

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Tommy Sinclair, Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford, 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: 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 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 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 - Present
Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present
Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented service award certificates and gift certificates for Brandon Vaughan for 5 years, for Robert Colson for 10 years, for Glenn E. Clark for 10 years, and for Wendy Childers for 10 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair recommended appointing Tommy Mann to serve on the Appeals Board.
Ben Ivey: Made a motion to appoint Tommy Mann to serve on the Appeals Board.
Randall Haney: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Andrena Powell-Baker stated there were three vacancies on the Union County Development Board and three applicants who were Emma Garner, Paul Newhouse and Bill All. She recommended the appointment of Emma Garner to serve another term, the appointment of Paul Newhouse to serve another term and also the appointment of Bill All to serve on the Development Board. She also recommended the appointment of Joe Hines, Jr. to serve as the At-Large member for a two-year term. Based on the ordinance the School Superintendent serves as the Ex-Officio member and would serve another three year term.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to appoint Emma Garner, Paul Newhouse, Bill All and Joe Hines, Jr. to serve on the Union County Development Board as recommended.
Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Chairman Tommy Sinclair referred to the presentation made by Mr. Bob Love requesting financial support for the events center. Mr. Love had requested one third of the annual income from the Hospitality and Accommodations Tax fund which is roughly \$80,000 a year for three years. There were comments from Andrena Powell-Baker, Roger Fuller, Barbara Rippy, and Mary Ann Miller in support of the funding for the events center. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the Coon Hunters Association had already requested \$20,000 from the Hospitality and Accommodations Tax money. There was also a request for \$2,500 for the Antiques Farm Show, a request for \$5,000 from the Fair Association, and a request for \$15,000 for the Uniquely Union Festival for funding from that account. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated the Council had discussed having some dressing facilities at the fairgrounds and stadium area. She said she understood the Coon Hunters Association was going to come back to Council with a budget but there was nothing reflected to account for entry fees, vendor fees or sponsorship fees. She was looking for a more formalized budget that would include all that. Councilman Frank Hart stated he went to see the Newberry Opera House and that center had done a lot for the community. He said there were some fundamental questions that needed to be answered about the Union Events Center regarding design, start-up budget, operational budget, and marketing plan. Chamber of Commerce Director Torrance Inman invited County Council to attend the workshop concerning the events center with the City Council next Monday to try to get some of their questions answered. Councilman Randall Hanvey said he understood the current plan does not include completion of the second floor or an equipped kitchen and wanted to know where the funds would come from to do that.

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

Sheriff David Taylor said the Sheriff's Office was getting a lot of calls about scams and spoof calls. Spoof calls are calls telling people they have won something and the telephone identifier shows the recipient's telephone number. He suggested letting those calls go directly to your answering machine. He asked for the County's assistance in getting the information out to the public.

Airport Manager Ron Wade said they were still working on clear zoning at the airport.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the Department of Social Services requested help with security on their building. It would cost \$2,014 to install a card system for door entry to improve security and asked if Council had an issue with having the work done.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for third and final 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 adopt 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.

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Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for third and final reading an ordinance authorizing pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 170; Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 175; and Title 4, Chapter 29, Section 68 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of an amendment to a Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement, as previously amended, and matters relating thereto for Belk, Inc. and 3805 Jonesville, LLC.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance pertaining to Belk, Inc. and 3805 Jonesville, LLC as stated.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair introduced a resolution to acknowledge the preemption of Section 5-15 of the Union County Ordinance 288 by the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; and other matters related thereto. He stated this would invalidate the section pertaining to livestock in the animal control ordinance since it is unenforceable.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution pertaining to Section 5-15 of the Union County Ordinance 288 as stated.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and contractual matters.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to go into executive session for the purposes stated.

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

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

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair introduced a resolution to enter into a lease with United Financial of North Carolina for a period of 8 years for financing of ambulances for EMS.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution pertaining to financing of the ambulances for EMS.

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

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to reject the counter proposal from Southside Fire District.

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

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to define the position as they transition from a retiring Deputy Treasurer in the Treasurer's Office to replace that person in a training sense and be classified as an administrative assistant.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair told Clerk of Court Freddie Gault his letter had been given to the members of County Council and they would fully address it next time.

Randall Haney: Made a motion to give the Fair Association \$5,000.00 from the Hospitality and Accommodations Tax funds for resurfacing.

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

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Tommy Ford: Made a motion to give the Antique Farm Show \$2,500 from the Hospitality and Accommodations Tax funds.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to give Uniquely Union \$10,000.00 from the Hospitality and Accommodations Tax funds.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The motion carried with five (5) Council Members voting in favor of the motion and one (1) Council Member (Kacie Petrie) abstaining.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for Council's review and approval financial statements from the Arts Council, Catawba Regional Council of Governments, Clemson Extension, Mental Health and Olde English District.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to approve the five financial statements as presented.

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

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated she had several telephone calls about the Ottaray Project and she tried to explain that they are waiting on approval from the Corp of Engineers on the project. Council requested Graham Williams with the Union County News to do a newspaper article to help get the word out to the people in that community.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there were some concerns about the content of the Animal Control Ordinance. He appointed an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Councilman Frank Hart, Councilman Randall Hanvey and Councilman Tommy Ford to work with Animal Control Officer Heather Sealy on reviewing the ordinance.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council