

UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey, Councilman Ralph Tucker, Councilman Tommie Hill, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, Acting County Attorney Pete Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: Chairman Frank Hart, Councilwoman Joan Little, and Councilman David Sinclair

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 County Development Board, Jeff Fellers with Clemson Extension, Jami Trammell with Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Robert Small, Mr. James Kollock, Mrs. Curtiss Hunter, Mrs. Casie Jolly and emailed to Mike Stevens at WBCU Radio Station, to Graham Williams at the County News, to Charles Warner at the Union Times, to Jason Spencer with the Spartanburg Herald Journal, to the News Room at the Spartanburg Herald Journal, to Chris Lavender with the Spartanburg Herald Journal, to Shell Suber at MHISC and to Randall Hanvey. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey called the meeting to order.

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

Joan Little, District 1 – Absent

Ralph Tucker, District 2 – Present

David Sinclair, District 3 - Absent

Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present

Tommie Hill, District 5 - Present

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on June 19, 2018 and to adopt the minutes as presented.

Tommie Hill: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey presented service award certificates and gift cards to Kenneth West for 5 years, for Candice Justice for 10 years and to Russell Roark for 15 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Development Board Director Kathy Jo Lancaster stated the Union County Development Board wished to recommend the appointment of Ray Switzer who is Vice President of Business Affairs with Spartanburg Community College and Dr. John Catalano who is the Campus Dean for USC-Union to fill the two vacancies on the Board representing higher education for a three year term. The Development Board recommends the appointment of Steven Aldrich who is the Director of

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Manufacturing Operations with Haemonetics as the representative of an existing industry with over fifty employees for a three year term. The Development Board recommends the appointment of Katherine Pendergrass as Workforce Coordinator as the representative from financial institutions or other professional occupations that impact industry recruitment/retention for a three year term. Kathy Jo Lancaster recommended the appointment of Jeffrey Humphries who is the Vice President of Engineering Services with Broad River Electric as the At-Large Member who serves a two-year term.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to appoint Ray Switzer, John Catalano, Steven Aldrich, Katherine Pendergrass and Jeffrey Humphries to serve on the Union County Development Board as recommended.

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

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey stated next on the agenda was to consider a donation for the Crime Stoppers Program.

Tommie Hill: Made a motion to give them a \$5,000.00 donation. The motion died for lack of a second.

Judy Burke Bynum with South Carolina Humanities requested support from the County in the amount of \$2,500.00 to help with the cost of the Smithsonian Exhibit coming to the Union County Carnegie Library on September 8, 2018. Rieta Drinkwine with Carnegie Library stated they were planning a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 8th for the library reopening after their renovations project. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie suggested Council read over the literature and consider the request at the August Council meeting.

Finance Director Ann Boggs stated the scanner at the jail was disabled. They requested it be replaced for doing fingerprints at a cost of \$26,315.00 and there are funds in the Capital Expenditures account to handle that. She requested funding from the Capital Expenditures account to handle the purchase of the Naviline purchasing and inventory system for the Supervisor's Office. This supports the purchase order system established on July 1st and would cost \$26,365.00.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to approve funding from the Capital Expenditures account for the scanner for the jail at a cost of \$26,315.00 and the Naviline purchasing and inventory system at a cost of \$26,365.00.

Tommie Hill: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Finance Director Ann Boggs stated we advertised three county-owned parcels for sale in Buffalo and received one bid for the property located at 225 South Street for \$510.00.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to go through the process to sell the property at 225 South Street in Buffalo for \$510.00.

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

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie suggested looking at the other properties owned by the County that need to be advertised for sale.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey called for any comments from elected officials or department heads.

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Finance Director Ann Boggs stated the County went live with the procurement system using purchase orders on July 1st. She thanked the people for being willing to use that internal control which would help with budget overruns. She said she was getting ready for the audit period.

Detention Center and Jail Director Neil McKeown stated he lost three officers last week.

Building Superintendent Kenny West said they were getting quotes on roof repairs and trying to keep the air conditioning units working.

Airport and Stadium Manager Ron Wade stated he has a State grant for the holding tank. It would be about \$12,000 worth of work with 75% of that being reimbursed by the State. They still have the AWOS weather system for the airport and they are waiting for clearance from the FAA. The money has been set aside for that project and which will cost about \$375,000. He asked the members of Council to look at the work at the stadium and gave an update on the renovations progress. The dressing rooms have been laid out where they have a place for the officials and the building will have heating and air conditioning. They hope to be ready for the football season beginning in August.

The EMS Director Eric Harold said the renovations of the EMS facility are a little behind because they cannot get the subcontractors to show up. He said he still had not heard anything from his application for AMG grants for two new ambulances.

Rieta Drinkwine with Carnegie Library said September 8th is the scheduled reopening of the library. They are on schedule and plan to have the renovations complete in August so they can get moved back in. They are doing the summer reading program and are working with the Recreation Department about holding the Teen Lock-in at the Timken Sports Complex. They will be doing movies on Mondays.

Workforce Coordinator Katherine Pendergrass stated she had asked Council for \$20,000 for a training program but she will only need to spend \$7,662. By the time the training program is completed the students will be OSHA certified and she is taking them for forklift certification. They will receive a certificate in operation workforce training and will be ready to be placed for employment. Healing Springs Health Center is coming to Union and will be located at Medical Services Drive. They are still working on getting an urgent care facility. They had 12-15 people hired last month. Airport Manager Ron Wade said Workforce Development had a need for a bus so they were able to use the van from the Tourism Director. He stated they have a courtesy car located at the airport and suggested looking at having a van instead that could be used to go out of town that everyone could use.

