

MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
WITH THE LOCKHART TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.
LOCKHART POWER COMPANY LOCATED AT
420 RIVER STREET IN LOCKHART, SC

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, Acting County Attorney Pete Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: None

Present-Town Council: Mayor Ailene Ashe, Councilman Donnie Adams, Councilwoman Mallory Thomas, Councilwoman Wanda Stein and Clerk to Council Brenda Jenkins

Absent: Councilwoman Connie Porter

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. 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 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.

County Council Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order for the Union County Council. County 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

Joan Little: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on April 10, 2018 and to approve the minutes as written.

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

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Chairman Frank Hart stated there were a number of positions coming open on the Union County Development Board. There are four positions with terms that expire on June 30, 2018 and a letter of resignation creating a position with an unexpired term.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to advertise the five positions on the Union County Development Board.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was Rieta Drinkwine to discuss the USDA Grant Letter of Conditions. Ms. Drinkwine said the people with USDA who would be presenting this to Council were not able to make it and they need to make a change in the wording. She said Council had already approved one letter of condition and this is the same thing for a different part of the project. This is for a USDA Grant in the amount of approximately \$49,000 for Carnegie Library.

Chairman Frank Hart stated we have an invoice from the Sheriff's Office which he needs approval to pay. The total is \$13,357.14 for Global Public Safety LLC. We have set up a contingency fund for the Sheriff's Office because of some accounting irregularities in order to track payments.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to pay the invoice in the amount of \$13,357.14 for Global Public Safety LLC from the contingency fund account set up for the Sheriff's Office.

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

Sheriff David Taylor said they were working on installing a new inmate phone system at the Jail. The system will provide live video visitation so they do not have to move the inmate from lockup to the visitation room. The inmate would pay \$100 for the phone and a portion of that comes back to the County. The Sheriff's Office would be able to track what they do with the phone. It is a prepaid system and someone would have to pay for minutes for the phone. Inmates would be able to call out and would be able to download games and music but would not have access to the internet. Councilmember Ben Ivey asked if what is monitored by the Sheriff's Office can be used against the inmate. Sheriff David Taylor said it would be and the inmate knows that.

Sheriff David Taylor said he has a narcotics officer who is leaving to take a job with another county the end of May. He said he would be refilling that position.

Sheriff David Taylor stated he is seeing a vast increase in homeless people in the county. It has become more of a problem and will have to be addressed soon.

EMS Director Eric Harold said they were getting ready for the renovations on the EMS facility. He understood they had received permission to order materials and do demolition and apparently the plans had been inspected. Prom Promise at the high school was a success again this year. EMS Week is coming up May 20th through May 26th. They are working with the Union County Healthcare Foundation for EMS Week to provide some activities. He has an appointment on May 17th to meet with the Union County Healthcare Foundation board members to get some grant funds for mechanical CPR devices.

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Rieta Drinkwine with Union Carnegie Library stated they are back up and running with programs. They have computer classes for adults, are featuring Story Times, and are working on the summer reading program. Renovation construction for the library is on schedule and the finishes have been approved. They are going into the second half of the project. She talked with the Upstate Workforce Development Board and they have approved their partnership in the facility. Members of her staff are attending classes to get certified to provide mental health first aid training. They received a \$15,000 grant for the homework help centers for a pilot program. Those funds will largely support the STEM Middle School program. She gave an update on their meeting with legislative members. They also provide free tax help at the library.

