

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Tommy Sinclair, Vice Chair Kacie Petrie, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Randall Hanvey, 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. 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. Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings 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 - Present
Tommy Ford, District 3 - Present
Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present
Kacie Petrie, District 6 - Present

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to approve the previous minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on May 10, 2011 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented service award certificates and gift cards for Kermit Rice for five years of dedicated service, to Jency Ham for ten years of dedicated service, to Tommy Cudd for twenty five years of dedicated service, and to Dianne S. Wilkins for thirty years of dedicated service to Union County.

Mrs. Andrena Powell-Baker with the Economic Development Board stated there were three vacancies on the Economic Development Board. Two were representatives from finance/professional positions that impact industry recruitment and retention and one from healthcare. They received three applications received through their office that she recommended be appointed. Mr. Louis Jordan, Jr. applied for reappointment and Mr. Tim Merrit who is the CEO of Wallace Thomson Hospital and Emma Garner who is a vice president at Provident Community Bank also applied.

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Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to appoint Louis Jordan, Jr., Tim Merrit and Emma Garner to serve on the Union County Development Board as recommended.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion.

Councilman Ben Ivey asked about the position that had been held by David Eubanks. Chairman Tommy Sinclair explained that by ordinance the School Superintendent serves as the Ex-Officio Member on the Board. That would now be Kristi Woodall. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there were three vacancies on the Carnegie Library Board. There were three applicants who were Cayse Crawford Jeter, Anita Hart Maness, and Dr. Margaret Leslie Jeter.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to appoint Cayse Crawford Jeter, Anita Hart Maness and Dr. Margaret Leslie Jeter to serve on the Union Carnegie Library Board.

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

Mr. Donald Lyles stated Mike Spencer as the captain of the Carlisle Fire Department was present. He said he had talked to Chief John Glenn with the Carlisle Fire Department and they had agreed to help them with their fire department. He stated Mr. Hodges who lives on Hodges Road was present who has the worst road in their area. He referenced some roads he wanted the County to pave. Mr. Hodges stated Hodges Road had not been paved in the last fifteen years. Mr. Lyles stated they want a fire department, their roads paved, and recreation for the people in their area. Mr. Mike Spencer stated Mr. Lyles wants a substation in Goshen Hills. They already work that area if there is a fire. Mr. Spencer said Carlisle Fire Department is asking for a fire station and there should be a substation in Goshen Hill. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated he had presented the letter from Mike Spencer to the Committee on County Administration and Finance. They are aware of his request for a considerable amount of money. Mr. Donald Lyles stated the County needs to provide some funds for services for the Goshen Hill area.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any elected officials or department heads who wished to address Council.

Sheriff David Taylor stated it had been brought to his attention they have some building occupancy problems. There are some places that serve alcohol with large crowds and the buildings are not large enough to handle the volume of people. There should be a fire marshal or fire code to handle this. The City already has something in place. He would like to discuss with the Law Enforcement Committee a possible option of talking to McNair Law Firm to adopt something with our county fire districts where the local fire chiefs and the building inspector would help enforce where there would not be more people in a building than what the State fire code would allow.

Tax Assessor Susan Hanvey informed Council they have the new aerial flight photographs and they are already in the GIS system. They received about sixty informal objections on the tax reassessments.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair said he had informed Council about his conversation with Keith Vanderford about the State assistance which had been cut in last year's state budget but the

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County covered. Mr. Vanderford said it was proposed in the state appropriations bill this year that it be put back in. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated if it was not put back in the Council would need to discuss it further.

Stadium Manager Ronnie Wade stated the bleachers would have to be repaired as they would soon be changing back over to play football. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked about the storm damage. Mr. Wade stated some of it was related to storm damage but a good portion was due to moving the bleachers. Each time you move them you get a certain amount of damage. They are trying to locate anything that might be a hazard and repair it.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the Timken Sports Complex had done better than break even and had done better than expected. Last year they had split the gate proceeds with the Little League but that was illegal. This year they are making a donation to Dixie Youth, Dixie Boys, and Dixie Girls and presented them with checks. He stated that it helps the county to have them use the complex.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any committee reports.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion as a result of the meeting of the Union County Committee on Administration and Finance that the Council postpone action on the request from the Tourism Commission, the Development Board, and Chamber of Commerce to relook and modify the ordinance pertaining to use of alcohol in public buildings until an amendment is drawn up.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated he received a letter from Economic Development just a few minutes earlier so he had one from all three entities. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for second reading the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Building Inspector Brad Jolly explained that FEMA had sent Mr. Sinclair a letter several months ago stating the County was not part of the National Flood Insurance Program. If we did not join by August 2nd then Union County would not receive any FEMA money for any event in Union County. DNR provided a model ordinance which could be modified for County use. This would allow homeowners to purchase flood insurance which they cannot do now. If your house floods and you do not have flood insurance then they do not cover it. It would only immediately affect people who have federally backed mortgages who are in flood areas. Mr. Jolly asked FEMA if this would only affect flood events and they responded not necessarily.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to accept second reading of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as stated.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for second reading 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.

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Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a deed to Hope F. Small as stated.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented audits and financial statements from the Department of Social Services, Fair Association, Bonham Fire District, Kelly-Kelton Fire District, Veterans Park, and Southside Fire District.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to accept the audits and financial statements as presented.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any other business but there was none.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council