

DATE: 9/4/19 FILE NO: DATE348
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting, 9/3/19

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of County Council Tuesday, 9/3/19, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Lyman Dawkins leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Steve Bratton, Attorney Jim Thompson and Master Clerk Doris Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in compliance with the SCFOIA. One news media was present along with 7 visitors.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting of Tuesday, 9/3/19 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 8/19/19 as received in the agenda package. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$386,787.63. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Chairman Tim Spencer opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2019-22 to amend Section 6-1 of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances regarding the Adoption of Technical Codes. No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Administrator Steve Bratton informed council that he had included in their package a document regarding Ordinance No. 2019-22 – Cherokee Co. Property Maintenance Code Chapter 1 Administration. This is mentioned in the ordinance that we do substitute out Chapter 1 of the International Property Maintenance Code for our own Chapter. Only one small change to that chapter and that is the inclusion of a Stop Work Order Section 114 which gives the Code Official authority to stop work being done by issuing a stop work order. **Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 3rd 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.** Quay Little asked if a house is vacant in the county, do we require the owners of the home to board up the windows & doors? Building Code Officer Dale Gibert replied they are to maintain the vacant bldg. to property code which is proper doors & windows.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-23 to amend the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park by & between Spartanburg & Cherokee County, SC, so as to include additional property in Spartanburg Co. as part of the Joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto (Limelight Solar, et al). Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

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Administrator Steve Bratton reported that the Cherokee County Delinquent Tax postings will begin this month and we will be using Palmetto Posting again.

Administrator Steve Bratton asked council to reappoint the Local Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee as last years for the term 2019-2020. **[Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to reappoint Jim Cook/Director, Gary Blanton, Cline Gore, David Stepp, Janet Tsiknias, Brooks Allison & Lisa Butler to serve another term for 2019-2020 on the Local Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Charles Mathis seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Steve Bratton presented a request from Director Amanda Walker of the Voter Registration & Election Commission Board regarding transporting of new election machines. State of SC has a new voting system for the upcoming elections and we have received several hundred thousand dollars' worth of new equipment that has been provided by the state in her office in storage. This has taken us from being able for one pole worker to transport everything they need to the poles for an election to now 75 lbs. worth of equipment that needs to be transported. The containers are about 24x36x36 in dimensions. This will require us to either rent box trucks to haul this equipment. We only have one box truck that we own which is in the Recycling Dept. and it is used heavily every day of the week except Wed. Other counties have purchased enclosed trailers. There is money in her budget to purchase these. It should be under the \$10,000 bid requirement. We will need two enclosed trailers; they will be kept behind the Admin. Bldg. in a secure place. It would cost us about \$7800 to rent either a U-Haul or Hirst for what we need. If we go buy two of these trailers, we are looking at a price of \$9600 and they would be ours. R&B will pull the trailers and we have county employees to drive & help move the machines. **[Mike Fowlkes made the motion to allow Administration to purchase two enclosed cargo trailers for a cost under \$10,000 for the Voter Registration & Election Commission and pay it from their capital budget account. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Steve Bratton informed council that the EMS Contract with Lifeguard has been signed at the price on the RFP for \$1,175,000/year one effective 11/18/19.

Administrator Steve Bratton informed council that Upstate EMS Contract will end 11/17/19 and on 11/18/19 Lifeguard will be ready to go forward with EMS for Cherokee County.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel appointed Donovan Ford to serve on the Upstate EMS Council Board of Directors. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Chairman Spencer read a letter he had just received today from AmbuStar stating they would like to provide Mutual Aid with the EMS provider of Cherokee County. Administrator Steve Bratton replied he will forward this letter to Lifeguard Ambulance Service.

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As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:20 PM.

APPROVED: 9/16/19

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council