

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012 AT 5:30 P.M.  
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Tommy Sinclair, Vice Chair Kacie Petrie, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Randall Hanvey, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings

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, WBCU Radio Station, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Ms. Ann Canada, Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension, Mr. James Kollock, Mrs. Anna Brown with the County News, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Frank Hart, Mr. Ray Treadway, Mr. Howard Gibson, and Mr. Robert Small. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called the meeting to order. Councilman Ben Ivey gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Acting Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Joan Little, District 1 - Present

Dora Martin-Jennings, District 2 - Absent

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 approve the previous minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on January 10, 2012 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that based on the agenda Mike Cohen was next but they have an attorney present that needs to get back to Columbia so they want to modify the agenda to address that next.

Development Board Director Andrena Powell-Baker introduced Mr. George Wolfe who is an attorney representing a project that Chairman Tommy Sinclair will be discussing shortly.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Council discussed Project Presents during the meeting of the Committee on County Administration and Finance in some detail and entertained a motion to approve the inducement resolution for that project.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance to adopt the inducement resolution for Project Presents.

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

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Chairman Tommy Sinclair read the first paragraph from the resolution. He entertained a motion to dispense with the rest of the details of the resolution and provide it for the press.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with reading the rest of the details of the resolution and to provide it for the press.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair introduced for first reading in title only an ordinance authorizing pursuant to Chapter 44 of Title 12, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a Fee Agreement between Union County, South Carolina and Project Presents; the application of a special source revenue credit to fee-in-lieu of tax payments; and matters relating thereto.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance as stated as it pertains to Project Presents.

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

Mr. Mike Cohen stated he was asking that Council consider allowing the high school boys and girls and others to practice and play at the Timken Sports Complex. It does make a difference and asked that they do it on a one year basis to try it. These kids with accountability and responsibility and cooperating will help take care of the fields. If Council doesn't want to do it long term then consider it on a six month basis and then judge the fields to see how bad they are or how good they are. You are only talking about two fields out of seven. What damage could they do to two fields? Tell the coaches they will be held accountable to the citizens of this county and they are responsible for taking care of the field and see what they could do. Make them better adults knowing they can cooperate with the County Council and get something. They should all be held accountable. If Council decides it is not being kept up, then stop it. At least give the kids a try because it will make a difference having home field advantage.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion that Council allow the teams to practice on this field which includes the high school varsity baseball team and the high school girls varsity softball team plus the American Legion and the college as USC is going to form a team and do this on a one year basis. If everything is working out at the end of the year they would continue and if not then they would stop it.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair said he had some comments to make. He told Mike Cohen he appreciated his comments. This Council has had four presentations on this matter in the last two plus years. The latest one was as recent as this past December. He stated he did not intend nor would he allow as Chair, this to be argumentative or even take on a debate atmosphere similar to that allowed last year. He allowed it last year in the interest of hearing and understanding the concerns of those present whether on the agenda or not. The net effect was a very extensive and, on occasion, heated exchange where at one point a presenter, in a moment of passion, said they would blow your phones off or a phrase of that nature. He said he would not allow that to happen this evening and he appreciated the tone that Mr. Cohen started with. He said he had some comments and said he would make them for the record and put them in the minutes for the record. He has probably 200 plus hours in this practice question over the last three years with much of it at night and on the weekends including having his staff members work extra hours. In fact Jay Allen, Phillip Arnold, and Mike

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Massey would recall spending a day when he was off two years ago discussing these same issues with them. He asked Mr. Cohen if he was representing any group or generally commenting. Mr. Cohen said he was not representing anyone. Chairman Tommy Sinclair acknowledged Mr. Cohen's long time interest in baseball in Union County. He recalled them both with the old KL's at City Park with Ray Lybrand as coach some 50 years ago. He said he wanted to respond to Mr. Cohen's letter point by point to clarify some comments for him and other interested parties. He, along with his staff, was on the sports talk show with Bo Rabb recently. They were there to clear up questions like these that had surfaced on a previous talk show that he thought Mr. Cohen participated in. He said he was sorry they did not connect on that talk show. Chairman Tommy Sinclair referred to his opening comment about a vote not allowing the use of 2 fields for practice. There had never been a vote to not allow practice. The only vote about practice concerned Union County High School and they voted to allow boys and girls, varsity and JV, to practice at the Timken Sports Complex on a structured but continuous schedule. The vote took place in 2009/10 and was confirmed again last year in 2010/11. Fact one in reference to Legion, Jonesville ball field is not owned by the school district. It is owned by the Town of Jonesville. He said he made initial arrangements with Mayor Moore last year on behalf of the school district for practice and as recently as last week responded to a request from him to task the recreation department for initial prep of the infield. He pledged to him to provide other help as the need may arise. He noted for the record the County Council already stipends Jonesville, Lockhart, and Carlisle with \$3,100 each for baseball field help. Permission to practice there for legion would come from the Town of Jonesville. In regards to insurance, the Legion team carries its own insurance regardless of where it plays or practices. Referring to fact two of Mr. Cohen's letter is that the University of South Carolina is about to host a club type team and Paul Wilkes has, according to the paper, volunteered to coach it in addition to his regular student recruiting duties. He applauded him and the school for the effort and pledged the County's help where we can. He understood that it is not intercollegiate in nature and that may pose some insurance questions of the type Mr. Cohen surfaced in the Legion paragraph, but he was sure the university leadership would address those. The Timken Director had informed him that he and Paul had some very basic conversations about play at Timken but there is not a schedule. The season is two years off and there has been no contact with the County from the school leadership at this point. Paul is very experienced and adept in baseball game and tournament type activities. As a County employee last year, he helped and was partly responsible for the successful Timken effort. He knows full well of the time and effort required for that level of play and competition. The cow pasture referred to in Jonesville, he guessed, was the same field he spoke about in the legion question. That field was, until very recently, a high school league approved field that Jonesville played on many years. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said he applauds and supports Representative Mike Anthony in his support of a local university. He said he was truly and fully aware of the Buffalo field complex. He again acknowledged Mr. Cohen's time, interest and support of baseball as evidenced by the Buffalo effort with him and others. He recalled that the 1987 effort somewhat financially faltered and the County was assigned the lease from the school district after the loan from Provident Bank was assumed and paid by the County from tax revenues. The Recreation Department has been keeping it up ever since. The lease just expired and was renewed last month with the school district by the County on a one year basis. The school has retained the right to practice there and, quite frankly, they could have kept the Buffalo complex and made practice fields there for the district. In a dialogue with the district, and in the spirit of support of youth baseball,

