

UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Frank Hart, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Ralph Tucker, Councilman David Sinclair, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Tommie Hill, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, 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, the Union County Development Board, Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Robert Small, Mr. James Kollock, Mrs. Curtis Hunter and emailed to Mike Stevens at WBCU Radio Station, to Graham Williams at the County News, to Charles Warner at the Union Times, to Jason Spencer with the Spartanburg Herald Journal, to Allison Roberts with the Spartanburg Herald Journal, to the News Room at the Spartanburg Herald Journal and to Ed Schafer at MHISC. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order. 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
David Sinclair, District 3 - Present
Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present
Tommie Hill, District 5 - Present
Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Chairman Frank Hart welcomed newly elected Councilman David Sinclair and Councilman Tommie Hill.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on December 13, 2016, the special meeting of County Council held on December 20, 2016 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented a service award certificate and gift card for Guy Copeland for 5 years of dedicated service and a service award certificate and gift card to Councilwoman Joan Little for 10 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was to consider appointments and vacancies on boards and commissions. He stated the Airport Commission has five vacancies that need to be advertised.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to advertise the five vacancies on the Airport Commission.

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

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Chairman Frank Hart stated the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission has four vacancies that need to be advertised.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to advertise the four vacancies on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated there was a member of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission who had not met the attendance requirement that had been recommended by Councilman Ben Ivey.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion that since Charles E. Lott, Sr. had not met the attendance requirement that the position be considered vacant and advertise the opening on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission for the unexpired term.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Appeals Board has four vacancies that need to be advertised.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to advertise the four vacancies on the Appeals Board.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Development Board has three positions that are vacant and there is an unexpired term that needs to be filled due to Kathy Jo Lancaster becoming Development Board Director. There are advertised differently because of the criteria requirements for the positions on the Development Board.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to advertise the four vacancies on the Development Board with one position being for an unexpired term.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Fair Board has four vacancies that need to be advertised.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to advertise the four vacancies on the Fair Board.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Union Carnegie Library Board has four vacancies that need to be advertised.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to advertise the four vacancies on the Library Board.

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

Chairman Frank Hart said there was a newly appointed member that had only attended half the meetings since being appointed. Councilman Ben Ivey stated that was his recommendation and that he would like to contact that appointee concerning their absence.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Planning Commission has a vacancy for an unexpired term since Frank M. Hart was elected to the School Board. The applicants were Everett Leigh, Rieta Drinkwine and Arthur G. Jordan.

Joan Little: Made a motion to appoint Everett Leigh to serve on the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Planning Commission has four vacancies. He asked Council to consider reappointing the current members since this is a newly formed commission.

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Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to reappoint Evans Crocker to serve another term on the Planning Commission.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

David Sinclair: Made a motion to reappoint Marsha Jordan to serve another term on the Planning Commission.

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

Tommie Hill: Made a motion to reappoint Lewis Jeter, III to serve another term on the Planning Commission.

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

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to reappoint William B. Jeter to serve another term on the Planning Commission.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Stadium Commission has four vacancies that need to be advertised.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to advertise the four vacancies on the Stadium Commission.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated he did not think any action needed to be taken on the attendance for the Stadium Commission since they only held two meetings for the calendar year.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Tourism Commission has four vacancies that need to be advertised. There is the position previously held by George Bruce that needs to be advertised for the unexpired term.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to advertise the four vacancies and the other vacancy for the unexpired term for the Tourism Commission.

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

Chairman Frank Hart said that Kimberly M. Lawson had not attended any meetings as a member of the Tourism Commission since being appointed on April 12, 2016 at the recommendation of Councilman Ben Ivey.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion that since Kimberly M. Lawson had not met the attendance requirement that the position be considered vacant and advertise the opening on the Tourism Commission for the unexpired term.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider the vacancies on the Board for each of the six volunteer fire districts which were created by the County. The Board of Fire Control for Bonham Fire District has four vacancies that need to be advertised.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to advertise the four vacancies on the Board of Fire Control for Bonham Fire District.

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

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Chairman Frank Hart stated the Board of Fire Control for Buffalo Fire District has three vacancies that need to be advertised.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to advertise the three vacancies on the Board of Fire Control for Buffalo Fire District.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Board of Fire Control for Carlisle Fire District has three vacancies that need to be advertised.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to advertise the three vacancies on the Board of Fire Control for Carlisle Fire District.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Board of Fire Control for Cross Keys Fire District has eight vacancies that need to be advertised for staggered terms.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to advertise the eight vacancies for staggered terms on the Board of Fire Control for Cross Keys Fire District.

