

DATE: 10/4/16 FILE NO: DATE214  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 10/3/16

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 10/3/16, 5:15 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Charles Mathis leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Holland Belue, Attorneys Jim Thompson & Joe Mathis and Clerk Doris Pearson. There were 9 visitors. The news media was informed by agenda and in accordance with the SCFOIA and 2 was present.

**Councilman Charles Mathis made the motion to adopt the agenda of 10/3/16 with the changing of Item 13 & 14 to follow Item 09. Hoke Parris seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of 9/19/16 as received. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

KNOW2 Executive Director Robin Reed reported that KNOW(2)'s mission from the beginning has been to focus the community's mindset upon 5 specific areas: education, health, family & youth, economic development and crime & safety. I believe we are beginning to see the move toward a positive direction. The KNOW(2) business generator known as bGEN is just the beginning of what we hope will be community transformation. None of these things would be possible without partnerships. While other cities & counties talk about their problems, Cherokee County has been one of the few localities to both dialogue and take action. Good things are happening in Cherokee County and we truly thank you for your support. Rufus Foster thanked Robin for all she does and reminded council that there will be a ground breaking ceremony Monday, 10/10/16 at the SCC/CCC for the new Cherokee Technology Center.

Public Works Committee Chair Tracy McDaniel reported that they met earlier and no action was taken. We discussed several building & grounds issues and I would like to direct Admin. Holland Belue to look at a preliminary stage of capital building assessment of county owned buildings; identify needs; priorities and report back to us at a later date. We discussed conditions that we have at the Recycling Center, Public Works Dept. & Shop, Health Dept., etc.

**Councilman Steven Blanton made the motion to adopt the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-24 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu Tax Agreement by & between Cherokee Co. and Project Winslow, the code name for a Delaware Corp. with respect to certain Economic Development Property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in Lieu of Taxes and other matters related thereto. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$447,853.05. Steven Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.**

Admin. Holland Belue proceeded to open **Bid 2017-12 re-bid HVAC unit at Courthouse (fence area)** - 1 bid received from Painter's Heating & A/C for a American Standard or Rheem equipment for \$10,756.15. **[Steven Blanton made the motion to award the bid to Painter's HVAC for \$10,756.15 under the condition that it meets all minimum specifications & insurance requirements set forth in the documents. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Admin. Holland Belue proceeded to open **Bid 2017-13 – re-bid HVAC Unit at the Courthouse (Petty St. Side)** - 1 bid received from Painter's Heating & A/C for a Rheem in the amount of \$12,664.59 or an American Standard in the amount of \$13,558.43. **[Mike Fowlkes made the motion to award the bid to Painter's HVAC, Inc. for their bid and under the conditions that it meets all minimum specifications & insurance requirements set forth in the documents. Steven Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Admin. Holland Belue reported on projects at the Courthouse: the weather stripping on the front door has been replaced; we are now working on getting the bids out for the water fountains; they should have started working on the awning in the back today; we should have one more round of bids going out on these projects; and, Brandy is securing the quotes for the carpet cleaning in the courtroom; painting in the courtroom; and for waxing of all floors on all levels.

Admin. Holland Belue reported that Administration has been able to secure a contract for the land acquisition for the purchase of the VA site. The site selected is off Hampshire Drive, just off Providence Road. Gross acres are approximately 80 acres and the VA Home will use approximately 35 acres of that. We will be working with State Officials to complete the Phase I environmental reports, boundary survey, the soil bearing capacity tests, etc. for the next 90 to 120 days and will anticipate closing around the end of the year from the land owner to the county; there will be a deed prepared and council will act & close that deal to allow the county to acquire the land; and then there will be a secondary transaction to allow you to donate that land to the State of SC for the purpose of construction of a Veterans Nursing Home in Cherokee County. Thank you Council for your support.

**Councilman Steven Blanton made the motion for council to go into Executive Session for two purposes: 1) to receive legal advice on a pending legal contractual matter; and 2) for the purpose of discussion of matters relating to future proposed locations, expansions or provision of services including locations and expansions of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body specifically Project Iron Saber. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor and went into executive session at 5:45 PM.**

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion for council to come out of executive session at 6:30 PM and enter back into the Regular Meeting. Steven Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.** Attorney Mathis reported that no vote or legal action was taken during executive session.

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the execution & delivery of a fee-in-lieu of tax agreement and an infrastructure finance agreement by & among Cherokee Co., SC, and Project Iron Saber with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes and the Project will receive certain infrastructure credits in respect of its investment in related infrastructure; and other matters related thereto. Steven Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.**

VA Officer Todd Humphries officially thanked County Council on behalf of the Veterans of Cherokee County for your support in going forward with this Nursing Home Project. It will change & help a lot of lives in our community. I also thank Administration and the Development Board Staff.

Chairman Tim Spencer reminder council of the work session with the Fire Chiefs & Fire Tax Boards will be Monday, 11/7/16 @ 6PM in the Upstairs Training Rooms 267 & 268.

As there was no other business to come before the council at this time, Chairman Tim Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:32 PM.

APPROVED: 10/17/18

BY ITS: Chairman Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Clerk to Council