

UNION COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.  
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Frank Hart, Vice Chair 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 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. Curtis 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 Allison Roberts with the Spartanburg Herald Journal, to the News Room at 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. Council Chaplin David Sinclair 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  
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 July 11, 2017, the special County Council meeting on July 20, 2017 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented a service award certificate and gift card for Sue Farr for 15 years of service, to Kindra Horne for 15 years of service, to Harriette Belk for 25 years of service and for Linda Mitchell for 25 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Frank Hart stated there was one vacancy on the Tax Assessor's Appeals Board. Councilman Ralph Tucker stated he did not have a recommendation at this time.

Development Board Director Kathy Jo Lancaster recommended William D. All, II and Ann Fesperman Angermeier to fill the two positions on the Union County Development Board representing financial institutions or other professional occupations. She recommended Paul R. Newhouse to fill the position on the Union County Development Board representing the local healthcare system.

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Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Development Board to appoint William D. All, II, Ann Fesperman Angermeier, and Paul R. Newhouse to fill the vacant positions on the Union County Development Board.

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

Modest Keenan addressed Council about the old Sims property. He provided Council with handouts concerning the old Sims School property located on Sims Drive comprising of 21 acres in the City of Union with a building that is 70,000 square feet. He stated they put a new metal top on the building and the old classrooms could be used for office space. It has a gym and it also has an auditorium that could hold 300 or more people which had been renovated. He suggested the County and City consider taking the building to do something with it to be used for the community. He stated the County and City could determine if they wanted to use Capital Project Sales Tax revenue to fund the project. The Capital Project Sales Tax would have to be voted on by referendum during the general election and could only be used for seven years if the voters approve it. He said there were other sources of revenue that could be considered for the project.

Tony Davies presented a check from Republic Services in the amount of \$20,000 to Henry Giles as President of Spartanburg Community College. Mr. Davies stated they operate the landfill in Cross Anchor and they have committed to providing funds for the Spartanburg Community College Union Campus for five years at \$20,000 a year. Mr. Giles thanked Republic Services and stated they plan to use the funds to make enhancements in the welding program at the Union Campus.

Chairman Frank Hart stated IT had talked to Council about server upgrades for the County and there is an additional \$12,468.99 that needs to be paid on the invoice from period 13 out of last year's budget. He asked Council to approve the transfer of those funds from the Postage account balance.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to do a line item transfer from the Postage account balance to finish paying for the IT upgrade as requested.

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

Mark Cathcart who is the new 4-H and Youth Development Agent with Clemson Extension stated they are getting ready for the fair this year. They want to provide awards to the youth that range in age from five to nineteen for the work they put in for the livestock and poultry shows. He requested County Council partner with them as a sponsor. The sponsorships range from \$50 to \$500.

Elise Ashby with the Tourism Commission addressed Council about the Ag and Art Tour. She stated Libby Oliver had created a quilt pattern for Union County and they decided to do a mosaic of the pattern. She said they had 1,400 people attend the event and 800 of them were from outside the county. She went over the farmers that participated and the artisans involved. She discussed the Library event, Kick-off Dinner, banner at the Farmers Market and the bus tour.

Sheriff David Taylor stated one of the secretaries in the Sheriff's Office had transferred to the Clerk of Court's Office. He requested permission to fill that job position.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to allow Sheriff Taylor to fill the job vacancy in the Sheriff's Office as requested.

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

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Sheriff David Taylor stated they were having problems with radio bleed over and they are looking at going with the 800 radios. They are having problems with the intercom system at the jail which they are required to have as stipulated by the South Carolina Department of Corrections. He said they are getting a quote on replacing the system with an inmate proof system.

Rieta Drinkwine with Carnegie Library updated Council on their Summer Reading Program. She said they did twenty outreach events. They have a Watch Party planned for the solar eclipse providing free events and free glasses for viewing the eclipse. They are wrapping up the Space Camp and will be holding Story Time on Saturday. Dr. Alan Charles will be at the Library on August 14 to talk about the history of Union. She said they had about sixty teens participate in the Teen Lock-In Day.

