

UNION COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M.  
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey, Councilwoman Tracie Campbell, Councilman Ralph Tucker, Councilman David Sinclair, Councilman Tommie Hill, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Acting Clerk to Council Kindra Horne  
Absent: Chairman Frank Hart

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 or emailed to the members of the Union County Council, to the County Attorney, and to 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, Mike Stevens at WBCU Radio Station, Graham Williams at the County News, Charles Warner at the Union Times, the News Room at the Spartanburg Herald Journal, Chris Lavender with the Spartanburg Herald Journal, Shell Suber at MHISC, Michael Lee with MHISC, Rob Fraim at Emergency Services and Randall Hanvey. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey called the meeting to order. Council Chaplin David Sinclair gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Tracie Campbell, District 1 – Present  
Ralph Tucker, District 2 – Present  
David Sinclair, District 3 - Present  
Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present  
Tommie Hill, District 5 - Present  
Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

David Sinclair: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on June 11, 2019 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey presented a service award certificate and gift certificate for Robert Colson for 15 years and to Kevin Shropshire for 10 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey stated next on the agenda was to consider appointments to boards and commissions. Council received a copy of the current openings but there are no applicants. Council was asked to try to recruit people to fill those positions.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey stated next on the agenda was a request for a full-time position at the Recreation Department. Kevin Shropshire stated they had a full-time guy who quit and the part-time guy asked to take the full-time position. He requested permission to move the person from part-time to full-time and advertise the position for part-time which are both budgeted positions.

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Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to approve moving the person from part-time to full-time and advertise the position for part-time which are budgeted positions at the Recreation Department.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice Chairman Ben Ivey called for any comments from the elected officials and department heads.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked Public Works Director Rusty Snider if he was over the road signs and he said his department did handle that. She said she had been approached about the sign for Buffalo West Springs Highway and was told the only sign was up next to McDonalds. It turns into Main Street in Buffalo then turns back into West Buffalo West Springs Highway. Some of the residents are having problems with packages being delivered and asked about getting signs put on some of the roads that intersect that highway. Mr. Snider said he would check into it.

Finance Director Ann Boggs said we are working in two accounting periods and fiscal years for period 13 and period 1.

Rob Fraim with Emergency Services stated they are still looking for a full-time dispatcher.

Recreation Facilities Director Kevin Shropshire stated they are getting ready for the State tournaments for girls softball at Timken Sports Complex. They begin with the opening ceremony Friday and have 26 teams coming in.

EMS Director Eric Harold stated they are fully staffed. They have ordered the mechanical CPR device that they received the grant for. They still have not heard anything on the AFG grant for a new ambulance. The renovations on the EMS facility are continuing. They had 411 calls in the month of June bringing them to 2,650 for the year.

Workforce Coordinator Katherine Pendergrass stated she had been attending meetings regarding the opportunity zone. They had consultants trying to get enough information to go back and find some folks that might be interested in investing in something here in the opportunity zone. They had a Partners meeting last month. They had their HR meeting last month with Attorney Lisa Claxton out of Spartanburg. They are finishing up the Comprehensive Plan and they may be meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Main Street Junction to share some information regarding the plan. Her thirteen young people with the Workforce Training will finish up on July 25<sup>th</sup> then she will take them to Tyger River for their forklift certification. They are looking to hold graduation on August 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be looking for companies to hire them starting out making \$13.50 to \$13.80 an hour. She has been meeting with the Physic Garden people getting ready for the Environmental Art and Music Festival in September.

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

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey called for any committee reports.

Councilwoman Tracie Campbell as Chair of the Committee on Law Enforcement, Judiciary & Recreation recommended that Council vote on making a change to the Recreation Department football league to change from tackle football to flag football.

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Kacie Petrie: Made a motion making a change to the Recreation Department football league to change from tackle football to flag football.

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

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The County Council went into executive session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey stated they were ready to close the executive session and no votes were taken during executive session.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to close executive session.

Tracie Campbell: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

The County Council closed executive session and returned to regular session.

Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey called for any other business but there was none.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Ben Ivey, Vice-Chairman  
Union County Council

Kindra Horne, Acting Clerk to Council