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regardless of league, the school district agreed to renew with the County again assuming all costs of maintenance, lights, and upkeep. He told Mr. Cohen he accepts his offer to volunteer his time and experience and if the obvious issues it raises in regards to liability can be cleared up he would welcome him. He stated that under the provisions of South Carolina Code 4-9-420 he is charged with responsibilities of carrying out the motions of this Council, to do the budget, to manage the assets, and with that in mind he presented a slide show. The slide show included information on the County's support of youth ball. Would practice at the Timken Sports Complex compromise the design, function, the purpose of Timken Sports Complex and the resources of Union County? Is it feasible for Union County School District, Legion Baseball and USC-Union baseball to practice full time as well as play games at the Timken Sports Complex? He provided costs on the stadium turn around for last year. The County supports playing ball in Union financially with time, effort and money. They talk about labor and employee time. There is also recuperative resting time for turf and fields. The amount of time and cost of maintaining the fields is directly linked to the number of hours spent in playing and practicing. The more hours spent the less sustainable the field becomes until it is eventually worn, unattractive and may be dangerous to players. Based on some research done by the Timken Sports people who considered this same question, they talked about the number of hours used per year on a field and what it may do. He presented usage by hour of what happens now and what would happen if you factor in high school, legion, and USC-U in a total practice situation on the various fields at the complex. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked if field 5 was the championship field and asked him to go back one slide. Chairman Tommy Sinclair continued his slide presentation which showed what a field could look like with over-use. He used a quote from Joe Davidson of Burnett Athletics that said it would be impossible to keep the fields up to those standards even with added workers or budget. Baseball fields require constant upkeep and over usage will make it almost impossible to keep them where they need to be to keep teams and programs coming in for tournaments. Chairman Tommy Sinclair provided the true costs of Timken Sports Complex including the cost of repayment of the bond, the money taken from the fund balance for construction of the facility, and fixed operating costs. It does generate some revenue and provides indirect revenue to the restaurants and businesses in Union County. Based on the increase in revenues from Accommodations and Hospitality taxes, there was a one million dollar increase in restaurant type food he felt could be contributed primarily to Timken Sports Complex. Continuation of this increase is contingent on bringing in more tournament teams from South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina. If you practice at a particular time you cannot be playing at that time. The concept for the Timken Sports Complex was to attract tourism and increase revenue in the county. Allowing full time practice for high school, legion and USC-Union baseball and softball teams at the Timken Sports Complex would mean an increase in maintenance costs, fewer tournaments leading to a decrease in revenue and other intended outcomes. This concluded his slide show presentation. Chairman Tommy Sinclair reviewed and related some more facts. In his mind this was not about the support of the girls and boys but rather the issue is Council's action on behalf of all the people of Union. Union County School District has begun their baseball season. They have not requested additional time at the Timken Sports Complex. In fact, in a communication to him, the Superintendent had said they had requested no more fields and any other requests for fields would come in a dialogue from them to the County. The School District has effectively let two fields go and added two fields with one at Sims and one at Jonesville. He had Monarch measured and the dimensions for a field are closer than those on the internet. It approximates in some ways better than at

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the stadium. He offered Monarch for the school district last year in the idea of closeness to the school and limited distance. The district opted against using it. Some might offer that this is a one year deal with the district in the process of building its own practice fields. My experience over the past three years suggests otherwise, but if that be the case, Monarch which is very close to the high school is still available. The Legion coach is quoted in the paper as saying he would accept the same deal as was afforded to the varsity and JV programs. He and I have talked and he may have a different proposal he wants to present at some point. The club at USC-U is a non-intercollegiate NCAA sanctioned type program. USC is trying to be and can be accommodated. Maybe even with practice at UHS and play at Timken. It is not an issue at present because they are not that far into the process. In regards to Dixie Youth, that has been a fragile program financially and a large group of dedicated adults have carried it this far. At times it has been on a wing and a prayer. He personally contacted some folks recently on behalf of youth baseball and they have responded. The Buffalo complex and other sites will accommodate them for practice. Dixie Youth has experienced some financial hardships recently but he thought they could work through them. USSSA is using the Lockhart complex and seems to be self supporting with the \$3,100 Council sends there along with some occasional limited maintenance help. He said Mr. Cohen comments and asks in his last paragraph of his letter that we all support and work together, from the Council to the ball players, for great memories. In the opening prayer Mr. Ivey said the decisions made should be in the best interest of the County. That is the issue he wants to frame tonight. We all support boys and girls and veterans and any hint of a suggestion otherwise of him, his staff, or the Council concerns him. Quite frankly, from a personal perspective, he said he takes strong exception to any reference otherwise. This County through Council spent \$140,000 to upgrade South Hills, has invested millions in the Timken Complex, has supported the wounded warrior program, the 9-11 commemoration, allocated extra money for State and region playoffs, and supports community ball programs with 25 plus fields. He personally loaned the boys and girls both his personal 14 passenger van and on occasion let them have his gas credit card for fuel. He told Council their decision as the governing body, in his mind, was to protect the \$6.5 million dollar taxpayer investment at Timken while still allowing local play. This County has not invested that type money in a health program, a public safety program, a public service program, an infrastructure upgrade, a building program, nor an economic development program ever. The complex does serve as a local use facility for play but more importantly it is a limited source of revenue for government and a large source of revenue for small hospitality type businesses. As one who believes it is time for real reform, for responsible government, it is time for us to step up to the plate, make the hard decisions and protect the complex from becoming anything other than its primary intended function and use as a tourism draw for Union County.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any questions or comments from Council. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated that knowing this was going to be brought up after receiving Mr. Cohen's letter he had a conversation with Phillip Arnold. He said he started asking some questions of his own. He did not know what Councilman Ford's ideas are or any other recommendations but he was speaking to the boy's varsity and the girl's varsity softball. Those are the two that will have a ball field built for them next year according to the school district. He got some figures that are supposed to be accurate according to the schedule. For the boys you are talking about 10 extra days above what has already been approved by Council to give the boys to practice. For the girls, they have a little more because they play a

