

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Frank Hart, Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford, Councilwoman Joan Little, 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, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Robert Small and emailed to Mike Stevens at WBCU Radio Station and to Graham Williams at the County News. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Joan Little, District 1 – Present

District 2 – Vacant Seat

Tommy Ford, District 3 - Present

Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present

Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Chairman Frank Hart presented service award certificates and gift cards to Blaine Pleming for 5 years of dedicated service, to Lynn Eaves for 5 years of dedicated service, for Michelle Gregory for 5 years of dedicated service, for Tiffany Jackson for 5 years of dedicated service, for Tim Wade for 10 years of dedicated service, for Scarlett Alexander for 10 years of dedicated services, to Sammy Diamaduros for 15 years of dedicated service, to Barbara Hart for 20 years of dedicated service, for Jeff Lawson for 30 years of dedicated service, and to Walter O. McKeown for 30 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on April 14, 2015, the special meeting of County Council held on April 16, 2015 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider vacancies on the Stadium Commission. There are three vacancies and one applicant who was Jay Ford.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to appoint Jay Ford to serve on the Stadium Commission.

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

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to advertise the remaining vacancies on the Stadium Commission.

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

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Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider vacancies on the Tourism Commission. There are three vacancies and one applicant who was Margie Ruff.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to appoint Margie Ruff to serve on the Tourism Commission.

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

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to advertise the remaining vacancies on the Tourism Commission.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider vacancies on the Fire Board for Kelly-Kelton Fire District. There are two vacancies due to the resignation of C. W. Garner and the position previously held by Tommy Haney. Both seats would be for unexpired terms. The applicants were Eddie Williams, Richard Adams, Michael Randy Manus and W. Brian Farr.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie nominated Eddie Williams.

Councilman Tommy Ford nominated Kenneth Adams.

The vote on Eddie Williams and Kenneth Adams being appointed to serve on the Fire Board for Kelly-Kelton Fire District was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated there was one upcoming vacancy on the Library Board.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to advertise the vacancy.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated there were four upcoming vacancies on the Development Board.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to advertise the vacancies.

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

Wayne Kersey with the Silver Haired Legislature addressed Council and gave the background on how they were created. Their purpose is to try to get legislation passed to benefit seniors in South Carolina through resolutions they present to the State legislative body.

Clary Woodsby appeared before Council to discuss an oak tree that he felt could endanger someone's life or property. The tree is located on Hancock Street in Monarch. Due to work done through the City on water and sewer lines he said the roots on the tree had been cut on three sides. Chairman Frank Hart stated he had talked to City Utility Director Joe Nichols and they have tentatively agreed to take it down.

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

Airport Manager Ronnie Wade stated they had closed out on all the homes being purchased under the airport expansion project. There were four homes, a mobile home and a garage that has been closed out and it is time to put them up for sale. Councilman Ben Ivey asked if it could be done as soon as June because the property on Poplar Road in Jonesville is supposed to be part of the sale. Mr. Wade stated there would have to be a viewing date on the properties and said he would like to have Jerry Brannon to help with this. Councilman Ben Ivey stated Council had previously discussed holding a public auction on the Courthouse steps because they thought it would draw more people rather than by doing sealed bids. The Council had already held a public hearing on the Poplar Road property in Jonesville. Mr. Wade stated he would have a list of the movers they had contacted that would be available to anyone interested. Council agreed to move forward on setting up the sale to have it done before the end of June.

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Chairman Frank Hart presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Title to Real Estate to the Town of Lockhart, South Carolina conveying the interest of Union County, South Carolina, in a certain parcel of real estate located at 112 North 1st Street, Lockhart, South Carolina and as shown on map 50-8-17-5.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced an ordinance adopting the Union County annual budget for fiscal year 2015-2016.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance adopting the Union County annual budget as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced an ordinance authorizing the imposition of an annual Public Safety Fee on commercial and residential properties, and an annual Road User Fee on commercial and personal motorized vehicles; to provide for the fee's assessment and collection and to provide for the use of the proceeds collected; and other matters related thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance pertaining to an imposition of an annual Public Safety Fee and an annual Road User Fee as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution directing that all flags on County buildings be flown at half-staff on May 15th in recognition of Peace Officers' Memorial Day and in memory of those law enforcement officers, who through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and to honor those law enforcement officers presently serving the community.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution recognizing Peace Officer's Memorial Day as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Union County Council Committee on County Administration and Finance to put \$125,000.00 into the tourism account from the Local Hospitality and Accommodations Tax money so they can fund outside agencies as they see fit.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. Councilman Ben Ivey stated Council would require the Tourism Commission to give them a quarterly report. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart asked if there was any report from the Committee on Planning and Development. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie said she did not have anything to report from the Committee but she had been working with the Development Board Director to set up some lunch and learn dates for different presentations on different topics. She is still working with the different fire departments on a mutual aid agreement.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated he traveled to Kershaw County last week because they are in the process of taking over their EMS operations. He is scheduled to travel to Chester County this week to review their EMS operations. Human Resources met with all the employees impacted through the budget cuts and each has received packages. Council agreed to hold a budget work session on Thursday, May 21st at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Frank Hart stated he had a contractual matter that needed to be discussed in executive session.
Tommy Ford: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.
Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council went into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

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

The Union County Council returned to regular session.

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

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting
Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council