

JOINT MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
AND THE CARLISLE TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016 AT 6:02 P.M.
CARLISLE TOWN HALL IN CARLISLE, SC 29031

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

Absent: None

Present-Town Council: Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn, Councilwoman Maxine Spencer, Councilwoman Ann Stevens, and Councilman Ronnie Lyles.

Absent: Councilwoman Darlene Small

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn called the meeting to order for the Carlisle Town Council and Councilwoman Maxine Spencer gave the invocation.

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn stated the water tank was in need of improvements and they had initiated the utility sustainable assessment but because of funding they stopped short. Most of that had been completed with the exception of the capital improvement plan which they need in place in order to receive the funding to do the necessary work on the water tower. That work comes to \$38,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Once they have completed that, she has been assured that they would meet the criteria so they can move forward to get the funding to take care of it.

Maxine Spencer: Made a motion to approve completion of the capital improvement plan as stated.

Ronnie Lyles: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn stated she had it on the agenda to discuss having renovations done on the old fire station to provide a place for the senior citizens and young people. If there is a possibility of having an EMS substation in Carlisle then maybe they should postpone that and review it at another time.

Under the Mayor's report, Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn announced that on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at the Carlisle playground they would be holding a Back to School Bash. The focus is on the kids and providing them with school supplies. Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn thanked the County for the new equipment at the playground.

She stated that for communication purposes they needed a more consistent prompt response from the County when they contact them.

Council Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order for the Union County Council followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Joan Little, District 1 – Present

Ralph Tucker, District 2 – Present

Tommy Ford, District 3 - Present

Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present

Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Chairman Frank Hart stated they would work on response time to alleviate the communications issue.

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn contacted a department with the County about a property on Fishdam Avenue because they are working on a beautification project. She found that the property is owned by the County which is in immediate need of being cleaned up. Chairman Frank Hart said he thought it came to the County through the Forfeited Land Commission where the owner did not pay the taxes on it and no one bought it at the tax sale. He said we would get it on the schedule but the County is in the middle of prepping the roads for the paving project which will tie them up for the next thirty to sixty days.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Town of Lockhart was working with Catawba Regional COG and received some funding to do like a vision session and put together a strategic plan for Lockhart trying to build something around the river. He asked if the Town Council had thought of doing anything like that in Carlisle to create a draw into the area. Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn stated there had been some discussion about holding some functions that would draw people to bring in revenue. Chairman Frank Hart stated the river is a good natural asset if they could find a way to promote it. He said the crossing of the railroad tracks in Carlisle is something they need to promote. Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn felt that was something the Development Board Director could help promote in attracting new industry. Chairman Frank Hart stated he hoped they had seen some benefit on Highway 72 which received improvements due to work through the County and the Catawba Regional COG to receive money to resurface that portion of the highway. Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn stated they were very appreciative of that. She stated there was a problem when the traffic from Lockhart was detoured through their area which resulted in accidents on Highway 72. She said she had been talking to the South Carolina Department of Transportation about the safety issues on that highway. Chairman Frank Hart stated the highway patrol is scarce in Union County due to a lack of personnel. Sheriff David Taylor stated they have problems with response time from the highway patrol working the accidents in Union County.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on June 21, 2016, the special meeting of County Council held on June 24, 2016, the special meeting of County Council held on June 29, 2016, the regular monthly County Council meeting held on July 12, 2016 and the special meeting of County Council held on July 22, 2016 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Frank Hart referred to a letter from Airport Manager Ronnie Wade to Danny Sanders who had not been able to attend the Airport Commission meetings since September

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of 2014. The County ordinance requires the members to attend seventy five percent of the meetings each calendar year to remain an active member.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to vacate that position on the Airport Commission due to not meeting the attendance requirement.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider the two vacancies on the Airport Commission. One vacancy was due to the resignation of Dale Spiers and the other was due to the removal of Danny Sanders. Councilman Tommy Ford recommended the appointment of John Sherfield. Chairman Frank Hart stated that because John Sherfield is a sworn law enforcement officer then he would be unable to hold that position. It would be considered dual office holding due to a recent opinion of the AG's Office.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to appoint Nancy Mahan to serve on the Airport Commission.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked if it would be a conflict since her husband serves on the Airport Commission.

