

UNION COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.  
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Frank Hart, Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Ralph Tucker, 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, Mr. James Kollock, Mrs. Curtiss Hunter 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.

Council Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order. County Council Chaplin 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  
Ralph Tucker, 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 dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on May 10, 2016, the special meeting of the County Council held on April 27, 2016, the special meeting of the County Council held on June 8, 2016 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider appointments to the Building Code Board of Appeals. This board is appointed by all of Council as opposed to one member being recommended by each councilmember. The vacancies are for two active members and two alternates. There was one applicant who was Adolphus Ray Jones who is currently a member of the Stadium Commission but would rather serve on the Building Code Board of Appeals.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to appoint Adolphus Ray Jones to serve on the Building Code Board of Appeals.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider the two vacancies on the Library Board. Michael C. Rupp had resigned and since his and one other position have terms that expire on June 30, 2016 Council decided to advertise both.

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Ben Ivey: Made a motion to appoint Lauren Elizabeth Ward to serve on the Library Board.

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

Joan Little: Made a motion to appoint Elise Ashby to serve on the Library Board.

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

Chairman Frank Hart informed Council that Dale Spiers had resigned as a member of the Airport Commission.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to advertise the vacancy on the Airport Commission.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion.

Airport Manager Ronnie Wade stated they had another member who had not been attending the meetings. Chairman Frank Hart asked if he had resigned and Mr. Wade stated they did not have a letter to that effect. Chairman Frank Hart stated they would advertise the one vacancy and would advertise the other if we have a letter of resignation by then. The vote was unanimous.

Gary Moneypenney with Union Mental Health appealed to Council to reconsider funding to the local mental health agency since they were cut from the budget last year. He went over some of the agency's objectives and goals and services they currently provide with their limited staff. Chairman Frank Hart asked how many people they serve on an annual basis and Mr. Moneypenney stated it was around nine hundred. Chairman Frank Hart asked if the majority of their funding comes from the State and Mr. Moneypenney stated that it does but they do partner with other organizations to provide services. Chairman Frank Hart asked what their budget was and Mr. Moneypenney stated he would have to get him that information since he is a site manager.

Rieta Drinkwine with the Union Carnegie Library updated Council on the Library project. She stated the plans had been finalized and have been sent over for plan reviewed with the City. They should be able to proceed under current building codes. They expect clearance on the environmental review by the end of August then they can seek bids in September. She said they are partnering with other agencies and participating in the community.

Chairman Frank Hart presented a service award certificate and gift certificate for Tommy Cudd for 30 years and presented a service award certificate and gift certificate to Dianne Wilkins for 35 years of dedicated service to Union County.

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

Sheriff David Taylor stated they provide transport for 110-120 mental patients per fiscal year. The laws may be changed on transporting mental patients so that EMS could participate. We have a lot of people with mental issues as well as drug and alcohol issues in Union County and a lack of facilities to handle them. We need to address these issues to come up with a solution.

Brad Jolly as Public Works Director stated they have the new machinery in place that Council had approved. The paving list for the new fiscal year is available. Closing of Tarpin Road and Fincher Road was never done properly so they are taking the wood bridge out and blocking those roads with dirt mounds to permanently close it.

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Detention Center Director Neil McKeown stated they had gotten the water main fixed at the Detention Center.

Delinquent Tax Collector Lorene Bevis stated they had mailed out the certified letters and there were more than last year.

Airport and Stadium Manager Ronnie Wade reminded everyone of the Fourth of July fireworks at Foster Park and said there would be a band providing music beginning at 6:30 p.m. He said the Ottaray ball field and picnic area looks good and commended Building Superintendent Ken West for doing a good job. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated the Ottaray Project looked really nice.

Building Official Brad Jolly stated the PARD Project for the Ottaray area and Carlisle is being wrapped up and they are looking at getting reimbursement from the State.

Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution authorizing and directing the Supervisor to enter into the Victim Assistance Agreement on behalf of Union County with the City of Union.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution as stated pertaining to the Victim Assistance Agreement.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution recognizing St. Paul Baptist Church's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a tremendous milestone and celebrate their rich history and promise of a brilliant future.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution as stated recognizing St. Paul Baptist Church's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance adopting the annual budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 for Union County.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance adopting the annual budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 for Union County as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented for second reading an ordinance repealing, rescinding, and revoking all prior enactments of Union County Council in any way calling for or requiring a referendum, advisory or otherwise, prior to the appointment by Union County Council of members of the governing body of special tax districts or fire districts previously created by Union County Council in Union County, except where such referendum may be required by law or where specifically excepted and exempted from the effect of this ordinance by subsequent ordinance of Union County Council; and other matters related thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance repealing, rescinding and revoking all prior enactments of Union County Council in any way calling for or requiring a referendum, advisory or otherwise, prior to the appointment by Union County Council of members of the governing body of special tax district or fire districts previously created by Union County Council as stated.

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

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Chairman Frank Hart introduced in title only an ordinance to provide for the creation of a fire protection district to be known as "Bonham Fire District" pursuant to Title 4, Chapters 19 and 21, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; to designate the boundaries of the fire protection district; to authorize the levy of an annual ad valorem tax on all taxable property within the fire protection district for the operation and maintenance of the fire protection district; to empower the County Council of Union County to issue general obligation bonds of the County, payable from an ad valorem tax levied within the fire protection district for the purpose of providing fire protection service therein; to provide for administration of the fire protection district; to authorize the disestablishment of the existing Bonham Fire District created under Title 4 Chapter 9 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, upon the successful creation of the Bonham Fire District created hereunder; 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 providing for the creation of a fire protection district to be known as "Bonham Fire District" as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced in title only an ordinance to acknowledge and authorize the execution and delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Union County and the City of Union for the provision of the Union County Code Enforcement Officers to enforce the City of Union Animal Control ordinances within the municipal limits of the City of Union and on behalf of the City of Union; 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 authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Union pertaining to enforcement of the City of Union Animal Control ordinances as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced Tony Davies who is Division Manager for Republic Services. The new negotiated landfill host agreement with Republic Services will have an estimated value of over \$100 million to the County over the life of the agreement. The prior agreement was set to expire within five years. Under the terms of the new negotiated agreement the agreement will last for the life of the site which is estimated at over seventy years. Republic will continue to pay county host fees which are currently approximately \$1.5 million a year. Republic will continue to accept Union County and municipality waste at no charge to the county or municipalities. Republic will give the County a \$40,000.00 per year grant for five years to fund a litter code enforcement officer. Republic will give the County \$20,000.00 per year for five years to support upgrades and programming at the Spartanburg Community College Campus in Union. Mr. Davies presented the County with a check in the amount of \$40,000.00 for litter control enforcement and a check in the amount of \$20,000.00 for Spartanburg Community College.

Chairman Frank Hart gave an update of the Lockhart bridge project. The South Carolina Department of Transportation plans to replace the Lockhart bridge but the project has been held up for six months or longer due to the cost of relocating the utility services. South Carolina House Representative Mike Anthony along with the other members of the Union Delegation has included \$200,000.00 in the State budget to assist with relocation of the utility services owned by the Town of Lockhart. These funds are allowing this project to move forward.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated the Recreation Department would be providing a drive-in movie at the Union County fairgrounds on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The goal is to provide a weekly activity particularly for the youth and children throughout the summer and provide regular activities year round.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the lease had been completed for the new Buffalo Fire truck and it is on site.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the new Public Works equipment is on site as well as the Ottaray and Carlisle PARD Projects being completed.

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

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

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and economic development matters.

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

Council took a short recess and reconvened.

The Union County Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and economic development matters.

Chairman Frank Hart entertained a motion to come out of executive session and stated no votes were taken.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to close executive session.

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

The Union County Council returned to regular session.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chair  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council