

UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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

Absent: Councilman Tommie Hill

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, and 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, 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 and a copy of the agenda were also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order. 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 - Absent

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

David Sinclair: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on November 12, 2019, the special meeting of County Council on November 5, 2019, the special meeting of County Council on November 25, 2019 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented a service award certificate and gift certificate to Curtiss Hunter for 5 years, for Bucky Sprouse for 10 years, for Carrie Smith for 20 years and to Brad Valentine for 20 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Mark Cathcart as 4-H Agent with Clemson Extension gave a report on 4-H activities for 2019 which included the Spring Pig Show, the Union County Fair Rabbit and Poultry Show exhibitors, the Union County Fair Agricultural Product Show exhibitors, the Union County Fair Home Economic Show exhibitors, the Union County Fair Pullet Show exhibitors, the Union County Fair Dairy Show exhibitors,

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the Union County Fair Beef Show exhibitors, the Union County Fair Goat Show exhibitors and the Union County Fair Agricultural Products exhibit.

Clerk of Court Melanie Lawson stated she was losing her deputy clerk in her Family Court Office and requested permission to fill that vacancy.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to allow the Clerk of Court to fill the job vacancy in her Family Court Office.

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

Dr. Lacresha Byrd and Rhonda Hollingsworth with the Union County School District discussed the Union R.E.A.D.S. initiative. R.E.A.D.S. stands for Read Everyday and Discover Success. The purpose of the initiative is to improve the literacy rate in Union County. They requested the County provide \$8,100 to help with establishing a brand and logo, an end of the year celebration and with marketing.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to approve \$8,100 for the Union R.E.A.D.S. initiative from the Economic Development Infrastructure and Community Development Fund 327.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was to consider appointments to boards and commissions. We received an application from Jon M. Kendrick, Sr. to serve on the Building Code Board of Appeals.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to appoint Jon M. Kendrick, Sr. to serve on the Building Code Board of Appeals.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated we received two applications for the vacancy for an unexpired term on the Board for Bonham Fire District. The applicants are Dennis W. Trammell and Janice H. Howell.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to appoint Dennis W. Trammell to serve on the Board for Bonham Fire District to fill the unexpired term.

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

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

Finance Director Ann Boggs said she was working on the deadlines for the end of the calendar year.

Sheriff David Taylor said he had met with an FBI agent with Counter Terrorism who wants to work with Human Resources people with local industries about foreign trade and how foreign countries try to infiltrate our industries. They have had some industries with disgruntled employees that the Sheriff's Office has had to respond to. One instance was where there was a man in the parking lot with a gun. He said they were also dealing with Scams requesting social security numbers.

Public Works Director Rusty Snider stated they had nearly finished the transition to change to the fuel cards and they will be changing out the equipment.

Building Superintendent Ken West they had finished the renovations at the Health Department building and were working on the restrooms at the airport.

Delinquent Tax Collector Lorene Bevis stated they held the Tax Sale yesterday and were working on wrapping it up and getting the paperwork done.

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Airport and Stadium Manager Ron Wade said they were working on getting the reimbursement from the FAA for costs associated with the purchase of the Booker property. They had rail lights installed at the airport to help with precision landings. The AWOS system has been installed. They are working on improvements to the restrooms at the airport. They are putting together a list of what else is needed at the Stadium to finish that renovation project. He asked about combining the Airport Commission and Stadium Commission as they are having difficulty getting the members to attend meetings.

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Shropshire stated they had just finished the football program and will be starting on the basketball program.

EMS Director Eric Harold stated they had applied for funds in the amount of \$7,500 from the Grant-In-Aid to be used for pediatric equipment. He has talked with the Upstate Healthcare Coalition about getting a grant for some new radios. He gave an update on their call volume and response time.

Karl Pendergrass gave an update on behalf of his wife Katherine Pendergrass since she could not attend the meeting. She encouraged Council to consider accepting an invitation from the Pacolet River Baptist Association to discuss what can be gained by discussing how members of the faith community could work more closely with Council to make Union and surrounding areas a better place for all people.

Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution recognizing the dedication and bravery of the volunteer firefighters of the Southside Fire Department who have been providing an exemplary service to those living within the fire district and urged all citizens to celebrate and congratulate Southside Fire Department on their 50th Anniversary.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution recognizing the dedication and bravery of the volunteer firefighters of the Southside Fire Department who have been providing an exemplary service to those living within the fire district and urged all citizens to celebrate and congratulate Southside Fire Department on their 50th Anniversary.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented the resolution to Southside Fire Department Fire Chief Mike Lancaster, Roger Bailey, Buford Brown and Eric Harold.

Chairman Frank Hart gave third and final reading of an ordinance of Union County, South Carolina authorizing the lease of certain real property owned by Union County to ReGenesis Health Care; the execution and delivery of any and all other documents or instruments necessary to implement the lease; and other matters related thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance of Union County, South Carolina authorizing the lease of certain real property owned by Union County to ReGenesis Health Care; the execution and delivery of any and all other documents or instruments necessary to implement the lease; and other matters related thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart gave third and final reading of an ordinance authorizing and approving the expansion of the boundaries of a joint county industrial and business park with Spartanburg County pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, to include certain property

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owned and/or operated by AFL Telecommunications, LLC or one or more of its affiliates or other related companies; and other matters related thereto.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance authorizing and approving the expansion of the boundaries of a joint county industrial and business park with Spartanburg County pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, to include certain property owned and/or operated by AFL Telecommunications, LLC or one or more of its affiliates or other related companies; and other matters related thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart gave second reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Title to Real Estate to Alan James Rose conveying the interest of Union County, South Carolina, in a certain parcel of real estate located at 225 South Street, Buffalo, South Carolina 29321 and as shown as Tax Map #072-06-13-008.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to accept second reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Title to Real Estate to Alan James Rose conveying the interest of Union County, South Carolina, in a certain parcel of real estate located at 225 South Street, Buffalo, South Carolina 29321 and as shown as Tax Map #072-06-13-008.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced an ordinance in title only authorizing an amended and restated Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement between Union County, South Carolina, Milliken & Company and Milliken Nonwovens, LLC 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 amended and restated Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement between Union County, South Carolina, Milliken & Company and Milliken Nonwovens, LLC and other matters relating to the foregoing.

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

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

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

David Sinclair: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

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

The County Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.
(Chairman Frank Hart left during the executive session.)

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to close executive session.

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

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey stated no votes were taken during executive session.

The County Council closed executive session and returned to regular session.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey called for any other business but there was none.

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Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Tracie Campbell: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council