

MINUTES
UNION COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.
VIA ZOOM AND STREAM TO FRANK HART UNION COUNTY SUPERVISOR
FACEBOOK PAGE

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

Absent: Councilman Tommie Hill

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed or emailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, Jeff Fellers with Clemson Extension, Jami Trammell with Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Robert Small, Mr. James Kollock, Mrs. Casie Jolly, Mike Stevens at WBCU Radio Station, Graham Williams at the County News, Charles Warner at the Union Times, the News Room at the Spartanburg Herald Journal, Chris Lavender with the Spartanburg Herald Journal, Shell Suber at MHISC, Michael Lee with MHISC and Randall Hanvey, as well as to elected officials and heads of various county departments and offices. A notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda were also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order. Council Chaplin David Sinclair gave the invocation.

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

Tracie Campbell, District 1 – Present

Ralph Tucker, District 2 – Present

David Sinclair, District 3 - Present

Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present

Tommie Hill, District 5 - Absent

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

David Sinclair: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on March 10, 2020, the special meeting of County Council held on March 13, 2020, the special emergency meeting of County Council held on March 20, 2020, and to adopt the minutes as written.

Ralph Tucker: Seconded the motion. Chairman Frank Hart gave a roll call for the vote with Tracie Campbell from District 1 voting yes, with Ralph Tucker from District 2 voting yes, with David Sinclair from District 3 voting yes, with Ben Ivey from District 4 voting yes and with Kacie Petrie from District 6 voting yes resulting in a unanimous vote.

Chairman Frank Hart read a letter from County Treasurer Debbie Robertson requesting approval to fill a vacant position in her office and requesting the retiring employee be allowed to stay for three weeks to help train the new employee.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to allow the County Treasurer to fill a vacant position in her office and to allow the retiring employee to stay for three weeks to help train the new employee.

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Tracie Campbell: Seconded the motion. Chairman Frank Hart gave a roll call for the vote with Tracie Campbell from District 1 voting yes, with Ralph Tucker from District 2 voting yes, with David Sinclair from District 3 voting yes, with Ben Ivey from District 4 voting yes and with Kacie Petrie from District 6 voting yes resulting in a unanimous vote.

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was Lacey Davis who was going to bring some material to provide to Council for the meeting but we did not get that so it will be postponed to a future meeting.

Chairman Frank Hart presented information from Building Superintendent Ken West requesting funds to replace a ten-ton heating and air unit at Voter Registration. It was not in capital funds in his budget but there should be a balance \$25,000.00 from Capital Expenditures after doing the roof and painting. The low quote for the project is \$11,531.00 from Humphries Heating & Air and the second quote was \$12,000.00 from P&C Mechanical. No other quotes were submitted and Ken West recommended awarding the low bid to Humphries Heating & Air.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to award the bid to replace a ten-ton heating and air unit at Voter Registration to Humphries Heating & Air in the amount of \$11,531.00 to be paid from the Capital Expenditures account.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked how old the unit was that needs to be replaced since we haven't owned the building that long. Chairman Frank Hart said it was at the old Chrysler building and he did not have the history on it. Ken West had said he did not think it would be feasible to repair it. Chairman Frank Hart gave a roll call for the vote with Tracie Campbell from District 1 voting yes, with Ralph Tucker from District 2 voting yes, with David Sinclair from District 3 voting yes, with Ben Ivey from District 4 voting yes and with Kacie Petrie from District 6 voting yes resulting in a unanimous vote.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider appointments to boards and commissions. There were five vacancies on the Building Code Board of Appeals due to term expirations. We contacted those members to see if they would serve another term and Paul Sanders, Jackie Earls, Jr, and Doug Guinn said they would serve another term

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to reappoint Paul Sanders, Jackie Earls, Jr, and Doug Guinn to serve another term on the Building Code Board of Appeals.

Tracie Campbell: Seconded the motion. Chairman Frank Hart gave a roll call for the vote with Tracie Campbell from District 1 voting yes, with Ralph Tucker from District 2 voting yes, with David Sinclair from District 3 voting yes, with Ben Ivey from District 4 voting yes and with Kacie Petrie from District 6 voting yes resulting in a unanimous vote.

This still leaves one vacancy on that Board as a member had passed away and there is still a vacancy for an alternate.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council had a list of the remaining vacancies on the Boards and Commissions and asked if any councilmember had any recommendations for appointments. There were none and Chairman Frank Hart asked the Council to continue to try to recruit someone to fill those open positions.

Chairman Frank Hart gave third and final reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Quit Claim Deed to real estate to Milliken & Company conveying the interest of Union County,

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South Carolina, in a certain parcel of real estate that is part of the property located at 256 Midway Drive, Union, South Carolina, and as shown as tax map 82-0-0-1 and is shown as 2.06 acres.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Quit Claim Deed to real estate to Milliken & Company conveying the interest of Union County, South Carolina, in a certain parcel of real estate that is part of the property located at 256 Midway Drive, Union, South Carolina, and as shown as tax map 82-0-0-1 and is shown as 2.06 acres.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. Chairman Frank Hart gave a roll call for the vote with Tracie Campbell from District 1 voting yes, with Ralph Tucker from District 2 voting yes, with David Sinclair from District 3 voting yes, with Ben Ivey from District 4 voting yes and with Kacie Petrie from District 6 voting yes resulting in a unanimous vote.

Chairman Frank Hart introduced for first reading in title only an ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Union County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 and to make appropriations for such Union County budgets for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the county may levy a tax; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Union County for such county ordinary purposes, including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Union County maturing during said fiscal year; and to provide for other matters relating to Union County and Union County budgetary matters.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Union County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 and to make appropriations for such Union County budgets for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the county may levy a tax; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Union County for such county ordinary purposes, including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Union County maturing during said fiscal year; and to provide for other matters relating to Union County and Union County budgetary matters.

Ralph Tucker: Seconded the motion. Chairman Frank Hart gave a roll call for the vote with Tracie Campbell from District 1 voting yes, with Ralph Tucker from District 2 voting yes, with David Sinclair from District 3 voting yes, with Ben Ivey from District 4 voting yes and with Kacie Petrie from District 6 voting yes resulting in a unanimous vote.

Chairman Frank Hart gave his Supervisor's Report and informed County they did form the Union County COVID-19 Response Team. They got members from healthcare, law enforcement, utilities, EMS, EPD, and fire services. They meet weekly and review the situation in Union County and all essential services to make sure everyone has what they need to operate. Eric Harold has been designated as their quartermaster for PPE. He has done a good job making sure we have personal protective equipment (PPE) for first responders. As of the latest report today we have 23 COVID-19 cases in Union County. There were no new cases reported since yesterday.

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

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

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Chairman Frank Hart suggested if Council sees any of our healthcare providers, first responders and law enforcement to tell them we appreciate what they are doing.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council