

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Tommy Sinclair, Vice Chairman Tommy Ford, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Frank Hart, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly
Absent: None

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. Ray Treadway, 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 Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Joan Little, District 1 - Present
Frank Hart, District 2 - Present
Tommy Ford, District 3 - Present
Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present
Kacie Petrie, District 6 - Present

Chairman Tommy Sinclair welcomed Mr. Jeff Vinson who had brought Boy Scout Troop 42 to the Council meeting to work on their law merit badges.

Development Board Director Andrena Powell-Baker introduced Mr. Clay Andrews who is the Director of Investors & Public Relations with Upstate Alliance.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on February 12, 2013, the work session held by County Council on February 4, 2013, the joint meeting with the School Board held on February 11, 2013 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented a service award and gift certificate for Jimmy Crocker for 15 years and for Kelly Gibson for 5 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there is still a vacancy on the Library Board. Councilman Ben Ivey recommended Connie Springs who lives at 1163 Brown's Creek Church Road in Union.

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Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to appoint Connie Springs to serve on the Library Board.
Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there were six positions on the Appeals Board to be considered. Councilman Frank Hart asked if Council should look at the outstanding ordinance pertaining to appointments before setting up another slate of officers. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated this was a follow up to action taken by Council at the last regular meeting. He asked Councilman Hart if he was suggesting to negate last month's business. Councilman Frank Hart said he was suggesting they have a discussion on the proposed ordinance on its impact since he was not aware of the ordinance at the last meeting. He understood they had held two readings on the proposed ordinance and wanted to talk about it before filling these slots.

Frank Hart: Made a motion not to fill any other positions on boards and commissions until Council reviews the proposed ordinance.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie felt they should appoint the positions that had already been advertised and hold a committee meeting to review the proposed ordinance. Councilman Frank Hart asked if they had been advertised and Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the Appeals Board and Airport Commission had been. Councilman Frank Hart stated the Appeals Board would be appointed by Council districts which would be in line with what the ordinance addresses but the Airport Commission would not be. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there are six slots on the Appeals Board. Two people had asked to be reappointed who are Rev. George Sims representing Council District 1 and James H. Maness representing Council District 3. Councilman Ben Ivey stated his representative Butch Carter wants to remain on the Board. Councilman Randall Hanvey and Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated they had not talked to their previous appointments to see if they were interested in continuing to serve. Councilman Frank Hart withdrew his motion not to fill the positions and Councilman Tommy Ford withdrew his second to the motion. Councilwoman Joan Little appointed Rev. George Sims, Councilman Tommy Ford appointed James H. Maness and Councilman Ben Ivey appointed Butch Carter to serve on the Appeals Board.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there are two vacancies on the Airport Commission and one application was received from Dr. Mike Mahan.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to appoint Dr. Mike Mahan to serve on the Airport Commission but to hold off on advertising any other vacancies until Council can discuss the proposed ordinance.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked if Council wanted to hold off on advertising the vacancy on the Union County Development Board.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion not to advertise the vacancy on the Development Board or any other boards and commissions until discussion of the proposed ordinance.

Frank Hart: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tourism Director Will Boyles gave an update on the Union County Tourism Commission and stated they would like to start making a monthly report. He went over their goals and what they want to achieve. His presentation included tourism assets such as natural resources and

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agriculture, historical sites and sports. They see growth and expansion in all these areas. They did a promotional video that they have put on YouTube and are working on an outdoor recreation guide. He went over the 2012 Tourism Summit and plans for the upcoming summit. His presentation included events and organizations they are involved with to promote tourism in Union County. Councilman Frank Hart asked the best way to evaluate the performance of the Tourism Commission or the right measurements to look at. Mr. Boyles said that it can be done on an event basis and a lot of those numbers they can get from the State. Councilman Frank Hart suggested setting a base line to see where improvements have been made. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said he understood there were going to be some kind of mud runs and Mr. Boyles explained they would be called Mud Buddies.

Mrs. Amy Austin gave a slide show presentation for the Miracle League giving a time line showing how far they had come over the past year. They started with a dream to transport a regular baseball field into a surface to accommodate all players no matter their disability. The presentation included their exhibition game at the Timkens Sports Complex. In May of 2011 the Miracle League Board was established and on March 13, 2012 the Union County Council designated field one at the Timken Sports Complex for use by the Miracle League. They have received donations and held fund raisers to realize concrete commitments in the amount of \$233,788.31 leaving them short by \$16,211.69 of reaching their \$250,000.00 goal. This does not include money expected from upcoming fund raisers. Councilwoman Joan Little asked Mrs. Austin if they plan to play on that field this year and Mrs. Austin stated that was their plan. They will be seeking team sponsorships. Mrs. Austin stated they hope to receive further funds as a result of sending out letters to corporations which could help them sustain needed operations and improvement costs now and in the future. She thanked Council for their support.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated he had provided Council with a copy of an animal shelter request. He stated there is a group that wants to make a presentation at a joint meeting of the County Council and City Council.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the South Carolina Association of Counties is trying to get support against a Bill in the State Legislature. Small counties would lose control or even the opportunity to deny solid waste in this county unless we choose to. He suggested the Council pass a resolution opposing the Bill so we can send it to the General Assembly. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated the Bill takes away the County's ability to control where a landfill will be located. Councilman Frank Hart said the law basically says that any County ordinance which is an impediment or regulates a solid waste or recycling facility is invalid. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated you could not control where the waste came from or who operated a landfill.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion for the County to write a resolution against the Solid Waste Bill.

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

Sheriff David Taylor stated he needed Council's approval for two Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements. He has one joint agreement with the Jonesville Police Department, the City of Union Public Safety and the Highway Patrol. He said he had another agreement with Chester County Sheriff's Office.

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Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to affirm the agreements with the Jonesville Police Department, the City of Union Public Safety, the South Carolina Highway Patrol and the Chester County Sheriff's Office.

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

County Tax Assessor Susan Hanvey stated QPublic had started the process needed to get the tax parcels put on our online website. The imaging process would be for the Tax Assessor's Office, the County Auditor's Office, and the Tax Collector's Office. It would give them imaging software and hardware that would help them with storage issues and would help them to attach documents to property records.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair introduced in title only the ordinance adopting the Union County Budget for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance adopting the Union County Budget for fiscal year 2013-2014.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair informed Council that Catawba Regional Council of Governments had revised some figures in the CDBG grant for the Ottaray Mill Village Project and rather than the County needing to match the grant with \$17,500.00 the County would only need a match of \$7,322.00. He introduced a resolution that Council would provide the matching funds in that amount.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to adopt the resolution providing \$7,322.00 in matching funds for the Ottaray Project.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for an executive session to discuss contract issues.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to go into executive session to discussion contract issues.

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

The Union County Council went into executive session for the purpose stated.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair announced that Council had come out of executive session and that no votes were taken.

The Union County Council returned to regular session.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to allow the Miracle League to go ahead and start the construction of the new field.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council