Tourism Director Curtiss Hunter asked Ron Wade to give an update on the Fourth of July Light Up the Lake celebration at Foster Park. Mr. Wade said the County provided the fireworks and the event was coordinated by the Recreation Department, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Tourism Commission. They coordinated with the other communities and the Fourth of July celebration was held at the West Springs Community on the Saturday prior to July 4th, at Foster Park on Tuesday, July 3rd and at the Buffalo Community on Wednesday, July 4th. He said they

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had their largest crowd they had ever had at Foster Park so it worked out well. Curtiss Hunter stated the RISE Committee had met and they are working on a positive slogan to uplift Union to put on facebook and in their handouts. She said the next event is being sponsored by the Historical Society where people can bring in any objects they consider valuable and there will be certified appraisers on site. Everything to be sold will be in the realm of antiques on that day. There were nineteen people who went to Wildwood Ranch located on Mt. Tabor Church Road which backs up to the Pacolet River. She stated that Carlisle Oxner was appointed to the DNR Board and she hopes he can help push through the \$100,000 for the boat ramp in Lockhart. They are looking at rebranding John D. Long Lake but there are a lot of layers involved in getting that done. Airport and Stadium Manager Ron Wade stated he would like to see a Spray Park and was told it would cost about \$65,000 to build one. It is a rubberized walk area where people get wet and you would need someone to look after it. You could charge \$2 per person and PARD funds could be used to get it done. He suggested this could be done in different neighborhoods. If you set up picnic tables and fence it in at Foster Park then you could use it year round. Curtiss Hunter said Council would be invited to attend the RISE Committee meetings. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked Ron Wade what the status was on the Miracle League playground at Timken Sports Complex. Mr. Wade said they were going to be meeting with Miracle League about what needs to be done to get the project completed this year.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey introduced a resolution authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina (The "County") and a company identified for the time being as Project Paris, acting for itself, and/or one or more affiliates or other project sponsors (The "Company"), pursuant to which the County shall covenant to accept certain negotiated fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the County (collectively, The "Project"); (2) the benefits of an multi-county industrial or business park to be made available to the company and the project; (3) certain special source revenue credits in connection with the project; and (4) other matters relating thereto.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina (The "County") and a company identified for the time being as Project Paris, acting for itself, and/or one or more affiliates or other project sponsors (The "Company"), pursuant to which the County shall covenant to accept certain negotiated fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the County (collectively, The "Project"); (2) the benefits of an multi-county industrial or business park to be made available to the company and the project; (3) certain special source revenue credits in connection with the project; and (4) other matters relating thereto.

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

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey presented for third and final reading an ordinance to develop, pursuant to Sec. 4-1-170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park, to be known as the Timken Company Multi-County Park, in conjunction with Spartanburg County, South Carolina, such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Union County, South Carolina; to provide for a written agreement with Spartanburg County as to the sharing of the revenues and expenses of the park; to provide for the

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distribution of revenues from the park among the taxing entities having jurisdiction over the park; to provide for a user fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation; and other matters related thereto.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance to develop, pursuant to Sec. 4-1-170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, a jointly owned and operated Industrial Business Park, to be known as the Timken Company Multi-County Park, in conjunction with Spartanburg County, South Carolina, such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Union County, South Carolina; to provide for a written agreement with Spartanburg County as to the sharing of the revenues and expenses of the park; to provide for the distribution of revenues from the park among the taxing entities having jurisdiction over the park; to provide for a user fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation; and other matters related thereto.

Tommie Hill: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina (The "County") and a company identified for the time being as Project Paris, acting for itself, and/or one or more affiliates or other project sponsors (The "Company"), pursuant to which the County shall covenant to accept certain negotiated fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the County (collectively, The "Project"); (2) the benefits of a multi-county industrial or business park to be made available to the company and the project; (3) certain special source revenue credits in connection with the project; and (4) other matters relating thereto.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina (The "County") and a company identified for the time being as Project Paris, acting for itself, and/or one or more affiliates or other project sponsors (The "Company"), pursuant to which the County shall Covenant to accept certain negotiated fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the County (collectively, The "Project"); (2) the benefits of a multi-county industrial or business park to be made available to the company and the project; (3) certain special source revenue credits in connection with the project; and (4) other matters relating thereto.

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

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revenues from the park among the taxing entities having jurisdiction over the park; to provide for a user fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation; and other matters related thereto.

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

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing and approving the expansion of the boundaries of a joint county industrial and business park with Spartanburg County (Wingo) pursuant Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, to include certain property owned and/or operated by Auriga Polymers Inc. or one or more of its affiliates or other related companies; and other matters related thereto.

Tommie Hill: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance authorizing and approving the expansion of the boundaries of a joint county industrial and business park with Spartanburg County (Wingo) pursuant Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, to include certain property owned and/or operated by Auriga Polymers Inc. or one or more of its affiliates or other related companies; and other matters related thereto.

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

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey introduced in title only an ordinance to amend and revise Division 4 (Development Board) of Article XI (Boards, Commissions, and Similar Entities) of Chapter 2 (Administration) of the Union County Code of Ordinances; and other matters related thereto.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance to amend and revise Division 4 (Development Board) of Article XI (Boards, Commissions, and Similar Entities) of Chapter 2 (Administration) of the Union County Code of Ordinances; and other matters related thereto.

Tommie Hill: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey stated they would forego the Supervisor's Report.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey called for any committee reports but there were none.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

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

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

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey entertained a motion to close executive session and said no votes were taken during executive session.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to close executive session.

Tommie Hill: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council returned to regular session.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Tommie Hill: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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Ben Ivey, Vice-Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council