

DATE: 5/3/16 FILE NO: DATE195

TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 5/2/16

There was a Regular Meeting Monday, 5/2/16, 5:00 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Tracy McDaniel leading in prayer remembering Rufus Foster and his family on the passing of his youngest brother, Ellington on 5/2/16. All council members were present along with Holland Belue, Attorneys Jim Thompson & Joe Mathis and Clerk Doris Pearson. The news media was informed and two was present. There were 20 visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda for the Regular Meeting of 5/2/16 as received and in compliance with the SC FOIA, codified at Section 30-4-10 et. Seq. of the Code of Laws of SC, 1976, as amended. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Rufus Foster made the motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 4/18/16 as received. Charles Mathis seconded and council voted in favor.

Appalachian COG Director Steve Pelissier gave an update of the return on investment to Cherokee Co. for 2015 (a summary is attached for the file). He recognized and thanked the board appointed by council. He stated he has been with COG for 26 yrs. and look forward to serving more to come. Steven Blanton thanked Steve and the COG for their services in updating our GIS. Charles Mathis thanked Steve & COG on helping Cherokee Co. obtain about \$1 million over the last 20 years through grants & services. Rufus Foster thanked Steve and stated he appreciates the opportunity of getting to serve on the COG Board with him. They are always positive and willing to move forward.

Councilman Steven Blanton made the motion to accept the results of the Special Election submitted by the Voter Registration & Election Commission for the Cherokee Creek Fire District, Goucher-White Plains Fire Dept. and DMW Fire Dept. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Attorney Joe Mathis called council's attention to Item No. 13 – Ordinances – (2) & (3) you have before you the 1st Reading of these ordinances tonight and when you get to those to vote they are prepared for 1st Reading but we may be making changes by the 3rd Reading for legal descriptions. These are in line with prior ordinances under the same format that you have used and adopted in the past with the other special purpose fire districts.

Acting Admin. Holland Belue presented an Inter-governmental agreement between Cherokee Co., Anderson Co., Sptg. Co., Oconee Co. & Pickens Co. which is done through coordination with COG & CDBG. This is based on the original planning partnership and is an update as a result of personnel turnover in the Administration position in several counties in the upstate. **[Charles Mathis made the motion to allow Administration to execute the Inter-governmental Agreement between Cherokee Co., Anderson Co., Sptg. Co., Oconee Co. & Pickens Co. as presented. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Acting Admin. Holland Belue reported that the Sheriff Office has partnership with us & various county departments to have a clean-up day in the East Gaffney area. On that day we will encompass recycling efforts & solid waste efforts. That Sat. morning we will have our Recycling Dept. drop off a roadside roll-off container at the site to be designated by the Sheriff as well as 2 open-top dumpsters for C&D material and NSW material (household items, etc.). We will pick those up approximately 4 PM that afternoon. This is something the Sheriff is trying to do throughout the county on a quarterly basis to help impact a community to recycling and keep their community clean. We will use weekenders, Code Enforcement guys, hopefully volunteers & law enforcement employees. Chairman Spencer replied we did these about 8 yrs. ago and Councilman Bailey Humphries and myself volunteered and it was very successful. This is in my district again and I will be a volunteer that day.

Acting Admin. Holland Belue reported on the Spec Building – we are a few weeks out on being substantially complete. Painting is finished, majority of grading is finished, parking lot is in, landscaping should be going on this week and final finishes on the doors should be going in next week. The building is up for sale and we are marketing it now through the Economic Development Board and other agencies throughout the state. We had one small change order last week. We are still within our budget appropriations given by County Council.

Acting Admin. Holland Belue reported on the Ford Recreational Complex. Administration recommends that council contracts with McMillan Pazdan & Smith for the design fees totaling \$9,000 plus the construction administration on an hourly basis for the lights at the Ford Complex. Scope of services will be electronic calculation of the fields to ensure that light density is at its proper levels, ultra-drop calculations; coordination of the light benders; lighting controls; specifications; compliance with all restrictions & design; and generate the electric site planning for new lights. Only thing not included in this is the construction of administration which will be when they start installing and will be on an hourly basis as needed. Included in this is the design specifications, bid documents, design & bid review and bid recommendation for reward by county council. This will be a turn-key process to get you all the way to the point of a contractor on the ground. This will be paid from budget line item already approved for the project. I prefer we pay for this on the front end so we will know that all our bidders are bidding on the same project. **[Charles Mathis made the motion to allow Administration to sign a contract with McMillan Pazdan & Smith for design fees totaling \$9,000 plus the construction administration on an hourly basis for the light project at the Ford Complex. Hoke Parris seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$387,398.28 as presented. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Chairman Spencer stated that at our last meeting I made the motion to appoint Holland Belue on the Cherokee Co. Recreation District. Since then, I was informed that he would not be able to serve since he is not a resident of Cherokee County. **[Charles Mathis made the motion to rescind the motion**

of 4/18/16 appointing Holland Belue to serve on the Cherokee Co. Recreation District Board. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.]

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to pass the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-12 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement between Cherokee Co. & Project Landmark; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes; the placement of the Project in a Joint county Industrial & Business Park; and related matters. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Charles Mathis made the motion to pass the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-13 to establish & create a Special Tax District to be known as the Goucher-White Plains Fire District, Cherokee Co., SC; to define its areas and boundaries; to define the nature of the services to be rendered therein; to fix the maximum level of taxes which may be levied to provide for the operation & maintenance of the Goucher-White Plains Fire District; and to provide for other matters relating thereto. Steven Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Charles Mathis made the motion to pass the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-14 to establish & create a Special Tax District to be known as the DMW (Draytonville, McKnowns Mtn. & Wilksville) Fire District, Cherokee Co., SC; to define its areas & boundaries; to define the nature of the services to be rendered therein; to fix the maximum level of taxes which may be levied to provide for the operation & maintenance of the DMW Fire Dist.; and to provide for other matters relating thereto. Hoke Parris seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Mike Fowlkes reported that he was reminded by COG Director Pelissier of the sewer project on the corridor of I-85 and how important that project is to Economic Development. I would like to ask Holland and the Economic Development Board, after the budget process has been passed around 7/1/15, to get back to looking & certifying sites and get back on this project because of how important it is to our I-85 Corridor and Economic Development.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer made the motion to adjourn at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED: __5/16/16_____

BY ITS: _Chairman Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Clerk to Council