

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011 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. Brooks Carwile, 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 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

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to approve the previous minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on April 12, 2011, the special meeting of County Council held on April 19, 2011, and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that next on the agenda was to consider the remaining position on the Appeals Board. Each council district would appoint a person to serve. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie appointed Kevin Lancaster of Newport Drive in Union.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Council needed to consider advertising the upcoming vacancies on the Union County Development Board and the Union Carnegie Library Board.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to advertise the upcoming vacancies for both boards.

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

Mr. Donald Lyles stated he was representing the Goldville, Goshen Hill, and Maybinton road areas of Union County in requesting their roads be paved. They were also requesting a fire department, playground area, recreation area and recycling center to cover those

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areas. The Maybinton Road, Hunter Road and Goldville Road have been patched but they need paving. They had made a request to Council previously but nothing had been done. He asked Council for an update and Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the County Road Committee had looked at the roads they wanted paved when they looked at all the roads in the county that needed improvements. They determined that some of the roads in that area were acceptable and some need some attention. Mr. Lyles suggested a central location for the services they requested would be at the corner of Highway 72 and Maybinton Road on property owned by James and Curtiss Hunter. They want a volunteer fire department to help lower their insurance costs. There was some discussion as to the complexity of forming a volunteer fire department and it was suggested they talk with either Carlisle Fire Department or Santuc Fire Department to see if they would be interested in establishing a substation in that area. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that if somebody would donate a piece of property he suspected they could get Council involved enough to have a ballfield. There is a big difference in a ballfield and a recreational center.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that former Councilman Joey English had served on the Disabilities and Special Needs Board as a representative of County Council. Since he is no longer on Council, Mr. English asked that a Council Member be asked to replace him. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated she already serves on the board and they meet the last Wednesday of each month at noon. Councilman Ben Ivey agreed to serve on that board as well.

Sheriff David Taylor gave a power point presentation of the structural issues at the Union County Jail which was built in 1998 with an expansion in 2004. He pointed out numerous problems due to leaks in the roof such as water damage, mold and rust. There are cracks and holes in walls, holes in air vents, electrical problems, damage to toilets and sinks, and the intercom system has been destroyed. These all create safety and security issues. He said he had contacted two companies that are needs assessment businesses that will do a security evaluation. OSS Law Enforcement Advisors gave a bid of \$2,800.00 and American Correctional Consultants gave a bid of \$3,500.00. He recommended OSS Law Enforcement Advisors since they had been in the business for thirty five years and had the lowest cost at \$2,800. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated they know the roof has to be repaired to prevent the water damage and asked how soon the study could be conducted. Sheriff Taylor said he thought they could start on it in the next two weeks and they would do an evaluation of the entire facility.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to have OSS Law Enforcement Advisors do their inspection at a cost of \$2,800.00.

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

Tax Assessor Susan Hanvey provided Council with a packet of information pertaining to reassessment as she felt they would get questions about it. It also included examples of the notices that would be mailed out on Monday if everything stays on schedule.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for a motion to go into executive session.

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

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

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The Union County Council went into executive session.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any committee reports. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie called a meeting of the Committee on Planning and Development for Monday, May 16, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the County Annex.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for second reading an ordinance adopting the Union County Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance to adopt the Union County Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 as stated.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair introduced in title only a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Building Inspector Brad Jolly stated this was part of the National Flood Insurance Program which allows the people in the county in flood areas to obtain flood insurance. FEMA will not provide assistance without this being in place.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as stated.

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

Building Inspector Brad Jolly stated the ordinance is created by the Department of Natural Resources for the counties to adopt so they would not have to do it themselves. Mr. Jerry Brannon stated they would have to pinpoint every house that is in the flood plains and Chairman Tommy Sinclair responded we would have a GIS person to do that.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the County was working with the City to sign a new agreement whereby the County would continue to handle the Victim Advocate services and funds.

Joan Little: Made a motion to approve the Victim Advocate agreement as stated.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair introduced an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a deed to Hope F. Small conveying the interest of Union County, South Carolina, in a certain parcel of real estate located on Cottage Street as shows in deed book 236 at page 882.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a deed to Hope F. Small as stated.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked if there was any other business. He informed Council the Hospital Bonds came in at a 2.39% interest rate and there is not a penalty for early repayment.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council