Councilman Tommy Ford rescinded his motion pending further review.

Chairman Frank Hart recommended Jeffery Reynolds to serve on the Airport Commission to fill Danny Sanders' unexpired term.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to appoint Jeffery Reynolds to serve on the Airport Commission to fill the unexpired term as recommended.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider appointments to the Building Code Board of Appeals. There are vacancies for one member and two alternates. There was one applicant who was John David (JD) Wilcox, Jr. Mr. Wilcox currently serves on the Stadium Commission which he is willing to vacate in order to serve on the Board of Appeals

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to appoint John David (JD) Wilcox, Jr. to serve on the Building Code Board of Appeals.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated the Council had recently adopted an ordinance to recreate the Buffalo Fire District. They appointed three board members who were willing to continue to serve which left four positions to be filled. One member would serve a term through December 31, 2018 and the other three would serve terms through December 31, 2016. The applicants were Russ Sanders, Robert Vanderford, Jr., Carolyn Kirby, Les Gibson, Sr., Maxie Ponder and Craig D. Price.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to appoint Carolyn Kirby to serve a term which expires December 31, 2018, to appoint Les Gibson, Sr. to serve a term which expires December 31, 2016, to appoint Maxie Ponder to serve a term which expires December 31, 2016, and to appoint Craig D. Price to serve a term which expires December 31, 2016 on the Board of Fire Control for the Buffalo Fire District.

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

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Chairman Frank Hart stated Elise Ashby had requested to reschedule the presentation on the 2016 AG & Art Tour since Elizabeth Oliver was ill and could not attend.

Chairman Frank Hart called for a motion to advertise the seven positions on the Board of Fire Control for the Bonham Fire District and consider appointment of the current board members in the process.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to advertise the seven positions of the Board of Fire Control for Bonham Fire District.

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

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

Sheriff David Taylor stated he had complaints about the response time by the Highway Patrol working accident scenes. They are short on personnel and they come to Union from Cherokee County. He requested Council's assistance in talking to the Delegation about the problem.

Sheriff David Taylor stated he had been given a permit to approve a micro distillery to be located in Union County. In the past he has protested them even if it is to no avail. Elizabeth Oliver has applied for a permit to operate the micro distillery on Pineland Road. He said he did not want to file the protest if County Council is supporting this. Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Ralph Tucker and Councilman Tommy Ford stated they were not in favor of it. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie and Councilman Randall Hanvey stated they would want more information. Sheriff David Taylor stated he was concerned that it would be located in a residential and not a business area of the County. He stated he would proceed with the legal protest before August 21st.

Katherine Pendergrass as Workforce Coordinator stated there are jobs available in Union County and they need qualified people to fill them.

Chairman Frank Hart presented a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of that certain agreement for sale of real property and improvements thereon (2 LSP Drive) dated as of August 9, 2016, subject to certain legislative enactments by Union County Council; and other matters related thereto.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution authorizing the agreement for sale of real property and improvements thereon (2 LSP Drive) as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance to acknowledge and authorize the execution and delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Union County and the City of Union for the provision of the Union County Code Enforcement Officers to enforce the City of Union Animal Control ordinances within the municipal limits of the City of Union and on behalf of the City of Union; and other matters related thereto.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Union pertaining to enforcement of the City of Union Animal Control ordinances as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced in title only an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$1,600,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A, of Union County, South Carolina for the purpose of refunding the County's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007; fixing the form and details of the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds; authorizing the County Supervisor to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds; the disposition of the proceeds of the bonds; and other matters relating thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$1,600,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A, for the purpose of refunding the County's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007, as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced in title only an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,800,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016B, of Union County, South Carolina; fixing the form and details of the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds; authorizing the County Supervisor to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds; the disposition of the proceeds of the bonds; and other matters relating thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,800,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016B, as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced in title only an ordinance authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain real property and improvements thereon (2 LSP Drive), and the execution and delivery of documentation and agreements associated therewith; and other matters related thereto.

