

UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: 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

Council 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
Tommy Ford, District 3 - Present
Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present
Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on September 9, 2015, the minutes of the special meeting held on September 15, 2015 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented service award certificates and gift cards for Brad Jolly for 5 years of dedicated service, to Kathy Teague for 10 years of dedicated service, to Michael R. Manus for 10 years of dedicated service, for Michael Vinson for 10 years of dedicated service, to Sundres Glenn for 25 years of dedicated service, Lorene Bevis for 25 years of dedicated service, and to Nadie Gault for 30 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was Michael Taylor to discuss county government but he was not present.

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Ben Loftis with the Union Carnegie Library stated this was his final week as their director and thanked Council for their support and encouraged them to continue to support the library. Chairman Frank Hart stated Mr. Loftis had done a great job as director at the library and overseeing the renovation process. He stated he appreciated his service.

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

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Detention Center Director Neil McKoewn stated they had been working at the fairgrounds helping to get everything cleaned up and ready for the fair.

Airport and Stadium Director Ron Wade stated the lunch for the seniors would be held at the fairgrounds on Wednesday.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance amending Union County Code of Ordinances Chapter 7, pertaining to Building, Construction and Technical Codes and Union County Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI, pertaining to boards and commissions and Union County Code of Ordinances Chapter 17, Article III, pertaining to Law Enforcement Officers of the County, and other matters related thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to table the ordinance until it could be discussed further by the Council.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion.

Councilman Ben Ivey stated there had been some changes made since second reading that they would like to review before adopting the ordinance. The vote was unanimous.

Council agreed to discuss the proposed ordinance at their special meeting on October 19th.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance amending Section 12-2 of the Union County Code of Laws so as to permit the County to determine on a case-by-case basis, and in accordance with the relevant Multi-County Park Agreement, the net revenues in lieu of taxes distribution to taxing entities within the County, and other matters related thereto.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance amending Section 12-2 of the Union County Code of Laws as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated they were close to finalizing the host fee agreement with Republic for the landfill so that the County would continue to receive those host fees for the life of the site.

Chairman Frank Hart stated they had paved or resurfaced 25 county roads with asphalt this year using C Funds. They are working on the paving plan for 2016.

Chairman Frank Hart stated they were trying to set up a Clean-up Union County campaign using inmate labor and the Public Works Department to demolish and clean up condemned vacant properties throughout the county. That would significantly reduce our cost in removing blighted structures.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Stadium Manager Ron Wade had obtained a \$25,000.00 grant from the Timken Foundation for a LED sign for the stadium.

Chairman Frank Hart stated they were working on finalizing an operational plan for the Advanced Technology Center and getting the mechatronics program in place.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated they had the Code Enforcement Agreements for the Town of Lockhart and the Town of Carlisle. This would be for building permits as well as enforcement of the international property maintenance code.

Chairman Frank Hart stated they were working on getting the boat ramp in Lockhart. DNR is trying to finalize the location of the ramp. Once that is done Pacolet Milliken will complete an easement agreement. The Tourism Commission is coordinating a trial float on the Broad River to Lockhart on October 31st. Tourism Director Curtis Hunter stated for those that did not want to use a kayak or canoe, then DNR would carry them the route in boats.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the property had been purchased for a park as part of the Ottaray Millage Village project. They will be constructing a picnic shelter on the site.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the School Board had designated some members to serve on the committee to look at stadium improvements. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked how many had been appointed. Chairman Frank Hart stated they had appointed one School Board member with an alternate.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Dixie Youth State Tournaments held at Timken Sports Complex had brought in about 2,000 people attending the first event. It generated approximately \$58,000 in revenue and cost approximately \$51,000. The event basically paid for itself and brought a lot of people in which should have been a boost for the local restaurants.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Carlisle Fire Department is holding a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new fire station on Saturday, October 17th at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Frank Hart informed Council a public hearing and special meeting had been scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. to set the tax levy for fiscal year 2015-2016. Sandra Ligon with the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission would be making a presentation and Council agreed to discuss the proposed amendment to the Building Codes Ordinance.

Chairman Frank Hart read a letter from the Farm Show Committee extending their appreciation of Council's support for being one of their sponsors for this year's Antique Farm Show.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee recommendations.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, County Offices and Departments to change the way we calculate the funding for the retiree insurance.

Chairman Frank Hart asked if it was a recommendation to change the way the years of service credit are calculated. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated it would change the way it was calculated. Chairman Frank Hart stated he understood it would allow the employee

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once they retired and continued working to continue to accrue years of service credit for the purpose of calculating the insurance premium match. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated that was correct.

Ralph Tucker: Seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, County Offices and Departments that based on the written requests from the agencies for which she serves to increase the salary of the Victim Advocate Coordinator to be paid from the State allotted money for that position based on the recommended increase.

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

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented the financial statement for the Tourism Commission for Council's review and approval.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to approve the financial statement for the Tourism Commission.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced an inducement resolution authorizing under certain conditions, the execution and delivery by Union County, South Carolina of a Fee In Lieu of Taxes Agreement with Project Veruca Salt with respect to a project in the county whereby the project would be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes, and would be provided certain credits against fee payments; the placement of the project in a joint county industrial and business park; and related matters.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the inducement resolution for Project Veruca Salt as stated.

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

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Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance authorizing a Fee In Lieu of Taxes Agreement with Project Veruca Salt as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart announced that Project Veruca Salts was an expansion by Haemonetics with an investment of \$22 million and would create 40 new jobs. Development Board Director Andrena Powell-Baker introduced Kelly Lawson as Controller and Kevin Mason as Plant Manager for Haemonetics. The company's legal

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counsel Wesley Crum was also present. Mrs. Powell-Baker stated she was thrilled the company was confident enough in Union to expand their business here. Chairman Frank Hart thanked them for their commitment to Union County since they had been here for over twenty years. He stated this was a cooperative effort between the County of Union and the City of Union.

Chairman Frank Hart stated they would take a ten minute recess and then reconvene for an executive session.

The Union County Council took a recess then reconvened.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.
Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council went into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to close executive session and return to regular session.
Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council returned to regular session.

Chairman Frank Hart announced they had come out of executive session and no votes were taken.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chair
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council