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lot of double headers. They would need 18 extra days. He said he was talking about doing this temporarily. He is talking about checking this. Councilman Hanvey stated he was out the night Mr. Arnold made his presentation to Council. Mr. Phillip Arnold had suggested taking care of those extra days of practice by requiring all field work to be done by the high school players with supervision from a Timken manager just to be sure that it is done the way that it is supposed to be done. This includes field maintenance before and after each practice on any field, cleaning and sweeping out the dugouts, watering and any other general use maintenance and preparation before all home games. During batting practice, the team would be provided with cover to protect the areas around the plates so that they would not be dug out and also a cover put on the pitcher's mound and use of a batting cage to prevent balls from traveling outside the field and doing any damage to the press boxes. They would rotate fields if necessary to keep from over use. Mr. Arnold had also suggested forming a field committee consisting of county employees, Council Members, coaches, and third party individuals to evaluate the field on a weekly basis to assess the field from getting too much use or damage. Councilman Randall Hanvey said he could see doing that. He said he could not say if this would tear the fields up or not. They are talking about 10 extra days and if 10 extra days is going to cause that then they can't do it. Councilwoman Joan Little asked if it would not be 28 days. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated it would not be on the same field. You would be talking about two extra fields with 10 days on the boys and 18 on the girls. Councilwoman Joan Little asked about the Legion practice. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated he did not know about Legion and was only talking about the high school right now. He knew they had to face Legion but as far as USC-Union he wanted to take that out of this discuss because that is two years down the road. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said you could not take it out of the discussion because he had just made the presentation to put it in the discussion. Councilman Randall Hanvey said that would be something they would have to look at later because the Council has not even been asked to use the Timken Sports Complex by USC-Union. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the school district had not presented anything to Council about any additional practice either. Councilman Randall Hanvey said he was not saying that they have and he was saying this had been brought up in the form of a motion and he was giving information based on that motion that he knew was going to happen tonight. That is what he is presenting here. He has his information. Does he know if it is correct? All he can go by is the schedule and what had been presented by Mr. Arnold that they would be willing to do. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated you have some experienced employees who worked pretty hard to put their information together. Councilman Hanvey said he was not taking that away from them. He was saying if this could be done on a trial basis for one year without tearing up our investment then can it be done. Councilwoman Joan Little asked how Jonesville became a cow field when three years ago it was good enough for all their children that lived in Jonesville. Mr. Mike Cohen stated that when anything is left alone, grass is allowed to grow up and water and rain will affect a good ball field if it is not maintained. He said when he used to supervise inmates they used to help keep up that field. It was a good field back then but if you let anything just grow up and dirt run on it then it is going to look like a cow pasture before long. Councilwoman Joan Little said she thought what they wanted was grass now instead of a dirt field. Mr. Cohen said they want a dirt infield. Mr. Ronnie Wade said when Dowl was the principal they came to the stadium to play. There was \$80,000 put together to redo that field. The person that redid that field was him. They put up concrete poles which are up there now. It was certified for high school baseball. They redid the backstop, put up new fencing, and put up a concession stand with restrooms. Mr. Wade said

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it was certified to play high school baseball. If you are asking if the field is up to snuff now then he would say it probably is. He asked Recreation Director Becky Cobb if she did not send people up there. Mrs. Cobb stated that once Mr. Sinclair got the request from the Mayor in Jonesville for some help to get it prepared for practice they did the infield and did some other work. Mr. Ronnie Wade stated that the lights at South Hills are paid for by the Recreation Department. The lights at the Buffalo field used by Dixie Youth are paid for by the Recreation Department. The lights on the field in Lockhart when they play there are paid for by the Recreation Department. Not only that, they are keeping up these fields. They are dragging these fields and are cleaning up after the ball games. These are all things going on now that need to be established. You need to understand they are not just leaving these things just lying around. Mr. Wade said if he could fix that field and tell Tommy Ford this is what we would do then he would do it. The only thing he can tell him is that he will give him the same opportunity at Timken that he would give anyone else. If he didn't raise enough money then he would get out and help him raise the money. He did not know what else to say. They have done this for forty years. He said Mr. Ford was on the Board when he made the suggestion that they needed more than one field. They were playing at City Park. Mr. Mike Cohen said all they were talking about was practicing where they play. They play at Timken. Councilman Randall Hanvey said he understood that any tournament play at Timken Sports Complex takes precedence over any practice that is out there. He did not see why that would change. If you have someone paying to use that facility for a tournament setup then he is not talking about telling that tournament they have practice here so they can't play. That is not what he is talking about. Councilman Ben Ivey stated the tournaments take priority. Councilman Tommy Ford stated that most of the tournaments played at Timken are played by travel ball and are played on the weekends. What is going on for the other fields occurs during the week as far as high school and Legion. They do not use it on the weekend and he did not think it would interfere with the tournaments at all. He did not think it would be a problem at all. Mr. Ronnie Wade said one of the problems they have had is where they play on Friday night then county employees have to clean up the park, restrooms and prepare the concession stand for play on Saturday morning. Teams will usually come in at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. If they don't do that then they would have to get up at 3:00 a.m. on Saturday morning to do it so generally they do it on Friday night. To say that one thing would not affect the other is not completely true. He said he was not going to argue all this because it would not make them any happier but he just wanted to tell them the truth about the facts. Councilman Ben Ivey said he was not on Council when all this transpired and Timken Sports Complex was presented as a game field for revenue for Union County. They have to look at the reason it was built and have to back it for the reason it was built. The income that comes in is priority. The revenue that comes in is priority. To be able to fit the games in when the slots are open was discussed at a Council meeting some time back. Now the question is whether it could be used for practices if it is available and there are no games going on. He said he understood the late clean ups and trying to prepare it for that and it would cost somebody to do that. It would cost overtime for people to come in to do what has to be done. For the main reason it was established and built, whether it was in budget or over budget, all that was before his time. We still have an obligation to our county for the primary reason it was built and Council has to look after that. If they can extend it for a few days then he is for it and he does not have a problem with it but it is temporary. His prime thing is that they stay focused on the reason it was built and their obligation as a Council. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked Ronnie Wade if he was talking about if a high school game happens on Friday.