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 and improvements thereon (2 LSP Drive) as stated.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated the County had just finished the spec building and is in the process of selling it to a vendor that is in the business of upfitting it for a manufacturing operation.

The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the spec building is being sold to Agracel which is a company that works in rural communities on building upfits for industry and manufacturing.

Chairman Frank Hart stated we have an opening in the Tax Assessor's Office which has been advertised.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated they would be having a movie this weekend at the stadium at a cost of \$3 per person.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the incentive plan for quality of life items includes a plan to recruit a movie theatre and an incentive plan to do that. He said he was working on the details and would come back to Council in thirty to sixty days.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the purchase is almost completed on the property adjacent to Bonham. The Bankruptcy Committee authorized the Hospital District to sell it. They voted by resolution to do it and they are ready to execute the paperwork. That supports the County's economic development projects in that area.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council had an invitation to the Spartanburg Community College ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, August 25th at 4:00 p.m. at the SCC Union County Campus. They are going to have a mechatronics program beginning this fall.

Chairman Frank Hart stated they are working on the Local Option Sales Tax communications and should have something back from the firm helping with the advertising in the next couple of weeks.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the County is working with the City on a student housing plan for USC-Union. It tentatively looks like they will have the nursing program at USC-Union next fall and they will need housing for those students.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked when they get the information back from the marketing firm for the Local Option Sales Tax would Council meet and put the plan together. Chairman Frank Hart responded they would.

Chairman Frank Hart stated there were a couple of councilmembers assigned to work with Council on Aging and he asked for a report on that at the next meeting.

Councilman Ben Ivey stated the Committee on Public Works, Roads and Bridges and County Property met and received an update from Jerry Brannon on the road paving project. Chairman Frank Hart stated last year they resurfaced about twenty four roads and this year they are doing fifty three roads.

Mr. Don Shetley stated they were going to be doing some temporary repairs on Highway 72 and Highway 215. Those are federal roads so they have to pay for it and hope to get their money back and it takes two to three years to do it. They are going to be doing some bridge work in Whitmire and doing some work on the intersection that is so dangerous. Chairman Frank Hart stated Don Shetley is with the Transportation Committee who is providing the County "C" funds for the paving project which the County appreciates.

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Councilman Ben Ivey stated he and Councilman Tommy Ford were at the Stadium Commission meeting last week. There are some things that need to be worked out and their next meeting is in October. There are some repairs that need to be made for safety issues but there is no major expense at this time. They need to know Council is on board with advancing but they need to make sure the Stadium Commission, City of Union, and School Board are all in agreement. They are asking for a 10-15 year commitment from the School System and need to know how much money they would provide. At the October meeting they are supposed to let the Commission know how much each entity was willing to provide financially.

Chairman Frank Hart stated he and Councilman Ralph Tucker attended the South Carolina Association of Counties conference and received some good information and made some contacts. This will be the last year Brown Fant will be auditing the county books. They met a new auditing firm and talked to them about potentially coming in to take a look at our operations to see what controls we have in place and to make some recommendations before we start the audit process. They got a good legislative update at the conference and they are working on a transformational fund plan for rural counties. They are going to try to go after some funding at the state level.

Katherine Pendergrass reminded Chairman Frank Hart about the ribbon cutting ceremony tomorrow. Chairman Frank Hart stated Governor Haley would be in Union at the Meeting Place on Main located at 111 West Main Street at 10:00 a.m. for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new facility.

Sheriff David Taylor stated there would be a Libertarian candidate for President in front of the Courthouse on Saturday morning at 10:00 am with a musket on his arm. The public should not be alarmed as there will be security present for the event.

Joan Little: Made a motion to adjourn the County Council meeting.

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

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn adjourned the meeting for the Carlisle Town Council.

The joint meeting of the Union County Council and the Carlisle Town Council adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chair
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council