

JOINT MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL  
AND THE CARLISLE TOWN COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 AT 5:40 P.M.  
CARLISLE TOWN HALL IN CARLISLE, SC 29031

Present-County Council: 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

Present-Town Council: Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Lyles, Councilwoman Darlene Smalls, Councilwoman Maxine Spencer, Councilwoman Ann Stevens and Town Administrator Shannon McBride.  
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 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.

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

There was a motion and second to accept the minutes of the Carlisle Town Council and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn stated under old business they had applied for a grant for the water tank but found it was more expensive than they had originally anticipated. They had to revise their request to ask for double the amount. The grant was approved.

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn stated under new business was the water tank inspection at a cost of \$525. There was a motion and second to have the inspection done at a cost of \$525 and the motion carried.

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn had Town Administrator Shannon McBride read the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation proclaiming September 15, 2017 through October 15, 2017 as

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Hispanic Heritage Month. There was a motion and second approving the proclamation and the motion carried.

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn called for the Administrator's report but Shannon McBride said she did not have anything to report at this time.

Under the Mayor's report, Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn reminded everyone that every Friday they hold pre-diabetes classes and partner with DHEC to provide this program. She said they received a Palmetto Pride Grant for five outdoor trash receptacles.

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn called for any comments from the Town Councilmembers but there were none.

Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn called for any public questions. Brenda Brittain asked who determined where the fire hydrants were placed. Mayor Glenn responded that she would need to get together with the fire department to discuss the fire hydrant locations. She asked Mrs. Brittain to leave her name and phone number so she could get back with her on that.

Council Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order for the Union County Council at 5:45 p.m.

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

Tommie Hill: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on August 8, 2017, the special meeting of County Council held on August 31, 2017 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Frank Hart asked if there were any issues the Town Council wanted to address with County Council. Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn asked about emergency procedures in the event of a tornado, natural disaster or catastrophe. Sheriff David Taylor stated they have a code red alert system that the public can participate in. They encourage the public to call and give their phone number to Emergency Services to be put on the notification list. Mayor Mary Ferguson Glenn asked how the shelters were determined and where they are located. Sheriff David Taylor stated the mayors of all the towns as well as the City mayor are part of the Master Emergency Preparedness Plan and said they could make a presentation on that if needed.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to appoint Brenda Brittain to serve on the Tax Assessor's Appeals Board

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

David Berry addressed Council concerning the curbs and sidewalks in Monarch. He stated they had cleaned up the trash and cut some trees in the area on the Monarch Highway in front of the old mill but the curbs and sidewalks were a problem. He contacted the South Carolina Department of Transportation but they had not resolved the issue. He presented pictures of the curbs and sidewalks to Council. Chairman Frank Hart said he had a phone number for the liaison with SC DOT in the Chester district office that he could contact.

David Gist addressed Council about removing the Confederate monument from the Courthouse grounds. He referenced the situation in Virginia where one person lost their life because some racist people wanted to protect a confederate monument. He said the South Carolina Legislature passed the Heritage Act in 2000 that said no monument could be taken down except by a vote of the legislature. Mr. Gist expressed his opinion that the Confederate monument was offensive and racist and suggested the monument be moved. He asked County Council to come up with some kind of resolution to bypass the Heritage Act. Chairman Frank Hart stated that based on the Heritage Act the monument cannot legally be moved except by action of the legislature. He offered to meet with Mr. Gist and the delegation to discuss it because the Council has to uphold the State law whether they agree with it or not.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to approve the Prioritized Community Needs list and a copy of the list had been provided to Council.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to approve the Prioritized Community Needs list as presented.

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

Chairman Frank Hart referred to a letter from Council on Aging requesting the County Council donate the old 2001 Ford F150 Animal Control truck to the Council on Aging. Chairman Frank Hart stated Code Enforcement had requested use of that vehicle and he proposed donating a brown 1994 Chevy pickup if Council decides to donate a vehicle to Council on Aging.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to donate the brown 1994 Chevy pickup to Council on Aging.

Tommie Hill: Seconded the motion.

