

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M.  
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Tommy Sinclair, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Frank Hart, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: Councilman Tommy Ford

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 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

Frank Hart, District 2 - Present

Tommy Ford, District 3 - Absent

Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present

Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Council needed to consider vacancies on the Library Board. There were two vacancies and two applicants who were Sally A. Palmer and Daniel O'Shields.

Councilman Randall Hanvey recommended the appointment of Sally A. Palmer.

Councilman Frank Hart recommended the appointment of Daniel O'Shields.

Frank Hart: Made a motion to appoint Sally A. Palmer and Daniel O'Shields as recommended.

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

Mr. Harold Senn with the Union County Arts Council thanked Council for their help with the repairs to their building due to water damage. They have moved back in and are having a Grand Reopening Celebration on July 17, 2014 from 5:30 p. m. until 7:30 p.m. and invited Council to attend.

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

Curtis Hunter as Director of the Tourism Commission stated they are working on an application form for Council to consider once their Commission has approved it.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the County received a Rural Infrastructure Grant for \$350,000 for the spec building but changes were made to the grant agreement. The Department of Commerce awards the

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grants with the intent that once the building is sold the money is repaid to the Department of Commerce so the grant agreement was revised to stipulate that.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for second reading an ordinance (1) to amend an existing agreement for the development of a joint-county Industrial and Business Park by and between Union County, South Carolina and Spartanburg County, South Carolina to enlarge the boundaries of the park to include certain property located in Spartanburg County presently owned and/or operated by Michelin North America, Inc., or one or more companies related thereto, and (2) authorizing other related matters. Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance pertaining to the amendment of the joint-county Industrial and Business Park Agreement owned and/or operated by Michelin North America, Inc. as stated.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Ronnie Roberson was present representing EMS along with two other members of the Wallace Thomson Hospital staff. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said they had talked to some vendors about some ambulances which would become a contractual matter if they proceed.

Ben Ivey: 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 and the hospital group was asked to stay.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair entertained a motion that the Union County Council supports EMS in its purchase agreement with First Class Emergency Vehicles as stated in their request which was to join with the Foundation money, the Timken money, and the County guarantees the loan to buy the second ambulance with the terms they discussed which is a down payment, \$38,000 a year for seven years and they would write up the terms pretty specifically for Rhonda Ingle to sign with the understanding that the asset would be in the name of the County.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to support EMS in its purchase agreement for an ambulance as stated.

Frank Hart: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council