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Mr. Wade stated that it would be whoever plays a game on Friday night. When the game is over with they would be there with the inmates doing that type work and would have to finish it that night because they would be playing again the next morning. Councilman Randall Hanvey said he thought that was where this comes in to use the players. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated those folks work for him and if they wanted to make a motion to put employees responsible for those children then they would have to do it independent of him. He said the suggestion was that they work under the supervision of a county employee. Councilman Randall Hanvey said that was as far as them knowing how to do it the way the County wants it done and not that they had to be there to supervise. It would be for the ball players and others to know how it was supposed to be done. Ronnie Wade stated a county employee would have to be there. If you open up one field for play then you have the rest of the park open. Someone has to attend to that. When you have inmates, you have the job of tending what you are doing and you have the job of watching those inmates. There is a liability to the County. Sometimes it is not what we do but what we don't do to take care of what needs to be done. Mr. Mike Cohen stated if you have ball players sweeping up or picking up trash and the coach is there then you require accountability and responsibility. Councilman Tommy Ford said he realized the tournaments are held on the weekends and bringing money into the restaurants and motels in Union County but he also remembered they raised the taxes about three mils to do this. We also have a responsibility to them to help their kids out too. Every time they go in these restaurants they are paying the hospitality tax. We have an obligation to these folks too. You raised their taxes to build this complex. Ronnie Wade said when they started all this, the question was not how do we just play these people on the weekends. That was not the only problem they had. How do you get people that live here to be able to use it? That was one of the conditions and that was the first thing they went out to do to find out how to get them there. He thought Mr. Ford was one of the one's they approached. Did you want to come and did you want to play? They did the same thing with everybody else. As far as what it costs to play there, he has heard people say you cannot afford to play there. They do not charge any of the teams to play. They charge a gate fee. The teams keep half of the gate fee and Timken keeps the concession fees. The gate fees and concession fees are part of the income from operation of the complex. Those are part of the money the County receives. Whatever Council directs them to do is what they will do. If you ask his opinion you are going to get his opinion. Councilwoman Joan Little stated it is not Council's place to tell the high school teams where they are going to play but rather it is the School Superintendent's place to do that. She has already secured the fields they play and practice on. Why is Council arguing about it when she has made her decision? Councilman Tommy Ford stated they are not telling them where to practice but are going to give them the option to come back and practice at those fields. The varsity baseball team and varsity softball team would be given the option to come back and practice on the field at Timken Sports Complex if they elect to. If they do not elect to do so, then so be it. If they elect to come back and practice then the high school coach or athletic director would go to Mrs. Woodall and ask her to change her mind to allow them to practice there. This would be for a one year trial period. If it does not work out then it does not work and it does not happen anymore. If it does work out then good and they would go from there. Director of Timken Sports Complex Kevin Shropshire stated if teams are practicing on the fields then you can't use them for play which eliminates concession and gate money. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked what fields would be used for varsity boy and girls practice. Mr. Shropshire said if they practice on the field they play on it would be field 1 and field 5. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked if anyone uses field 5



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in Dixie Youth and Mr. Shropshire said not field 5. Councilman Tommy Ford said Dixie Youth had not worked out anything as far as playing there yet. They don't even know if they are going to play there yet. Mr. Shropshire asked how you tell them they can't practice if you let somebody else. Councilman Tommy Ford stated most of them have places to practice. Right now in Union County there are three fields that kids that age can practice on. You just took one of them away. You have Timken and you have Jonesville. Those are the only three fields that are big enough for these kids to practice on. You say the County has thirty something fields but they are little league fields. Do you want these kids to go back down to little league to practice on those fields? Councilwoman Kacie Petrie said Timken was built prior to her election to Council as well but she remembered when she first came on that was when they decided to allow the teams to play on the fields because of the tax millage increase. There have so many hours spent on this same subject over and over again. It is Council's place to put people in positions to make recommendations to this Council from their expertise and she thought they had three sitting before them. Council has been labeled that they do not care about our children. That offends her so much since she has a child and he is the reason she is on Council today because she wants Union to be better and to grow. She wants Timken to still be there when her four year old starts playing ball. But when they open the fields up for practice for just high school and legion as the motion was made then you open up the situation for the other leagues to request that practice time too. There is not enough manpower there to keep all these fields up. Councilman Tommy Ford said the motion was for high school teams and legion and did not say anything about Dixie Youth practicing over there. He said Dixie Youth has gotten flack and he knew because he is president of Dixie Youth. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie said she agreed with Councilwoman Little in that the Council had not seen a request from the School Board. They have designated those areas. Councilman Tommy Ford said it had been established that Council had not seen a request. If they are going to allow them to come back, then he wanted it open so they could come back if they want to practice at the complex. Councilwoman Joan Little stated the Council voted against that last time it was brought up. Councilman Tommy Ford stated that was what they were doing was changing it. Councilwoman Joan Little asked if he was talking about American Legion. Councilman Tommy Ford said he wanted to tell them something about American Legion. The way it stands right now you could practice the day before you play every time and American Legion plays three to four times a week. They could practice every day out there. So he is not worried about losing. If they play at the complex then they play about every day or every other day so they would practice there about every other day. That is what it says in the rules now. Ronnie Wade stated that is for home games. If you are playing home games then that is possible. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked if he did not include Legion in the motion and Councilman Randall Hanvey responded that was the case. He asked Councilman Ford how many days Legion would be playing. Councilman Ford stated American Legion plays about 20 ball games. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked how many of those were away games. Councilman Ford stated there were 10 away games and 10 home games. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked when they start practice before the season. Councilman Ford said they start the first or second week in May depending on when the high school gets finished. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked how many days prior to the season. Councilman Ford said it was 15 days. Councilman Hanvey asked how long after varsity does he start and Councilman Ford said they give them about a week off then they start playing. Councilman Hanvey said instead of 10 days for varsity boys then it would be another 20 days. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked if he was including junior legion in that too.