David Kitchens with Code Enforcement stated they would be visiting Anderson County next week to look at making some changes in animal control to make improvements. On Code Enforcement they are chasing people to clean up their junk and cut the grass. They plan to hold cleanups in various areas of the county in the fall.

Building Superintendent Kenny West stated they were doing normal maintenance like lights and plumbing. The metal has been ordered for the new roof for the Task Force building.

Delinquent Tax Collector Lorene Bevis stated they are doing title searches.

EMS Director Eric Harold stated they received the DUI Grant check and he has ordered some of the equipment. He said he was working on three other grants and one is a grant to purchase a new ambulance. He said he was working with Jerry Brannon on the plans for the renovations for the EMS facility to get the RFP out.

Workforce Coordinator Katherine Pendergrass stated for the month of June they had 42 jobs posted, 14 people entered employment, 6 people are enrolled in training and they had 10 people complete their assessments. Office traffic for June was 597 people.

Tourism Director Curtis Hunter stated they were working on the Christmas Festival and the Coon Hunt event. They are looking into holding a horseshoe event.

Chairman Frank Hart asked Council to amend the agenda to allow Brandon Simpson with USC-Union to address Council.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to amend the agenda to allow Brandon Simpson with USC-Union to address Council.

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

Brandon Simpson with the USC-Union Disability Services Department stated they work with students with learning disabilities to help them further their education. They currently have 9 disability students but are increasing to 15 students. They work with Vocational Rehabilitation and Special Education classes to encourage people with disabilities and special needs to let them know they can have a career and can work.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated third reading of the ordinance authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain real property owned by Union County to 101 W Main, LLC was on hold until the next meeting.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for second reading an ordinance to amend the agreement for development for joint County Industrial Park (Wingo Industrial Park) by and between Spartanburg County and Union County, South Carolina, so as to include additional property in Spartanburg County as part of the joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance to amend the agreement for development for joint County Industrial Park (Wingo Industrial Park) by and between Spartanburg County and Union County, South Carolina, so as to include additional property in Spartanburg County as part of the joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced an ordinance in title only authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain real property owned by Union County to KG Plus, LLC; the execution and delivery of one or more agreements by and between Union County and KG Plus, LLC regarding the sale and conveyance of such real property; the execution and delivery of any and all other documents or instruments necessary to effect the contemplated conveyance; and other matters related thereto. He explained to Council that this is property which is required due to the ongoing expansion of the spec building which was sold. This would allow them to add some square footage onto the building.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain real property owned by Union County to KG Plus, LLC; the execution and delivery of one or more agreements by and between Union County and KG Plus, LLC regarding the sale and conveyance of such real property; the execution and delivery of any and all other documents or instruments necessary to effect the contemplated conveyance; and other matters related thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated in the interest of time he would forego his Supervisor's report.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports.

Councilman Ralph Tucker stated the Director at Behavioral Health Services told him they had received a grant for \$6,000.

Councilwoman Joan Little stated how proud she was that the County sponsored the State Tournament at the Timken Sports Complex.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated she attended the Library's Teen Lock-In and stated they did a good job.

Chairman Frank Hart stated each Councilmember had a copy of the audit or financial statement for the Bonham Fire District, the Buffalo Fire District, the Carlisle Fire District, the Cross Keys Fire District, the Kelly-Kelton Fire District and the Phillipi Fire District.

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Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to accept the audits and financial statements for the Bonham Fire District, the Buffalo Fire District, the Carlisle Fire District, the Cross Keys Fire District, the Kelly-Kelton Fire District and the Phillipi Fire District.

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

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a contractual matter concerning the Buffalo Mill site, to discuss a contractual matter related to County property and discuss a contractual matter related to a new spec building.

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

The Union County Council went into executive session to discuss a contractual matter concerning the Buffalo Mill site, to discuss a contractual matter related to County property and to discuss a contractual matter related to a new spec building.

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.

David Sinclair: 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.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chairman  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council