

DATE: 12/8/2020 FILE NO: DATE497  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting, 12/7/2020

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 12/7/2020, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided and asked everyone to remember Rev. Michael Bridges & his family during this bereavement time of the passing of his father. Mike Fowlkes led in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Steve Bratton, Attorney Joe Mathis and Master Clerk to Council Doris F. Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. There were 3 news media present. There were about 30 visitors.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting of 12/7/2020 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 11/16/2020 as received. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to pay the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$873,766.07. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

Chairman Spencer opened the public hearings on two matters:

- Regarding Ordinance No. 2020-19 authorizing pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of SC 1976, as amended, the execution & delivery of an amended & restated Fee-in-Lieu of taxes Agreement by & between Cherokee Co., One World Technologies, Inc. and Hart Consumer Products, Inc. (formerly identified by the County as Project Blue Cell, its affiliates and related entities to provide for a Fee in Lieu of Taxes Incentive and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and other matters related thereto.
- Regarding Ordinance No. 2020-20 to amend the agreement for Development for Joint Co. Industrial Park by & between Spartanburg Co. & Cherokee Co., SC, so as to include additional property in Spartanburg Co. as part of the Joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. (Duncan Industrial Owner, LLC; Blue Ridge Log Cabins; New Spartanburg Owner, OP; Smith Animal Hospital, PA.; Micheline North America, Inc.; Spartanburg RE Investments, LLC; Tietex International, LTD.; Victor Park Holdings, LLC; Drayton Holdings, LLC; IGP NA Operations, LLC; Siemens Industry, Inc. & Siemens Corp., Inc.; Milliken & Co.).

As there was no one present to speak, Chairman Spencer closed the Public Hearings and moved on with the Regular Business.

Executive Director of The Palladian Group Karen Floyd revealed the Community Vision & Strategic Plan to Council. She introduced her staff and the Steering Committee for their assistance in this plan. What is Cherokee County 2037: A Clear Vision? It is a road map to make Cherokee County an even better place to live, work & play. Cherokee County chose to build a 17-year vision plan because 2037 is 140 years from when the county was formed from parts of Union, Sptg., & York Counties. When 2037 arrives, the community will be poised to look ahead one more decade to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cherokee County's founding. The plan is divided into 4 sectors: economic development; quality of life; infrastructure & tourism. Proposed Action Plan: retain a third party to develop a comprehensive marketing plan with internal & external focuses; and, coalesce county, city and other leadership to fund and implement this plan. (A copy of her presentation is attached). They also passed out a magazine titled "A Place to Call Home" (a copy is on file).

Executive Director Karen Floyd of The Palladian Group revealed the County Website. It reveals your history & landmarks; a place to click on to register for Code RED; it talks about your county; list each department, their functions & employees & contact numbers; has a 'How Do I' section to click onto; and explore column to connect to other entities. Administrator Bratton stated that this group met with all our Department Heads to discuss what they wanted. Council thanked Karen & her group for their hard work in producing Cherokee County with a plan & website in which our county can move forward on.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-05 authorizing a 10-Year Extension of the Term under the Fee Agreement by & between the County and Old Castle Matt Stone Holdings, Inc., successor in interest to Matt Stone of SC., Inc.; and other matters related thereto. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-21 authorizing the execution & delivery of an amended & restated Fee in Lieu of Tax & Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by & between Cherokee Co. & Project Sunshine 2020 with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in Lieu of Taxes, including the provision of Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and other matters related thereto. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-22 authorizing the lease of County property to the Cherokee County School District. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-19 authorizing pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of SC, 1976, as amended, the execution & delivery of an amended & restated Fee in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by & between Cherokee Co. and an entity identified by the County as Project Blue Cell, its affiliates and related entities, to provide for a Fee in Lieu of Taxes Incentive, and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits, and other matters related thereto. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor. Administrator Steve Bratton**

revealed the name of Project Blue Cell as TTI – One World Technology. It is a 500,000 sq. foot expansion on their existing building located in the Meadow Creek Industrial Park investing around \$67 million and creating 100 new jobs.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-20 to amend the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park by & between Spartanburg & Cherokee Counties, SC, so as to include additional property in Spartanburg Co. as part of the Joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. (Duncan Industrial Owner, LLC; Blue Ridge Log Cabins; New Spartanburg Owner, LP; Smith Animal Hospital, PA; Micheline North America, Inc.; Spartanburg RE Investment, LLC; Tietex International, LTD; Victor Park Holdings, LLC; Drayton Holdings, LLC; IGPNA Operations, LLC; Siemens Industry, Inc. & Siemens Corp, Inc.; and Milliken & Co.). Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the Cherokee County Council Scheduled Meeting Dates for Year 2021 as presented and with the understanding that the dates can be changed due to conflicts. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to adopt the Right-of-Way Easement for Angel Meadows Drive in Dist. 2. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) for two purposes: 1) receiving legal advice concerning a contractual matter; and 2) discussion of matters relating to future proposed locations, expansions or provisions of services including locations & expansions of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body specifically Project Sunshine. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor and went into Executive Session @ 6:04 PM.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:45 PM and enter back into the Regular Meeting. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to authorize Administrator Bratton to enter into a contract with WK Dickson to pursue a possible airport in Cherokee County and update their 2009 study of an airport and assist us with consulting advice utilizing the funds that are still remaining in the Airport Fund. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins appointed Tyron Lindsay to serve a term on the Tax Assessor/Board of Appeals. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins appointed Sherrian Ellis Camp to serve a term on the Cherokee Co. Adjustments & Appeals Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins appointed Ms. Shannon Redish to serve a term on the Cherokee County Citizen Planning Commission. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith re-appointed Ed Elliott to serve another term on the Appalachian COG Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith re-appointed Lyman Dawkins, III to serve another term on the Appalachian COG Board. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith re-appointed Jeff Buice to serve another term on the Cherokee Co. Board of Adjustments & Appeals. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:48 PM.

APPROVED: **12/21/2020**

BY ITS CHAIRMAN: **Tim Spencer**

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council