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Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked if that was for regular legion and junior legion teams and Councilman Ford stated that was right. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked if they practice together and Councilman Tommy Ford responded that sometimes they do. Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked if they were not practicing together then how many practices it would be. Councilman Tommy Ford said if they were not practicing together they play 16 ball games. Mr. Mike Cohen tried to make a comment but Chairman Tommy Sinclair stopped him as this was the time for Council comments. Councilman Tommy Ford asked if anybody else on Council had anything and Councilwoman Kacie Petrie responded that she didn't. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said he was Chairman of Council and he would direct the meeting. He asked Mr. Cohen if he had any comments. Mr. Mike Cohen stated that each season high school teams only play about six or seven weeks. You are only talking about 10 to 15 days of practice per team each year. There was talk about interfering with Dixie Youth but they don't start until April 15th. Most of the time high school play is over with by late April. Councilman Randall Hanvey said playoffs start the 25th. Mr. Cohen said the high school teams do not play on weekends. He agreed the tournaments should come first and the others would have to practice and play somewhere else or postpone them. You have to look at the high school season which is six to eight weeks long and they play 20 games and don't play on weekends. You are looking at 15 days per team practicing. Legion plays six weeks and play about three or four games a week. So they can only practice one or two days a week. That would only be 45 practice days on seven fields. He asked Council to look at it. Dixie Youth doesn't start until the high school is over. The tournaments are on the weekends. He did not see any interference with the tournaments. He agreed the tournaments should come first. Councilman Ben Ivey stated if there is a team or teams that want to play a tournament then it takes precedence over everything. Mr. Cohen said if you look at each team then you are looking at 12 to 15 days per team per practice per year and you would not mess up the tournaments. Councilman Randall Hanvey said you could even figure 10 extra days for varsity boys and 70 days for Mr. Ford. Councilman Hanvey asked Councilman Ford his average time for practice and he responded before they start the season it was about 2 hours. Councilman Hanvey said that would result in 140 additional hours. He said they were at three something according to Mr. Sinclair's presentation and it got up to six before it did damage. He did not think they were at six even with the 70 hours. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie said she did not think they were qualified to make those kinds of determinations. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated that was based on the information Council was presented. Councilman Ben Ivey did not feel there would be damage to the fields for 140 additional hours. Councilwoman Joan Little said they are forgetting that School Superintendent Kristi Woodall already has them practicing where she wants them. Councilman Randall Hanvey said that would be less hours if the high school does not want additional practice time there. They know Tommy Ford is going to use the complex so they have to face this issue with him even if they don't face it with the varsity. It is either let Tommy Ford's American Legion teams play there or do away with legion ball or he plays somewhere other than here unless you are going to vote to turn the stadium around and he is not in agreement with that. Councilwoman Joan Little asked Councilman Ford if what he would pay for legion play at Timken would be half the gate fees. Councilman Tommy Ford said he did not know since he had never used Timken. That has been something they have been trying to work out. According to what they are telling him, Timken Sports Complex gets all the canteen money and the team gets a percentage of the gate money. The American Legion Team does not have a whole lot of money. They depend on the gate money and canteen money to pay the umpires. Their

