

DATE: 8/13/19 FILE NO: DATE345  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, Monday, 8/12/19

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 8/12/19, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Tracy McDaniel leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Steve Bratton, Attorneys Jim Thompson & Joe Mathis and Master Clerk Doris Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. One news media was present along with 15+ visitors.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of 8/12/19 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Steve Bratton recognized Clerk to Council Doris F. Pearson on receiving from the SC Clerk to Council Association her "Master Clerk" Certificate during their meeting at the SCAC Annual Meeting, 8/5/19. Doris completed the Advanced Certification Program and met all the requirements to attain this title. She is also the first clerk in their organization to attain this title of 'Master Clerk' to Council. Council gave a standing ovation.

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7/15/19 as received in their agenda package. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County from the FYB 2018/19 in the amount of \$39,379.97 and from the FYB 2019/20 - \$531,386.78 for a grand total of \$570,766.75. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-21 Amending Chapter 4 Animal & Foul. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-22 to amend Section 6-1 of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances regarding the Adoption of Technical Codes. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Steve Bratton reported that only one bid was received for Bid #2020-01 Grinding of Concrete. It was from McClain & Asso. for \$12.50/ton. **[Tracy McDaniel made the motion to place this bid in the PWC to review and report back to council. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Steve Bratton reported that 6 RFP's had been received for EMS in Cherokee County. These RFP (request for proposal) are not bids and we will not be looking just for low bid. I will take these back to my office, review all, make reference calls, meet with the vendors, summarize the RFPs

and bring them back before council at a later date. **1) Bowers Emergency Services, Easley** - \$1,611,262.12 for 1<sup>st</sup> year then increases each year thereafter; **2) Upstate Carolina EMS, Cowpens** - \$1,800,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> year then 5% increase each year thereafter; **3) Lifeguard AMB Service** - \$1,175,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> year then increases each year thereafter; **4) American TransMed, Gaffney** - \$1,850,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> year with 3% increase for years 2 & 3; **5) Thorne Ambulance Service, Greenville** - \$1,650,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> year with 3% increase each year thereafter; **6) Medshore Ambulance, Anderson** - \$1,400,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> year with future increase thereafter. **[Quay Little made the motion to allow Administrator Steve Bratton to review these documents, contact references, meet with vendors and bring back a recommendation to council at a later date. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Steve Bratton brought to council's attention that the 2% cost of living increase had created issues with the current formula for the longevity pay. (See attached memo 8/8/19). I would like to propose, to freeze longevity where it is as of 6/30/19 and start with that point forward the amount to get added to that would be based on what I proposed to you tonight. \$250 being the cap. We would have to pass an ordinance, have 3 readings & a public hearing to amend the FYB 2019/20 to reflect this. Councilman Quay Little made a recommendation so that we would not have to do an ordinance. **[Councilman Mike Fowlkes took Little's recommendation and made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to continue to do the payroll for the fiscal year by putting the longevity first before the calculation of the 2% raise; then add the 2% raise; going forward for next year's budget to implement the new longevity incentive program of 1-5 years - \$100; 6-10 years - \$150; 11-15 years - \$175; 16-20 years - \$200 and 21 + years - \$250. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Steve Bratton did not report on the Detention Center Medical Contract extension at this time but will bring it back at a later date.

Administrator Steve Bratton reported on 911 Communications Radio Dispatch System (see attached memo 8/8/19). **[Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to move forward with the 911 Communication Agreement with B&E Electronics to change over our ModUcom Communications System to Zetron and for them to provide support, services, parts & transition planning for the conversion at a cost not to exceed \$350,000 and to pay this from the 911 Tariff monies. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.]** Mike Fowlkes requested Steve and 911 to always be looking forward instead of chasing technology to stay on top of upgrades in the future.

Administrator Steve Bratton invited council to attend a drone training program that Rick Peterson will be conducting Friday, 8/16/19. If you are interested, let me know. We are also asking some of the employees from IT, A/P Procurement, etc. to attend as well.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:40 PM.

APPROVED: **8/19/19**

BY ITS CHAIR: **Tim Spencer**

Respectfully Submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk  
to Council