

UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Frank Hart, Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford, Councilman Ralph Tucker, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: Councilwoman Joan Little

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 – Absent

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 joint meeting of the Union County Council held on November 15, 2016, the special meeting of County Council held on November 10, 2016 and the special meeting of County Council held on December 1, 2016 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Frank Hart welcomed Boy Scout Troup 42 and those members who were in attendance.

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was to consider two alternate positions on the Building Code Board of Appeals. The positions have been advertised several times without successfully being able to find a candidate. He asked if there was any recommendation for appointment.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to appoint Travis Nance from Mt. Lebanon Road to serve as an alternate member on the Building Code Board of Appeals.

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

Chairman Frank Hart requested Council try to recruit someone to fill the other position.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider a vacancy on the Planning Commission due to Frank M. Hart being elected to serve on the School Board.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to advertise the position on the Planning Commission.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Union County would be the sponsor for a grant in the amount of \$399,685 for the Brown's Creek Water Company. Mr. Lonnie Mathis with Summit Engineering stated the Rural Infrastructure Grant for Brown's Creek Water Company would allow for the construction of a water booster pump station. This would allow improved service to their customers and allow them to take the existing elevated water tank out of service for approximately sixty days for cleaning, painting and repairs.

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

Code Enforcement Officer David Kitchens stated the clean-up in Lockhart would start tomorrow and would last for several days with the help of Brad Jolly, Neil McKeown, Kevin Shropshire and their staff. He felt the clean-up in Buffalo was a success.

Airport and Stadium Manager Ronnie Wade stated that the UCARE Twelve Days of Christmas ticket sales were underway. They had invited other organizations to sell tickets this year and those organizations would be allowed to keep half of the proceeds from the ticket sales.

Rieta Drinkwine with Union Carnegie Library stated they were in the final stages of the fundraiser for the renovations at the library. They kicked off their brick campaign for anyone who would like to support the library by purchasing an engraved brick that will be placed in front of the Carnegie portion of the library.

Mr. Paul Newhouse with the Union Medical Center stated he met with the new medical director for occupational medicine to talk about programs they can develop here they can offer to industries so they won't have to send employees out of the area to get taken care of. They had some site visits in Georgia looking at a couple of hospitals that would be great for this area. They are still doing the planning for the new hospital. They are working toward starting training in January or February for a new IT system for electronic medical records that would integrate them with all the other medical facilities in Spartanburg and all the physician's offices would be interconnected.

Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution endorsing and supporting approval of the Rural County Transformation Fund by the South Carolina General Assembly; and other matters related thereto.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution endorsing and supporting approval of the Rural County Transformation Fund by the South Carolina General Assembly; and other matters related thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution acknowledging and declaring the results of a referendum held on November 8, 2016, on the question of the imposition of a one percent Local Option Sales and Use Tax in the County of Union, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution 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; and authorizing the County to execute certain documents and enact certain further legislation for the company's existing project and the new project.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment and restatement to that certain 2015 Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement between Union County, South Carolina and Standard Textile Carolina, Inc. to include an additional real property location and to include the addition of STC Carolina Properties LLC as a co-sponsor; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee in lieu of taxes related to the new real property location and project property located therein.

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Ralph Tucker: Seconded the motion.

Wesley Crum stated Standard Textile had been in Union County for several years and has been successful. They are growing by buying an old facility they can convert into a warehouse to move that part of the operation. That will allow them to expand their manufacturing operations in their existing facility. Chairman Frank Hart stated he was glad the old Her Majesty plant would be used for their warehouse and understood that was the last vacant industrial building in the County considered usable.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance to acknowledge and authorize the execution and delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Union County and the Town of Jonesville for Union County to enforce ordinances for building codes within the municipal limits of the Town of Jonesville and on behalf of the Town of Jonesville; and other matters related thereto.

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Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the County received a grant through the South Carolina Trails Project for \$100,000 to construct a walking trail in the Lockhart community. That trail will feature the old mill site.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports.

Councilman Ben Ivey stated the Committee on Public Works, Roads, and Bridges and County Property will meet on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Union County Annex Building for a presentation on a planned housing development.

Chairman Frank Hart entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter related to EMS and a contractual matter related to economic development.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter related to EMS and to discuss a contractual matter related to economic development.

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

The Union County Council went into executive session to discuss a contractual matter related to EMS and a contractual matter related to economic development.

Chairman Frank Hart stated they were ready to close executive session and no votes were taken.

Tommy Ford: 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 called for any other business.

Councilman Tommy Ford stated there were members of some of the boards and commissions who were not attending the meetings. He stated Charles Lott and Crystal Coffey were not attending the meetings for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. There are some members that are not attending the Stadium Commission meetings. The County ordinance requires them to attend seventy-five percent of the meetings to remain an active member. The Clerk to Council stated they receive attendance rosters once a year normally in January since they are required to attend seventy-five percent of the meetings for the calendar year. Council in the past has taken action to remove the members who had not met the attendance requirement. Council discussed reducing the number of members on the Hospital Board. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie suggested reviewing the matter in January after we receive the attendance rosters.

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Councilman Ben Ivey stated there was a need to fill the vacant position in the Tax Assessor's Office. Chairman Frank Hart stated Council had filled one position but he had not requested from Council to fill the second position since he was still evaluating it. Councilman Ben Ivey stated it appeared they were shorthanded causing them to be behind and they need to fill that position. Chairman Frank Hart stated they would review that and bring it up at the next meeting. He said he was looking at the whole organization because they have a number of needs in a number of different offices. Councilman Ben Ivey asked if some people had been hired lately. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated there was a person hired in the IT Department that did not come before the Personnel Committee for approval. Chairman Frank Hart stated that position was a part-time position at \$10 per hour working twenty-five or twenty-six hours per week. They have also hired some part-time personnel for the Road Department to help cut grass for the summer and part-time staff with the sports complex. They have not hired any full-time permanent positions.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council