

UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Frank Hart, Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Ralph Tucker, Councilman David Sinclair, Councilman Tommie Hill, 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 or delivered 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.

Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order.

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

Joan Little, 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

Council Chaplin David Sinclair gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tommie Hill: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on July 10, 2018, the special meeting of County Council on July 31, 2018 and to adopt the minutes as presented.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented a service award certificate and gift card for James P. Littlejohn for 10 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was Elise Ashby to discuss the Ag + Art Tour. Elise Ashby stated she would have her report ready next month.

Donald Lyles thanked Council for helping them get their road paved. He asked Council to help push the Carlisle Fire Department to get a building on Maybinton Road for fire protection in that

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area. He introduced Mr. Gossett who has two acres of land for sale that could be used for recreation or other purposes for their community.

County Auditor Brad Valentine stated he has a vacancy in his office due to the resignation of one of his clerks. He asked permission to fill that vacant position.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to allow County Auditor Brad Valentine to fill the vacancy in the Auditor's Office.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was Kevin Shropshire to discuss a request to purchase lawnmowers. He stated Mr. Shropshire was unable to attend the meeting and asked Ronnie Wade if he had any information on the request. Mr. Wade went over the ballfields and other property they maintain. They are having problems with the mowers and some are ten and fourteen years old. He said Kevin Shropshire is requesting permission to purchase two diesel 25 horsepower lawnmowers at a cost of \$27,217.08. Chairman Frank Hart said originally they were going to ask for funds from Capital Expenditures but Kevin believes he can cover the cost out of the existing budgets for the Timken Sports Complex and the Recreation Department by moving some line items around. He entertained a motion to allow them to transfer funds in those budgets to support the purchase of the two lawnmowers.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to allow Kevin Shropshire to transfer funds in the budgets for the Timken Sports Complex and the Recreation Department to purchase the two lawnmowers under State contract as requested.

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

Chairman Frank Hart asked Rieta Drinkwine with the Carnegie Library about the insurance claims filed by the County on behalf of the library. She stated they had two claims that were filed that were just under \$27,000. Chairman Frank Hart stated the claims were related to water damage to the library's personal property. They are insured through the County's insurance policy so they need to pass those funds through to the library to replace their materials before their Grand Opening.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to approve payment of the insurance funds for the library as stated.

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

Building Superintendent Ken West stated he had received some quotes on the roofs for the jail and the Clemson Extension Office. He received three quotes for the roof over the women's section at the jail. The low bid was from Guy Roofing at \$42,700 with a fifteen year warranty or \$43,800 with a twenty year warranty. There would be an additional charge per square foot for any wet or damaged insulation.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to allow Guy Roofing to fix the roof over the women's section of the jail at a cost not to exceed \$47,000 with the funds to come from the Capital Expenditures account.

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

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Building Superintendent Ken West stated he had received three quotes for the roof on the Clemson Extension building and all the bidders recommended a TPO Roof System. The low bid was from Roof Options Inc. at \$34,737 with a twenty year warranty.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to allow Roof Options Inc. to fix the roof at the Clemson Extension building at a cost of \$34,737 with the funds to come from the Capital Expenditures account.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council had voted to enter into a contract with Zuercher for the IT System. They went through the legal process to get the contract finalized and have signed it. They changed the contract payment terms where the down payment would be \$99,439.50. They plan to pay for this through a lease purchase but that has not been done because they want to bundle some items together. He asked Council to appropriate \$85,000 from the Multi-County Park fund and \$14,439.50 from the Capital Expenditures account. Those funds would be reimbursed when we receive the lease proceeds.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to appropriate \$85,000 from the Multi-County Park fund and \$14,439.50 from the Capital Expenditures account for the \$99,439.50 down payment to Zuercher for the IT System with those accounts being reimbursed from the lease proceeds.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated the County would need to sign a document with the US Forest Service that lists all the roads in Union County that service the national forest. We are eligible to receive national funding for improvements to those roads if they are listed on the agreement.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to enter into the master agreement with the US Forest Service as requested.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council had discussed some grant funding related to economic development. He requested Council appropriate \$20,000 from the Economic Development Fund for the Union County Facilities Corporation for that purpose.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to appropriate \$20,000 from the Economic Development Fund for the Union County Facilities Corporation as requested.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider the final lease and utility payment for the Graham Cash building which was used by Carnegie Library for a short period of time. He entertained a motion to appropriate from the Contingency Fund not to exceed \$3,700 for those final bills.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to appropriate from the Contingency Fund not to exceed \$3,700 to pay the final bills for the lease and utility payments for the Graham Cash building used by Carnegie Library.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. Councilman Ben Ivey asked if this would cover the balance of what was not paid by the library. Chairman Frank Hart stated that was correct and he would get a release for any and all future claims related thereto. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any comments from elected officials or department heads.

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County Auditor Brad Valentine stated he hoped to get someone hired soon to fill the vacancy in his office.

Detention Center and Jail Director Neil McKeown stated they have some contractors looking at doing coating to the showers which they will pay for out of commissary and phone money. He said W. C. Erwin had the low bid to redo the logo and sign on the jail at a cost of approximately \$1,400. Some painting needs to be done. He has been working with Ronnie Wade to get the stadium and fairgrounds back in shape. He said they lost one jailer last week.