Councilman Ben Ivey said Council on Aging is not part of the County government and as a private non-profit agency the County cannot donate County property to a non-profit organization. Chairman Frank Hart said it could be a policy decision not to do it but it is legal to donate to a non-profit organization. Councilman Ben Ivey stated you would open the door for everyone to want something donated to them. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated the County had already donated a van to the Council on Aging. Councilman Ben Ivey said that was before they found out they were not part of the County government. The motion failed with one (1) Councilmember (Councilman Tommie Hill) voting in favor and five (5) Councilmembers (Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Ralph Tucker, Councilman David Sinclair, Councilman Ben Ivey and Councilwoman Kacie Petrie) opposing.

Tax Assessor Jake Black requested Council approve the purchase of two software programs for his office. He requested a QS/1 FUTURE MAPSYS program to allow the office to work

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in current and future property values at the same time at a cost of \$7,875. He requested a La Mode Total Essentials bundle for appraisers at a cost of \$698. The total was \$8,573 for the two software programs with a yearly maintenance of \$1,275 for the first year on the QS/1 software program and \$349 a year annual renewal on the La Mode Total Essentials bundle. Chairman Frank Hart recommended purchasing the two software programs from the Operational Contingency account.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to purchase the two software programs at a total cost of \$8,573 from the Operational Contingency account.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was Steven Broadbent to discuss building code enforcement but he was not present at the meeting.

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

Sheriff David Taylor stated several years ago they gave the Magistrate's Office the office space they now use as a second hearing room. The Sheriff's Office lost their storage space for case file cabinets and they have now run out of file space. He stated they could use the alleyway to the back elevator if it could be enclosed to secure the files. Sheriff David Taylor stated he would pay for the file system if he could get Building Superintendent Kenny West to enclose the space. Chairman Frank Hart stated he would work it out with Building Superintendent Kenny West to get that done.

Sheriff David Taylor stated he had addressed Council in the past about a new intercom system for the jail. He received a proposal from MSS to install a new intercom system that is supposed to be inmate proof that would include all necessary wiring, parts, installation, programming and testing to complete the scope of work at a cost of \$29,635. They are required by DHEC to have a vocal intercom system. Chairman Frank Hart stated they need to meet with the architect to do a walk through at the jail and would try to put something together for the October Council meeting. Sheriff David Taylor stated there are water and other issues that need to be addressed at the jail.

Rieta Drinkwine with Carnegie Library stated the Friends of the Library are holding a book sale. They will be holding a yard sale as they are cleaning out the basement at the Library prior to renovations. The Library Board approved the floor plans for the renovations and they plan to have the design development approved this month. They have a new full-time employee to coordinate programs for all ages to improve services.

Tourism Director Curtis Hunter stated the Coon Hunt event would be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will have a Holiday Festival with storytelling at the Main Street Junction. She said there was a combined Class Reunion for classes of 1961 and 1962 held in Union. There were complaints about some of the hotels having roaches and towels that were not clean. She stated Union does not have decent hotels and it is an embarrassment when you have out of town guests.

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Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final 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 (Pacific Industrial Development Corp.) in Spartanburg County as part of the joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adopt 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 (Pacific Industrial Development Corp.) 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 presented for third and final reading an 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.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced in title only an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery by Union County, South Carolina of a Project Grant Agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina and Union County Facilities Corporation; approving the form of the Project Grant Agreement; making appropriation of funds of Union County, South Carolina necessary to make certain payments required under the Project Grant Agreement; and other matters relating thereto.

Ralph Tucker: 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 by Union County, South Carolina of a Project Grant Agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina and Union County Facilities Corporation; approving the form of the Project Grant Agreement; making appropriation of funds of Union County, South Carolina necessary to make certain payments required under the Project Grant Agreement; and other matters relating thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution clarifying that Linda Circle which is located in the Buffalo Community is a private drive and not a public roadway maintained by Union County.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution clarifying that Linda Circle which is located in the Buffalo Community is a private drive and not a public roadway maintained by Union County.

