Chiefs Association stated Council should have a copy of the proposed Union County Fire Service Automatic Aid Agreement. They have increased their response to calls because of the lack of daytime help to make sure the citizens have fire protection. All the details were worked out amongst the chiefs and they are all in total agreement. He said he had talked to Chairman Frank Hart about a Cost Recovery Ordinance which would be beneficial to the fire service to re-coop some of their expenses from the insurance companies. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated they would be discussing that ordinance when the Planning and Development Committee meets. Mr. Lancaster went over the details of the county-wide training exercise held this past weekend.

Tommie Hill: Made a motion to approve the Union County Fire Service Automatic Aid Agreement as amended.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance authorizing and approving (1) the development of a new joint County Industrial and Business Park (Milliken) pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in conjunction with Spartanburg County (The "Park") such Park to be geographically located in Union County and to include the aforementioned project; (2) the execution and delivery of a written Park Agreement with Spartanburg County as to the requirements of payments of Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes with respect to Park property and the sharing of the revenues and expenses of the Park; (3) the distribution of revenues from the Park to the counties and relevant taxing entities; and (4) other matters related thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance authorizing and approving (1) the development of a new joint County Industrial and Business Park (Milliken) pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in conjunction with Spartanburg County (The "Park") such Park to be geographically located in Union County and to include the aforementioned project; (2) the execution and delivery of a written Park Agreement with

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Tommie Hill: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for second reading an ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Union County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and to make appropriations for such Union County budgets for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the County may levy a tax; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Union County for such county ordinary purposes; including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Union County maturing during said fiscal year; and to provide for other matters relating to Union County and Union County budgetary matters.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Union County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and to make appropriations for such Union County budgets for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the County may levy a tax; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Union County for such county ordinary purposes; including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Union County maturing during said fiscal year; and to provide for other matters relating to Union County and Union County budgetary matters.

Tracie Campbell: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart introduced an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Quit Claim Deed to Emslie Elmore Allen conveying the interest of Union County, South Carolina, if any, in a certain parcel of real estate located on Jonesville Lockhart Highway as shown in tax map 37-0-0-1 for \$2,445.00 which represents the estimated taxes which would have been paid by Mr. Allen since 2005 when the property was deeded to Union County plus attorney's fees and costs (see Exhibit "A" attached hereto for full legal description).

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Quit Claim Deed to Emslie Elmore Allen conveying the interest of Union County, South Carolina, if any, in a certain parcel of real estate located on Jonesville Lockhart Highway as shown in tax map 37-0-0-1 for \$2,445.00 which represents the estimated taxes which would have been paid by Mr. Allen since 2005 when the property was deeded to Union County plus attorney's fees and costs (see Exhibit "A" attached hereto for full legal description).

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated he would forego his Supervisor's Report.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports or other business.

Councilman Ralph Tucker stated the property owners had signed the paperwork to turn Nicole Drive over to the County. Chairman Frank Hart referred the statement from the residents who live on Nicole Drive in Whitmire who would like to transfer their interest in the road over to

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Union County for the upkeep of the road to the Committee on Public Works, Roads, and Bridges and County Property.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting of the Union County Council adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chair
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council