

DATE: 9/9/2020 FILE NO: DATE489
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 9/8/2020

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Tuesday, 9/8/2020, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Steve Bratton & Master Clerk to Council Doris Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. One news media was present. There were 10 visitors.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, 9/8/2020 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 8/17/2020 as received. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$472,465.55. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Presenters Ann Angermeier, Director of Upstate Workforce Investment Board & Rhonda Johns with SCC presented a World-Class Talent Pipeline for Cherokee County to be prepared for the future needs in Healthcare (a copy is attached). After the presentation they requested council to consider to appropriate more funds in the Honorable Rufus H. Foster, Jr. Scholarship to set up training in the healthcare related fields in order to meet the current & future needs of the residents of Cherokee Co. by funding more money for certified nursing assistants, patient care technicians and certified medical assistants. Council's concern was this scholarship was set up to train our workforce for manufacturing and this would be opening it up for other skills; so council took this as a matter of information at this time.

Administrator Bratton presented the request from Spartanburg Community College for council to approve the college to acquire 1.22 acre property owned by Blanton Family (Block MAP No. 062-00-00-00.-001) & 3.66 acre property owned by Roger & Mildred Mahaffey (Block Map No. 062-00-00-009.000) for its intended purpose. **[Quay Little made the motion to instruct Administrator Bratton to send a letter of approval for the college to acquire these two properties for its intended purpose. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to re-appoint the following to serve another term on the Local Accommodations Tax Committee: Gary Blanton, The Baymont Inn & Suite in Gaffney; David Stepp, Daddy Joe's BBQ; Janet Tsiknias, Aegean Pizza Family Restaurant; Jim Cook, Cherokee Co. Development Board; Cline Gore, White Columns Funeral Home; Brooks Allison, Cherokee Co. Veterans Museum; and Lisa Butler, Iron City Campground. Mike Fowlkes seconded and

council voted in favor. Administrator Bratton reported that applications are being taken now and they have until 9/15/2020 to submit. We should be receiving around \$56,228 this year from the state.

Administrator Bratton reported that the Sheriff had applied for & received from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Program Grant through the SC Dept. of Public Safety a grant in the amount of \$9,915 to purchase PPE supplies for his department. This will purchase items like gloves, hand sanitizer, tie back covers, safety eye glasses, etc. **[Mike Fowlkes made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to accept this grant in the amount of \$9,915 for the Sheriff Dept. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Bratton presented a request from COC Brandy McBee regarding the COVID Courtroom Accommodations. They are getting ready to start court back up but they must set up the Juror seating in a zig zag fashion to ensure they social distance from one another. Our juror box in the courtroom is not large enough to do this unless we place seats outside the box which is not safe for the jurors. We came up with another safe way and that was to order new chairs and have plexiglass cubicles around each juror. The cost to do this is \$4,687. We will apply for a reimbursement from SC DHEC for this cost.

Chairman Tim Spencer introduced the Cherokee County Chief Public Defender Michael Morin who dropped by to introduce himself to council.

Administrator Bratton opened Bid 2020-21 - Recycling Scrap Metal. One bid was received from Metal Recycling Surface, Monroe, NC. for \$1.35/ton which + \$6.75/100 lbs. **[Mike Fowlkes made the motion to award Bid No. 2020-21 – Recycling Scrap Metal to Metal Recycling Surface contingent upon approval from Administrator Bratton’s review of the bid. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman David Smith made the motion to appoint Linda Falls to serve a term on the Cherokee Co. Public Library Board. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of an economic development matter and a contractual matter. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor and went into Executive Session at 5:30 PM.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:37 PM and enter back into the Regular Meeting. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor. Administrator Bratton stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM.

APPROVED: 9/21/2020
BY ITS CHAIRMAN: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,
Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council