

UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Frank Hart, Vice Chair Ben Ivey, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Ralph Tucker, Councilman David Sinclair, Councilman Tommie Hill, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros (arrived at 5:37 p.m.) 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, 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, to Shell Suber at MHISC and to Randall Hanvey. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order. Council Chaplin David Sinclair gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Joan Little, District 1 – Present
Ralph Tucker, District 2 – Present
David Sinclair, District 3 - Present
Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present
Tommie Hill, District 5 - Present
Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on March 14, 2017 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented a service award certificate and gift card for Matthew Voiselle for 5 years of service, for Dianne Spencer for 5 years of service, and for Robert Garner for 20 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider appointments to the boards and commissions. The Building Code Board of Appeals still has a vacancy for an alternate member.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to appoint Doug Guinn who is a licensed electrician as an alternate member on the Building Code Board of Appeals.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated there were four vacancies on the Tax Assessor's Appeals Board but Council did not have any applicants.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated there were two vacancies on the Fire Board for Kelly-Kelton Fire District and there were two applicants who were Jamison England and Nancy Garner.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to appoint Jamison England to serve on the Fire Board for Kelly-Kelton Fire District.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider appointments to the Airport Commission. There is one vacancy and three applicants who are Michael M. Mahan, Nancy C. Mahan, and Robert Steve Bogan.

Joan Little: Made a motion to appoint Steve Bogan to serve on the Airport Commission.

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

Clerk of Court Melanie Lawson stated she was losing one of the girls in her office and provided Council with a copy of the duties for the position. The position is for a clerk in Common Pleas. She has two people handling each job and it is difficult to get the work done if she loses one.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to allow the Clerk of Court to fill the job vacancy in her office.

Tommie Hill: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

County Treasurer Dianne Wilkins stated she has lost an employee in her office and requested permission to replace that position. She stated they stay busy and she had been working a lot of extra hours. It is a very detailed position that needs to be filled.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to allow the County Treasurer to fill the job vacancy in her office.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was to discuss funding for summer school for mechatronics students. The representatives from Spartanburg Community College could not attend today's meeting so he postponed that until the May Council meeting.

Fire Chief John Glenn expressed the need for a tanker truck for the Carlisle Fire District. He stated they do not currently have a truck and they run out of water in the rural areas. He found a truck but then they had to determine how to finance it. The truck is a 2013 model that holds 3300 gallons of water equipped with a pump, dump tank and two discharge valves at a cost of approximately \$130,000. Chairman Frank Hart stated since their Fire Board had voted to purchase the tanker truck then the County Council could adopt an ordinance for a lease purchase. Council would hold a public hearing in the Town of Carlisle. That tax district would have to levy millage to cover the debt. The company selling the truck is located in Ontario, Canada.

Tourism Director Curtis Hunter introduced Brad Kosac with Forward Business Consulting in Charlotte who designed their new website. He did a demonstration of the new site which includes Union County history, venues, and places of interest. Mrs. Hunter stated the site would include an event calendar which various agencies would be allowed to provide information for posting.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council had been provided with copies of the two proposals on the From Building which they need to review at their next meeting.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated Michael "Bird" Lancaster is not on the agenda but wanted to give Council some information as President of the Union County Fire Chiefs Association. Their Association proposed a burning ordinance for Union County adopting the DHEC burning ordinance. There are issues with illegal burning in the county. Each county has a phone number they can call to get a burning permit. This was referred to the Union County Council Committee on Law Enforcement, Judiciary & Recreation.

Caleb Sanderlin stated there was a contractor doing work in several counties that do rebar work. The problem with the company is that they mistreat workers. He said he was injured on the job while working for the company but they did not provide any workers compensation or payment of medical bills. They wanted the County to know in case the company would be doing any work for them.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any elected officials or department heads that wished to address Council.

Sheriff David Taylor stated they have the new drug dog that has been through training with the handler. He said the Building Superintendent Ken West had been working with the company to get the cameras installed at the jail and also the fence. The car going to Litter Control is ready to be picked up when the tag is transferred.

Detention Center Director Neil McKeown stated they broke ground on an education building. They will be partnering with a non-profit organization to get donations and use recycled materials to build a twenty four foot by sixty foot building where the inmates can have classes at no cost to the County.

Code Enforcement Officer David Kitchens stated they are planning a one day clean-up in Ottaray with the assistance of the Lions Club. During the month of March they picked up 1,223 bags of trash on the side of the roads. They are doing some work for the City now on the weekends. They have a fenced in area at Animal Control now where the animals can run free.

Building Superintendent Kenny West stated they had been working on the electrical wiring for the gate and cameras at the jail which should be completed in the next few days.

Delinquent Tax Collector Lorene Bevis stated they are down to about 2,000 delinquent taxes to be collected. They are working on the mortgage holder letters.

Airport and Stadium Manager Ronnie Wade stated he had a pilot come in at the airport that had gotten sick and wanted to return to Cincinnati. He tried to get a rental car for the man but could not find one in Union, Spartanburg, Greenville or Columbia. He took the man to Charlotte to get a rental car so he could go home. There is a need for a rental car service in Union. Mr. Wade stated they have two new picnic tables at Ottaray.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the first amendment of that certain fee agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina and Gonvauto South Carolina, LLC effective as of July 25, 2012 and relating to, without limitation, the addition of GES Recycling, South Carolina, LLC as a sponsor affiliate under the fee agreement for certain matters, and other matters related thereto.

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Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance authorizing the first amendment of that certain fee agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina and Gonvauto South Carolina, LLC effective as of July 25, 2012 and relating to, without limitation, the addition of GES Recycling, South Carolina, LLC as a sponsor affiliate under the fee agreement for certain matters, and other matters related thereto.
Ralph Tucker: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Jim Price with Nexsen Pruet went over the history of the LSP Company who originally located in Union County and was acquired by Gestamp. He went over the expansions and FILOT agreements with Gestamp and Milliken.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance authorizing an amendment to an existing Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement between Union County, South Carolina (The "County") and Gestamp South Carolina LLC (The "Company") because of a new expansion involving a total of not less than One Hundred Twenty-Nine Million Dollars (\$129,000,000) in new, taxable investment and the creation of at least 100 new, full times jobs; the conveyance of certain real estate by County to the Company; consenting to and seeking the judicial closure and abandonment of a portion of Fire Station Road, and the subsequent conveyance of that property by the County to the Company; the authorization of certain other benefits and incentives related to Project Wolverine; and other matters relating to the foregoing.

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Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

Chairman Frank Hart introduced an ordinance adopting the annual Union County budget for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance adopting the annual Union County budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced an ordinance in title only authorizing the execution and delivery of an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement (Carlisle Fire District), 2017, in the amount of not exceeding \$150,000 between Union County and the Lessor thereof to defray the cost of acquiring certain equipment; and other matters relating thereto.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement (Carlisle Fire District), 2017, in the amount of not exceeding \$150,000 between Union County and the Lessor thereof to defray the cost of acquiring certain equipment; and other matters relating thereto to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance as stated.

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

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Chairman Frank Hart stated he would forego the Supervisor's Report.

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

Chairman Frank Hart entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss an economic development matter.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss an economic development matter.

Tommie Hill: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Union County Council went into executive session to discuss an economic development matter.

Chairman Frank Hart stated they were ready to come out of executive session and no votes were taken.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to come out of executive session and return to regular session.

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

The Union County Council returned to regular session.

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

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Tommie Hill: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council