Delinquent Tax Collector Lorene Bevis said they started posting levies on the delinquent properties and it has brought people in to start paying.

Airport and Stadium Manager Ronnie Wade said they probably would not be using the new concession area for Friday's game at the stadium. The guy will be working on the scoreboard tomorrow. The PA system had been moved and is operational. He said he would have to paint the football field tomorrow and JV team plays on Thursday. People need to realize the improvements being made at the stadium are something that will be used for a long time. When they start the second phase and add ticket booths then about every seventy five feet you will have a restroom. They have built a dressing room that can be used as a meeting room and can be used year round. There is property that was donated on one end that eventually will be needed for parking. They have done some paving and things are looking really nice. The City and Fire Department will be washing down the bleachers and there will be a lot of work going on. Mr. Wade said he heard from the FAA that they have to relocate the site for the weather machine. He has the funding set aside with the State but they haven't approved that portion of it. He has a beacon tower that has already been approved for the airport that will be paid for by the State. The storm drainage runoff is another State project that will be done this summer.

EMS Director Eric Harold said they continue to work on the renovations of the EMS facility and the first phase should be completed this week. They will start phase two of the renovations next week. He still has not received any news from the AMG grant for two new ambulances. He said he attended the mental health first aid class at the library last week.

Finance Director Ann Boggs stated we are working on closing out fiscal year 2018 and starting fiscal year 2019. She is working on the audit schedule. Procurement has been put in place and has been working well.

Rieta Drinkwine with Carnegie Library said they have two more mental health first aid training classes on August 16th and on August 22nd. The reopening of the library is coming up and they look forward to being back in the library after the renovation project. They are working on phasing out the satellite locations since they are not going to be able to continue to staff them. They are hiring for an outreach and programs full-time position to help with providing programs in other areas of the community as well as the City of Union.

Workforce Coordinator Katherine Pendergrass stated they had talked about the health center but another one called Primary Care is also coming to Union. She said she had talked to Regenesix which is federally funded and shown them some buildings. They are discussing, researching and

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hoping to come to Union County. They had a meeting with the coordinator of secondary education and a meeting with the elementary coordinator about some things they want to do in the system. She said she met the HR Manager for Carlisle Finishing and the HR Manager for Vapor Apparel and both are looking for assistance in finding employees. She participated in the Opportunity Fair at SCC and they had several school teachers and other agencies touring several different facilities. She has been working with economic development to see how they can best help them. They are looking at trying to set up another training project in hopes of the people participating being employed in Union County. She encouraged the councilmembers to attend the public meeting for the transit feasibility study on August 21st at 9:30 a.m. at the Main Street Junction.

Tourism Director Curtiss Hunter said they are working with the Chamber of Commerce who handles the Christmas parade to turn it into a holiday festival. She told Chairman Frank Hart someone with the Department of Natural Resources would be contacting him about the boat ramp in Lockhart. The man running Wildwood Ranch told her he would be ready for the outfitters business in the spring but it probably can't happen without the ramp in Lockhart.

Jami Trammell with the Chamber of Commerce stated they were working on retail recruitment and retail development and trying to get some movement on Main Street.

Kathy Jo Lancaster with the Union County Development Board stated our industries are doing well and they are working on some project developments. She said that Brown Fant met with the Board to go over the audit and they got a good report.

Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement to issue a bridge loan to the Union County Carnegie Library in the amount of \$300,000.00. The funds will be repaid from the proceeds of our tax credit initiative.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement to issue a bridge loan to the Union County Carnegie Library in the amount of \$300,000.00.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance authorizing and approving the expansion of the boundaries of a joint county industrial and business park with Spartanburg County (Wingo) pursuant to 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.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance authorizing and approving the expansion of the boundaries of a joint county industrial and business park with Spartanburg County (Wingo) pursuant to 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: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance to amend Division 4 of Article XI of Chapter 2 of the Union County Code of Ordinances in certain limited particulars

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and regards, only; and other matters related thereto. This ordinance pertains to the Union County Development Board.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance to amend Division 4 of Article XI of Chapter 2 of the Union County Code of Ordinances in certain limited particulars and regards, only; and other matters related thereto pertaining to the Union County Development Board.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced an ordinance in title only authorizing the execution and delivery of a title to real estate to James Rose conveying the interest of Union County, South Carolina, in certain parcel of real estate located at 225 South Street, Buffalo, South Carolina and as shown on tax map parcel 072-06-13-008.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a title to real estate to James Rose conveying the interest of Union County, South Carolina, in certain parcel of real estate located at 225 South Street, Buffalo, South Carolina and as shown on tax map parcel 072-06-13-008.

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

Under the Supervisor's Report Chairman Frank Hart asked Council to go look at the improvements at the stadium since they have gotten the asphalt done. He said we are getting a tremendous amount of work for the amount of money in that project.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports. Councilman David Sinclair stated the Committee on Public Works, Roads and Bridges and County Property had met on August 10, 2018. James Earl Greer requested the County extend a county road known as Ashley Acres. Councilman David Sinclair stated the finding of the Committee was that the road is currently serving the residents on Ashley Acres as it is and they did not see any need to extend the road.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a contractual related matter and a personnel matter.

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

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

Chairman Frank Hart 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.

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

The Union County Council returned to regular session.

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

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council