Tommie Hill: Seconded the motion. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked why Cross Keys Fire District has eight board members and the Clerk to Council responded that it was stipulated in the creating ordinance. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Board of Fire Control for Kelly-Kelton Fire District has three vacancies that need to be advertised.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to advertise the three vacancies on the Board of Fire Control for Kelly-Kelton Fire District.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated he had been informed that the Philippi Fire District was holding elections for the board members at their fire house and asked how Council wanted to proceed. The creating ordinance for Philippi Fire District stipulates the appointments are made by County Council.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to advertise the vacant positions on the Board of Fire Control for Philippi Fire District.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented a proposed list of the dates and times for the regular monthly Union County Council meetings to be held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Council would continue to hold some regular monthly meetings in the Town of Lockhart, the Town of Carlisle and the Town of Jonesville as reflected on the proposed schedule.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to approve the proposed schedule as presented to continue to hold the regular monthly meetings of the Union County Council on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to elect a new vice-chairman and opened the floor for nominations. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie nominated Councilman Ben Ivey as vice-chairman. Councilman David Sinclair seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and the vote was unanimous to elect Councilman Ben Ivey as Vice-Chairman of County Council.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to appoint a Chaplin and opened the floor for nominations. Councilwoman Joan Little nominated Councilman Tommie Hill. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie nominated Councilman David Sinclair since he is a preacher. Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Ralph Tucker and Councilman Tommie Hill voted in favor of Councilman Tommie Hill for Chaplin. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, Councilman Ben Ivey and Councilman David Sinclair voted in favor of Councilman David Sinclair. Chairman Frank Hart broke the tie vote in favor of David Sinclair for Council Chaplin.

Chairman Frank Hart stated there was information in the Council's packets concerning the various standing committees and a description of the committees. He asked each Councilmember to mark the committees they would like to serve on and get that back to him prior to the next Council meeting.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to set the dates for the Christmas holidays for this year. The Clerk to Council stated the personnel policy allows for three days for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and one working day after Christmas. Since Christmas Day falls on Monday, Council needs to decide if the holidays would be scheduled for Friday, December 22nd, Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th or scheduled for Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th and Wednesday, December 27th.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to schedule the Christmas holidays for Friday, December 22nd, Monday, December 25th, and Tuesday, December 26th.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council had been provided with a copy of an invoice for smoke and fire alarms at the jail. Council had previously approved payment of the funds last March with the payment to come from the Non-Departmental Capital Expenditures account. The fiscal year has since ended so we need a motion for the payment to come out of this year's budget.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to pay the invoice from MSS Fire and Security, LLC for new fire alarm installation at the Union County Jail in the amount of \$15,876.00 from the Non-Departmental Capital Expenditures account.

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

Sheriff David Taylor stated they added another narcotics officer to their task force so they need another unmarked vehicle. He stated they have the funds in their drug forfeiture money to purchase this vehicle. For him to draw that money he has to have an invoice and the car paid for before he can get the money. He asked Council to front him the money until he can pay it back with federal drug money.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to pay for the new vehicle for the Sheriff's Office to be reimbursed from the Sheriff's federal drug money.

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

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

Sheriff David Taylor said he had previously talked to Council about getting the fencing redone around the jail. He had contacted three companies to get quotes but none have even returned his calls. If anyone knows of a good company that could handle the work he would appreciate any input.

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Code Enforcement Officer David Kitchens stated the clean-up program will continue next week within the Carlisle town limits on Wednesday and Thursday.

Delinquent Tax Collector Susan Hanvey stated they would do the bid assignments on the properties that did not sell at the tax sale starting tomorrow.

Recreation Facilities Director Kevin Shropshire stated the basketball season had start and the baseball season would start February 8th.

Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution of the County Council of Union County, South Carolina, relating to the organization by the County of the Union County Facilities Corporation, a South Carolina nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of enhancing the economic development of the County.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution of the County Council of Union County, South Carolina, relating to the organization by the County of the Union County Facilities Corporation, a South Carolina nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of enhancing the economic development of the County.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced an ordinance authorizing an amendment to an existing Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement between Union County, South Carolina ("The County") and a company known to the County as "Project Wolverine" ("The Company") because of a new expansion involving a total of not less than two hundred seventy-eight million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$278,200,000) in new, taxable investment and the creation of at least 100 new, full-time jobs; the conveyance of certain real estate by County to the Company; consenting to and seeking the judicial closure and abandonment of a portion of Fire Station Road, and the subsequent conveyance of that property by the County to the Company; the authorization of certain other benefits and incentives related to Project Wolverine; and other matters relating to the foregoing.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance authorizing an amendment to an existing Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement between Union County, South Carolina ("The County") and a company known to the County as "Project Wolverine" ("The Company") because of a new expansion involving a total of not less than two hundred seventy-eight million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$278,200,000) in new, taxable investment and the creation of at least 100 new, full-time jobs; the conveyance of certain real estate by County to the Company; consenting to and seeking the judicial closure and abandonment of a portion of Fire Station Road, and the subsequent conveyance of that property by the County to the Company; the authorization of certain other benefits and incentives related to Project Wolverine; and other matters relating to the foregoing.

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

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

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports but there were none.

Chairman Frank Hart entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss an economic development related issue and a personnel issue.

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Ben Ivey: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss an economic development related issue and a personnel issue.

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

After a brief recess, the Union County Council went into executive session to discuss an economic development related issue and a personnel issue.

Chairman Frank Hart stated they were ready to come out of executive session and no votes were taken.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to close executive session and return to regular session.

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

The Union County Council returned to regular session.

Chairman Frank Hart reminded Council of the South Carolina Association of Counties Mid-Year Conference in February. If any Councilmembers are interested in attending they need to get registered.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any other business but there was none.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council