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umpires charge them \$90 apiece per ball game. They have to wait until they get enough money every ball game to pay them. Right now, if they go to Timken then they would not get any canteen money and would get only a percentage of the money from gate fees. That would be something they would have to work out if they can raise enough money to play out there. He was not sure if he could or not. Councilwoman Joan Little asked how much the veterans give them and Councilman Ford stated it was \$3,000. Councilman Ford stated last year the bills and everything for the senior team alone was \$5,996. The rest of it came out of canteen money and gate money. Councilwoman Joan Little asked if Whitmire and Laurens has a legion that could give them some money. Councilman Ford said he did not think Whitmire has a legion but Jonesville has a legion post and so does Buffalo but they do not have enough money to give anybody. They barely have enough money to pay their light bill. Post 22 gives him all they can. Councilwoman Joan Little asked if he thought Whitmire and Laurens would be willing to do something to help him. Councilman Ford said he had asked them before. Ronnie Wade asked if he was hearing that they are planning to play legion ball at the Timken Sports Complex. Councilman Ford said yes if they can work something out. Ronnie Wade said that was kind of news to him too. He has tried to explain this but it is something he has not heard before. Again, he did not know why they could not work it out. If you have to raise money, then he said he would help with it. They took in \$1,200 for two teams to play at the stadium last year. He said he could show him the books on how many days they practiced and how many hours of lights they used. The thing is whatever they need to do to make it work where the teams can play then he did not know anybody had said they cannot play. He did not ever remember that being said. If he wanted to play there and has a problem with what is going on, then to start out with you are going to save \$1,200. If you have \$3,000 then that makes \$4,200. The second part is they would not pay a light bill at Timken as that is figured in with the costs you've got so that is money you are not going to pay there. You have to pay officials and there are several ways to look at that. They can either charge you half at the gate or the teams can keep the gate money and pay the officials. There are things that can be worked out but they have to be asked that first. Councilman Tommy Ford said he would have come to Mr. Wade to ask that but he talked to the County Supervisor about it and he told him not to talk to him about it and was told to come to him. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said he would then involve Ronnie Wade in the conversation. Ronnie Wade said if they want to play there and anybody else wants to play there then he would find them a way to play. Councilman Randall Hanvey said he wanted to clarify that it would mean 140 additional hours on field 5 and 72 hours on whatever field the girls play on. That is doubling the hours of what they say they need. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated that would mean county employees would have to be out there all those extra hours as well and you would have to add the cost of the lights. Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked the Clerk to read the motion again for the record. The Clerk to Council responded that she would have to rewind the tape to get the exact wording of the motion. Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked Councilman Ford to restate his motion.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion that they allow practice for the Legion and leave the option for the High School teams, the varsity girls and the varsity boys, and for now to leave out USC and deal with them later, and this be done on a one year trial basis.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair said the motion for the record is to allow Legion ball to play and practice and make it available to the High School varsity boys and varsity girls to play and practice with unlimited practice. Councilman Randall Hanvey said it was somewhat

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unlimited because of their schedule. They can't practice there on the days they are playing games. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the prior policy of allowing them to practice one day before the game has now been invalidated and is in fact now to allow practice whenever. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated it would be on a trial basis for this year. Chairman Tommy Sinclair restated that would mean varsity boys and varsity girls would practice whenever on a trial basis for this year. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated that tournaments would take precedence. He stated the way Mr. Sinclair is saying it sounds like they can practice anytime and that is not what he is agreeing to. Councilman Tommy Ford said they had already agreed that if tournaments come up then they have to find another place to practice. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated that if there is a tournament scheduled or one becomes scheduled then it bumps everything. Kevin Shropshire asked about any local teams that are scheduled to play which generates gate revenue and concessions. Would you knock practices off for that? Councilman Randall Hanvey and Councilman Ben Ivey stated that absolutely it would. Games come before practice. Councilman Tommy Ford stated that if they are playing on one field you would not block practice off for the other field. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked if it was only the one field being used for practice that would need to be used for play. Mr. Shropshire said when the girls play they usually use all the little fields. Councilman Ben Ivey said whatever fields are needed for the games and the tournaments to play on would bump your practice fields. Councilwoman Joan Little suggested they wait until Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings was present to take any vote on the matter. Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked if she was putting that in a motion.

Joan Little: Made a motion to wait until Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings could be present to take any vote on the matter.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked if she could amend Councilwoman Little's motion to send this to a committee to work out a motion because it has some work that needs to be done. Councilman Tommy Ford said if they were going to drag it out another two months there would be no need to do it and you would be taking the option away from the high school. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie said she did not mean any harm but the motion is weak and she does not understand what they are asking for at this point. Councilman Tommy Ford said they had not voted on the first motion yet before you make this one. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said they were already practicing right? Councilman Tommy Ford said they had to vote on the first motion before you get another motion in order here. If you are going to be the Chairman then be the Chairman. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated he was and asked Councilwoman Joan Little how she wanted to amend the motion. Councilwoman Joan Little stated she wanted to wait on Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings to be here to vote. Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked if she was trying to table it and get it to committee. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated she thought Councilman Tommy Ford and Councilman Randall Hanvey need to structure their motion before they actually vote on it. Legion and high school on a one year trial whenever and tournaments take precedence and games take precedence. Councilman Randall Hanvey said that was Councilman Ford's part and he added that. That was not what he was talking about. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated he was trying to get some guidance for the people who have to make it happen. Councilwoman Joan Little suggested talking to School Superintendent Kristi Woodall to see what she thought about this. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there was a motion and there was a second on the table. The high schools are already practicing. So the next people to practice schedule wise is Legion. Councilman Tommy Ford said the high school would have the option to practice there. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings is out sick.

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Councilwoman Joan Little asked Councilman Tommy Ford when his Legion practice would start and he responded that it would be May. Councilwoman Joan Little said she thought it would be nice to let Councilwoman Martin-Jennings have a chance to voice her opinion. Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked if there was a motion to table it.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to table it.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for a vote on the motion to table the matter. Councilman Tommy Ford stated they had not voted on his motion and Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated that was not the order. Councilman Tommy Ford said there was a motion and second that was made that they had not voted on and now they were taking another one without settling the other business. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said you vote on the motion to table it based on Robert's Rules of Order. There was a motion and a second and now there is a motion to table it. He called for a vote on the motion to table it.

Two (2) Council Members (Kacie Petrie and Joan Little) voted in favor of tabling the matter so the vote to table it failed.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for a vote on the motion made by Councilman Tommy Ford.

Three (3) Council Members (Tommy Ford, Randall Hanvey and Ben Ivey) voted in favor of the motion and two (2) Council Members (Joan Little and Kacie Petrie) opposed the motion. The motion carried by majority vote.