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

Chairman Frank Hart gave his Supervisor's Report. He stated that last month the County received notification by SC DHEC of a confirmed human case of West Nile Virus in the Jonesville Community. There was a cooperative response effort by the Town of Jonesville, Union County Sheriff's Office, Code Enforcement and Public Works. They went door to door to all residents within a one mile radius with literature on minimizing mosquitos near the home. We sprayed 23 miles of road which was within the one mile radius and they will need to do a second spraying and larviciding.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the design work for the Timken Sports Complex renovations has been completed. The request for bids was done September 1<sup>st</sup> with the bids to be in by September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the County received \$750,000 from the Union County Transportation Committee for county road resurfacing. The contract was awarded to Cherokee Grading. We will be resurfacing approximately 60 miles of county roads and resurfacing could start as early as Thursday or Friday depending on the weather.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the design work for the EMS renovations has been completed. They received a check from the Timken Foundation for \$75,000 to purchase a back-up generator as part of the renovation. Bids are due in on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Frank Hart stated he met with the Union County School District and presented a plan to finance improvements to the Union County Stadium. Under the plan, the top priority issues are addressing safety issues, improving ADA accessibility, and construction of a field house. The project budget would be up to \$1.3 million. The School District would pay an additional facility use payment of up to \$130,000 for 5 years to help the County recover approximately fifty percent of the cost of the improvements. The School Board voted to support the concept of the plan and that we move forward with the RFP. They hope to get that out next week.

Chairman Frank Hart stated they had conducted three well attended focus group meetings to assist in developing the County comprehensive plan and will most likely conduct at least one more. The information gathered at those meetings will be reviewed by the Planning Commission for integration into that comprehensive plan.

Chairman Frank Hart stated we have received checks from the State for the Local Option Sales Tax revenue collections. The July check was \$83,727.70 and the August check was \$85,239.07. If this trend continues we could collect close to \$800,000 this fiscal year which would be applied as a credit to the County property tax bills. In addition, each municipality is receiving funds which they will use as a credit against the City tax bills. Revenues to date are ahead of what they originally projected which is going to be good for the taxpayers. We will be finalizing our credit factor at the September 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated they held the organizational meeting of the new non-profit Union County Facilities Corporation. The three corporate officers are the County Supervisor, Vice Chair of County Council, and the Executive Director of the Union County Development Board. That non-profit corporation will be key to our economic development efforts going forward.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the County received a \$100,000 grant for the Flat Stack Trail Phase II in Lockhart. The trail will run around the old mill site and they will start work on that this month. The County received a \$100,000 grant for the Flat Stack Trail Phase I in Lockhart. Intent of this trail is to run from the boat ramp to the pedestrian bridge. We are getting proposals from outside engineering firms to design the ramp. We have the opportunity to utilize up to \$500,000 in state and federal funds for the construction of the boat ramp.

Chairman Frank Hart stated he would give Council a copy of the finalized contract with the Chamber of Commerce for funding.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council should have a copy of the draft contract with Union County Fire and Rescue for funding. The draft contract has been forwarded to the Board for the Union County Fire and Rescue for their review.

Chairman Frank Hart stated he had forwarded a draft proposal to the City of Union Mayor for contracting with Union County for building inspections and code enforcement. The City reviewed it and there were some issues and some proposed changes so he is in the process of taking that feedback and updating it. He plans to present it to City Council at their meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. If the City supports it then he would come back to County Council for their approval to proceed.

Chairman Frank Hart said he had been working with the Sheriff's Office and the Detention Center on getting out an RFP for a medical provider for the jail and detention center. Proposals are due this month.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the County received another grant from SC DOT for the Transportation Feasibility Study. They selected AECOM Technical Services of SC to conduct the study. They provided a contract which they reviewed and made some revisions. They expect to execute that contract by the end of the week and the study should be completed by July of 2018.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council had received an invitation from Katherine Pendergrass with SC Works to attend the Workforce Summit on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Main Street Junction.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports but there were none.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council had copies of the audits and financial statements to review and approve for Spartanburg Community College, the Soil & Water Conservation

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District, Commission on Higher Education, the Fair Association, Catawba Regional COG, Veterans Memorial Park, Clemson University, and the Historical Society.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to approve the audits and financial statements for Spartanburg Community College, the Soil & Water Conservation District, Commission on Higher Education, the Fair Association, Catawba Regional COG, Veterans Memorial Park, Clemson University, and the Historical Society.

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

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

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting for the Union County Council.

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 6:43 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chair  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council