Kathy Jo Lancaster as Director of the Union County Development Board stated they had a new industry announcement last week which will provide \$1.9 million in capital investments and 28 new jobs. They had their groundbreaking with Lockhart Power Company and Union County for the new spec building. Existing industries are doing well in Union County and they are hiring.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance establishing the records retention policies of Union County, South Carolina in compliance with South Carolina law; and other matters related thereto.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance establishing the records retention policies of Union County, South Carolina in compliance with South Carolina law; and other matters related thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance of Union County, South Carolina authorizing the lease or other conveyance of certain real property owned by Union County to the Union-Laurens Commission on Higher Education; the execution and delivery of any and all other documents or instruments necessary to effect the contemplated lease or other conveyance; and other matters related thereto.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance of Union County, South Carolina authorizing the lease or other conveyance of certain real property owned by Union County to the Union-Laurens Commission on Higher Education; the execution and delivery of any and all other documents or instruments necessary to effect the contemplated lease or other conveyance; and other matters related thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented for third and final reading an ordinance of Union County, South Carolina acknowledging and accepting the devolution and transfer of the Union County Jail from the Union County Sheriff to Union County Council; authorizing and directing the execution and delivery of any and all documents or instruments necessary to effect the accepted devolution and transfer; and other matters related thereto. Chairman Frank Hart stated the change would be effective July 1, 2018 to allow for an orderly transition.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance of Union County, South Carolina acknowledging and accepting the devolution and transfer of the Union County Jail from the Union County Sheriff to Union County Council; authorizing and directing the execution and delivery of any and all documents or instruments necessary to effect the accepted devolution and transfer; and other matters related thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented for second reading an ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Union County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, and to make appropriations for such Union County budgets for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the County may levy a tax; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Union County for such county ordinary purposes; including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Union County maturing during said fiscal year; and to provide for other matters relating to Union County and Union County budgetary matters.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Union County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, and to make appropriations for such Union County budgets for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the County may levy a tax; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Union County for such county ordinary purposes; including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Union County maturing during said fiscal year; and to provide for other matters relating to Union County and Union County budgetary matters.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina (The "County") and a company identified for the time being as Project TRP, acting for itself, and/or one or more affiliates or other project sponsors (The "Company"), pursuant to which the County shall covenant to accept certain negotiated fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the county (collectively, the "Project"); (2) the benefits of a multi-county industrial or business park to be made available to the company and the project; (3) certain special source revenue credits in connection with the project; and (4) other matters relating thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance (1) the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina (The "County") and a company identified for the time being as Project TRP, acting for itself, and/or one or more affiliates or other project sponsors (The "Company"), pursuant to which the County shall covenant to accept certain negotiated fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the county (collectively, the "Project"); (2) the benefits of a multi-county industrial or business park to be made available to the company and the project; (3) certain special source revenue credits in connection with the project; and (4) other matters relating thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a General Obligation Bond (Kelly-Kelton Fire District) of Union County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$172,045; fixing the form and certain details of the bond; authorizing the County Supervisor to determine certain matters relating to the bond; providing for the payment of the bond and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

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Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to accept second reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a General Obligation Bond (Kelly-Kelton Fire District) of Union County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$172,045; fixing the form and certain details of the bond; authorizing the County Supervisor to determine certain matters relating to the bond; providing for the payment of the bond and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced an ordinance of Union County, South Carolina authorizing the lease of certain real property owned by Union County to Union County Carnegie Library Historic Tax Credit Partnership, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company; the execution and delivery of one or more agreements by Union County with one or more entities in connection with the operation and renovation and improvement of the Union County Carnegie Library; and other matters related thereto.

Joan Little: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of an ordinance of Union County, South Carolina authorizing the lease of certain real property owned by Union County to Union County Carnegie Library Historic Tax Credit Partnership, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company; the execution and delivery of one or more agreements by Union County with one or more entities in connection with the operation and renovation and improvement of the Union County Carnegie Library; and other matters related thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart gave his Supervisor's Report and stated they have various projects going on such as the EMS renovation, the procurement policy and getting the purchase order system in place, and finalizing the budget. He said he had a good meeting with Katherine Pendergrass talking about telehealth access in the county. They are looking at some grants for free equipment to provide a telehealth station in each of the rural communities. If you were on Medicaid you could pay a few dollars to get access to a physician who can diagnose you via the telehealth station and prescribe medication. They are looking to present it to be implemented in the schools. They are working on finalizing the resurfacing plan. He stated Katherine Pendergrass is working on a school-to-work program where seniors who finish high school this year and are not enrolled in an institution of higher learning could attend a one-week course focusing on South Carolina manufacturing certification type curriculum. Then she would place them with local industries. This would be a pilot program and he said he would be asking Council for funding to do it. If it works, the goal would be to get private industry to fund it once they prove the concept. He said Katherine Pendergrass is still working on the comprehensive plan and the transportation plan.

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

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Chairman Frank Hart thanked the Lockhart Town Council for meeting with the Council and thanked Andrena Powell-Baker with Lockhart Power for hosting the meeting.

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Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
The meeting of the Union County Council adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chair
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council