Councilwoman Joan Little suggested talking to School Superintendent Kristi Woodall about the practice. Councilman Tommy Ford said they were going to leave that up to the athletic director and coach. Councilman Ben Ivey stated they would let us know if they want to practice at Timken.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked Councilman Hanvey if he was going to make a motion about the suggestions made by Phillip Arnold. Councilman Randall Hanvey said he was going to do it the best way to help those employees over the Timken Sports Complex. He asked if they wanted the assistance to take care of the fields. Mr. Kevin Shropshire stated they have inmate labor but his main question was who was going to stay there all those hours. He said he was there eighty hours a week now. Councilwoman Joan Little asked Councilman Ford if he would be willing to get his canteen and everything set up and he responded that he did at the stadium. Recreation Director Becky Cobb told Mr. Sinclair another issue to take up was whether it is coaches or kids that they are asking if they would be all in favor of them helping is something that Payroll Administrator Kindra Horne would have to take up with the Association of Counties. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that absolutely we would be getting into a liability situation. As long as Council votes on it then Council is accepting responsibility. This is a legislative body and they can accept that responsibility but you are not going to impose it on those employees without Council accepting it here. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked if they would want that. Kevin Shropshire said he did not want to be responsible for a bunch of high school aged kids. County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros suggested talking to the insurance company to see if they would be covered or not. Councilman Ben Ivey asked what kind of insurance coverage we have now for any teams that are playing there or anyone coming on the property that may be injured. Kevin Shropshire stated that for any weekend tournament the organization has to file insurance. Councilman Ben Ivey said the County is covering any employees who are working there for the County. If the ball team stays while they are there helping to pick up and cleaning up on their part then they are still on the grounds and should be covered. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked

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Kindra Horne if they would be covered. Kindra Horne stated if someone gets hurt at the complex they are covered under the County's property and liability. It is a whole different situation when you put kids working on a field cleaning up trash. Anything like that is a whole different situation when you actually put them to doing work. Right now we have to fill out papers allowing inmates to go out there and do that work. It is a whole different situation if we allow kids to do that. She did not know if the Association of Counties would allow us to do that. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said it would take action of Council to put inmates with kids. He said he was not going to direct them do it but Council could take action to do it. Councilman Ben Ivey asked if they called and asked them to bring their ball team over to clean up over there now then that's a different story. If they are already on the field, they have been playing and they are cleaning up and working their way out, then he did not see why they could not clean up a little before and after the game. Mike Cohen said when he was over Dixie Youth Paul Glenn who was a commissioner over recreation instructed them to have their team pick up. This was twenty to twenty-five years ago. Clerk of Court Freddie Gault said he thought if the ball players are there playing and then get hurt that is going to fall back on the school district. They are under the school district's umbrella while they are playing ball and traveling. If they are there raking a field they are still going to be under the school district's umbrella. He suggested getting permission from the school district before they do any of that. Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked if they were ready to make a motion yet. Councilman Randall Hanvey said not to let the kids do it if there is going to be a problem. County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros suggested making it a condition upon getting clearance from the insurance company.

Randall Hanvey: Stated pending the outcome of the insurance on whether or not the ball players can help with the upkeep of the fields then he would make the motion that they would be allowed to help with the upkeep.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated he understood that was to allow and not require them to do so and asked that be under whose supervision. Councilman Randall Hanvey responded it would be under the coaches' supervision. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the motion then is to allow the ball team to help clean up under the coaches' supervision. Councilman Randall Hanvey said that would be as long as it is approved under our insurance or whoever's it needs to be. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that it absolutely was not a requirement and Councilman Hanvey responded no. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated they can play and leave and do not have to clean up and Councilman Hanvey responded yes. Councilman Randall Hanvey said he did not think they would let that happen. He said he was going to hold Phillip Arnold, since it was his suggestion, accountable to make sure that doesn't happen. He said he did not think they would let the kids walk off if they are able under the insurance guidelines to stay and do it. Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked Mr. Phillip Arnold if, hypothetically, they finish a ball game on Friday night then they would get that field ready for Saturday morning. Mr. Arnold responded if that was what is required. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that it would not be required. Mr. Arnold said if that is what they are asking to be done there are a group of parents, students and on the field ball players that would be willing to help turn the field back around at the guidance of anybody that wants to do it. He said they talked insurance regulations and things like that and asked if there was a way the County could employ a group of adults for one penny with no pay to allow them part time employment to take care of that insurance regulation. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said he did not think so. He asked Councilman Hanvey if his motion extends to high school ball then does it extend to legion ball. Councilman Randall Hanvey said yes and the legion was the main thing since this

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was just an option for varsity. The main motion was for legion to get approved to play. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that had been done and they are talking about clean up. Councilman Randall Hanvey said it would be the same. Mr. Phillip Arnold said the main premise behind his suggestions was because when they go to other places they see a lot of other ball teams take care of their own field. They have been fortunate he supposed in Union County not to have to do that. Why not let them do it if they are the ones using the playing field? That was the reason they put that in there. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said he did not think anybody would ever object to people helping. Our experience at practice has been different. The condition of the field after practice is normally that the ball team has not left it in good shape. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked if it had ever been suggested that they help maintain the fields. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said he did not know as he never coached them so he never suggested it one way or the other. Councilwoman Joan Little asked in other words this whole motion was for legion and then to give the school an option. Councilman Randall Hanvey said if the school wants to use it since they are already practicing at South Hills and at Jonesville. If they do not want to, we are not saying they have to come back. Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked Councilman Randall Hanvey to word his motion again for the record.

Randall Hanvey: Not required but allowed, if the ball teams would like to help maintain the fields as long as the insurance will allow them, then his motion is that they be allowed to help maintain the fields.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked who they would be supervised by and Councilman Hanvey responded they would be supervised by their coach.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The motion carried by majority vote.

