

UNION COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015 AT 6:28 P.M.  
JONESVILLE TOWN HALL

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 October 13, 2015, the minutes of the special meeting held on October 19, 2015, the minutes of the special meeting held on October 26, 2015, and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Kara Drane with Catawba Regional Council of Governments stated the County received a grant from the State to do a Transit Feasibility Study. A request for proposals was done in August and a Selection Committee reviewed those proposals. The Selection Committee interviewed the two firms that submitted proposals by the required deadline and recommended awarding the bid to Transmarter & Associates, LLC. Transmarter would come in and look at existing conditions in Union County, look at the transit needs, look at what other agencies are providing transit services and then come up with alternatives for the County to consider. There is start-up money available through the State that usually covers the first three years if you develop a transit program. The State would pay \$39,375 with local funds of \$4,375 for the study which should be completed by May of 2016.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to enter into the contract with Transmarter & Associates, LLC to do the Feasibility Study as presented.

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

Chairman Frank Hart had asked Building Official Brad Jolly to get some cost estimates on moving the EMS into the old Chrysler Building. Brad Jolly stated the information he had was only budgetary figures and there have been no drawings or designs done. To redo one side of the building to accommodate EMS would cost approximately \$1.2 million. That

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would include putting a new roof on the entire building, doing plumbing, HVAC, electrical, concrete work, sprinkler system, building a truck bay, a fire wall, roll-up doors, and fire alarm. EMS would have to have an outside decontamination area for bio-hazard. There would be the cost for a generator for EMS. He also got a price for a generator for the whole building which would change the cost estimate to \$1.27 million. The structure of the building is super strong. The actual structure is only about 20% of the cost and 80% goes toward redoing the building. For the additional 20% for the structure you could build a new facility. Councilman Ralph Tucker stated the County does not have the money to do that. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated the County would have to do a bond to cover the cost. Councilman Ben Ivey suggested they take the information under consideration.

Next on the agenda was to consider appointments to the Union County Building Code Board of Appeals and Union County Planning Commission.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to advertise for applicants.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented for second reading an ordinance 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 (Haemonetics Corporation) with respect to a project in the county whereby the project would be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes, and whereby Project Veruca Salt would be provided certain credits against fee payments; the placement of the project in a joint county industrial and business park; and related matters.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance authorizing a Fee In Lieu of Taxes Agreement with Project Veruca Salt (Haemonetics Corporation) as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Christmas Party for County employees would be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Frank Hart stated he would be distributing a list of the Christmas Parades if Council wanted to participate.

Chairman Frank Hart stated he would probably call a meeting of the Committee on County Administration and Finance followed by a special Council Meeting one day next week.

Chairman Frank Hart stated he has a meeting next week with the Union County Commission on Higher Education regarding the Advanced Technology Center in order to get the mechatronics program set up through the Spartanburg Community College.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated the Stadium Commission plans to hold a meeting the week of Thanksgiving. She asked if any Councilmembers had been designated to meet with them to discuss stadium improvements. Chairman Frank Hart stated he had left it

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open to all the members of Council who wanted to attend and be involved. The School District has designated a member with an alternate.

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

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chair  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council