Recreation Director Becky Cobb said Council approved the option of the school to use Timken Sports Complex for practice. Would they have to hear from School Superintendent Kristi Woodall that they would be practicing or would Coach Petty be allowed to call and say they are going to use it? Does it have to come from Mrs. Woodall to them that the high school wants to use it for practice? Councilman Randall Hanvey said he thought it would be Kristi Woodall. Councilman Tommy Ford said he would say that would be up to the athletic director, the coach and all to get in touch with Mrs. Woodall and let her handle it from there. Ms. Cobb asked if their request as far as getting the field practice ready would have to come from Mrs. Woodall to one of them and the response from Council was yes. Chairman Tommy Sinclair clarified for the record that request for practice would come from School Superintendent Kristi Woodall to the County employees who handle practice at the Timken Sports Complex. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated that was fine with him and the main concern for the motion was for Tommy Ford and to give the school district the option if they want it. Councilwoman Joan Little reiterated that the main concern for the motion was for Tommy Ford.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated next on the agenda was to consider the vacancies on the Fair Board.

Councilman Randall Hanvey recommended Amanda Black from District 5.

Councilman Tommy Ford recommended Roger Bailey from District 3.

Councilwoman Joan Little recommended Charles Farr from District 1.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to appoint Amanda Black, Roger Bailey and Charles Farr to serve on the Fair Board as recommended.

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

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Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the Council needed to consider the Stadium Commission vacancies.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to appoint Jimmy Sherbert.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that last year the Council interviewed these.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to interview the applicants for the Stadium Commission.

Councilman Randall Hanvey asked if they were going to do that for all the boards. Councilman Tommy Ford said yes. Councilman Hanvey asked why they did not do that for the Fair Board and Councilman Ford said that was an appointed thing by each Council Member.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Council needed to consider the vacancies on the Hospital Board.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to interview the applicants for the Hospital Board.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the Council had received a letter from the Bonham Fire District. They recommended Roger Gregory be appointed to fill a vacancy on their Board due to the resignation of Bobby DeHart. Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked if anyone else applied. Chief Scott Austin said they ran an ad in the newspaper and no one applied. When he was at a funeral he asked Roger Gregory if he would be willing to serve and he said he would.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion based on Chief Austin's recommendation to appoint Roger Gregory to fill an unexpired term on the Board of Fire Control for Bonham Fire District.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that Cross Keys Fire District held an advisory election and the results of their advisory election was Stephen Stone for Chairman of the Board and Elly Smith as Secretary and Treasurer.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to appoint Stephen Stone and Elly Smith to serve on the Board of Fire Control for Cross Keys Fire District.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for motions from the individual members of Council in the absence of Committee Chair Dora Martin-Jennings for the Committee on County Administration and Finance.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance to go ahead with application for Phase III of the Buffalo Water and Sewer Project which had been engineered and we are ready to apply for a grant.

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

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance to proceed with paving the parking area for Monarch Fire District for the handicapped and election under the provision of the federal grant at a cost of \$14,750.00.

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



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Joan Little: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance to authorize the County for additional control procedures to safeguard assets.

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

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance to continue our economic infrastructure advancements down Highway 176 and Highway 18.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any elected officials or department heads who wished to address Council.

Airport and Stadium Manager Ronnie Wade told Council the County shop has been operating out of one of the airport hangars on a temporary basis. They have had a complaint to the FAA by Mark Lancaster concerning this. The Airport Commission met the other night and what they wanted to do was verify that we want the maintenance shop at the hangar. They are working on clear zone easements, the AWOL or weather system, and the approaches to the airport. The approaches on one end will be a thirty two to one and the end we are doing the approaches on the property lines will be a twenty to one. The AWOL system will give them the weather. He provided Council with a copy of the letter from Mark Lancaster indicating some personal property that he was unclear about. They cleaned out the hangars. The gentleman that operated the old FBO (Fixed Base Operations) has passed away. They still have his materials. He said he had a letter from them that materials have been put up for sale. They will sell those and the money will go back to the family. They have enough materials to open a FBO. The pilots would like to have someone there doing maintenance. He provided Council with a copy of the minutes of the last Airport Commission meeting, a copy of the lease agreements, a copy of the letter sent to the FAA and our response to that. He said he was putting together a letter today with an answer to this problem. Technically it is not a problem as the County is paying the bills and is entitled to do what they want. He wanted Council to be aware of what is going on. Councilman Ben Ivey asked how many hangars are available if someone wants to rent one. Mr. Wade stated there are two open now. Councilman Ben Ivey asked if due to the County's using a hangar as a maintenance shop facility on a temporary basis has caused any problem that would prevent it from being used if necessary and Mr. Wade responded it has not. Mr. Wade informed Council we got a three hundred thousand dollar line item grant from the State with Senator Linda Short's help to build those hangars. We do not have a penny in those hangars. The money that comes in from those rentals helps with the upkeep of the airport. On each end of the hangar buildings are two half hangars. They are being used to store items the County had received from Disney and Dollar General for UCARE, needy families and families whose homes had burned. Mr. Wade said he had talked to the federal government and they understand our situation but they have to answer the complaint. Had Mark come to the Airport Commission or to him with this problem they could have resolved the problem here without going through the FAA. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said for the record that the letter was addressed to him and they will jointly respond to it.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any other comments.

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Mrs. Curtiss Hunter invited Council to attend the Tourism Summit on Friday, February 17th at the Advanced Technology Center from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. They had requested RSVPs as they will be providing lunch for those who attend. The Union County Tourism Commission has invited all the surrounding counties to attend to discuss economic development and tourism. They hoped to have representatives from the various entities in the county to attend as well.

Councilman Ben Ivey stated he has a home in his district that has fire damage. The people in the area are asking what is going to be done about clean up. He asked where we are with the Code Enforcement Officer or what we can do about it. Brad Jolly asked if he was talking about the home beside the Masonic Lodge and Councilman Ivey stated that was correct. Mr. Jolly said the church that owns it jerked the house down and left it. He will have to serve summons on the pastor and the trustees of the church to get them to finish it.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any other comments but there were none.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council