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TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 3/1/21

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 3/1/21 @ 5:17 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Steve Bratton, Attorney Joe Mathis & 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 20 visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda for the Regular Meeting of 3/1/21 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 Regular Meeting of 2/16/21 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to pay the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$459,871.93. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Steve Bratton recognized 5 employees for their efforts in assisting Emergency Management with the vaccination of over 500 people during the COVID19 Pandemic: Jenny Parnell, Kaylee Cash, Sierra Walker, Beverly Carver & Teresa Fuller. Steve presented them with a certificate for their service and a gift card.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-03 to express the intention of Cherokee County, SC to cause the county to be reimbursed with the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations, and other matters related thereto. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to adopt 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-03 authorizing the Diminution of the Boundaries of Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District, SC in Cherokee County, SC; providing for the publication of notice of the said findings and authorization; and generally approving other matters relating thereto. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

PWC Chair Tracy McDaniel reported that the PWC met earlier at 4 PM and discussed Frye Road Bridge & Smoke Ridge Road Bridge. We are asking Administrator Bratton to get with DPW Supervisor Sonny Pierce and get estimates on either replacing or repairing these two bridges and report back to us.

PWC Chair Tracy McDaniel made the motion coming from the committee to allow Administrator Bratton sign a contract with KCI Technologies for their services to conduct a County Pavement Assessment for \$34,700 and to pay it from each council members road fund account of \$5,000/each. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

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Administrator Bratton opened bids for Bid No. 2021-18 Cherokee County Timber Thinning. Only one bid was received and it was from: Scruggs Timber Co. This bid is for the thinning of timber around Lemuel Road and our landfill at two specific sections where we needed to do thinning. We were advised that the timber market has come back. Scruggs Timber Co. bid for pine/pulpwood @ \$12/ton; \$19/ton on pine/log price for small logs; and \$26/ton pine/log price for large logs. **[Quay Little made the motion to award Bid No. 2021-18 for timber thinning to Scruggs Timber Co. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:32 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) for discussion of a personnel matter. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:20 PM and enter back into the Regular Meeting. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Joe Mathis stated no action or vote was taken during Executive Session.

Administrator Steve Bratton informed council of Community Clean-up Day. Sierra Walker is working with Palmetto Pride in scheduling a Community Clean-Up Day for Sat., 4/24/21 time yet to be determined. Palmetto Pride will provide us with the orange trash bags, gloves & grabbers. We are asking each councilman to pick out a road in their district that is in need of picking up litter. After we finish, one of our county sanitation trucks will go around and pick up the trash. We want everyone to get involved: churches, schools, PTA's, community organizations, etc. Rain date is Sat., 5/8/21. We will be advertising this as much as we can.

Councilman Mike Fowlkes asked about the county's pick-up trash policy. I was told that if there is trash laying in the road after a worker picks up the trash to dump in the garbage truck that they cannot pick up that trash and therefore, they just leave it. Let's look at getting grabbers for those workers to pick up trash that may have fallen out of the cans or truck during trash pick-up. Administrator Bratton replied he is not aware of that and that he will certainly check into it.

Administrator Steve Bratton updated council on the 2021/22 Fiscal Year Budget. Finance Director Johnny Leazer and myself have been meeting with Elected Officials/Dept. Heads regarding their budget request. We hope to get everything together to begin the budget process in April.

Councilman Quay Little asked when will council receive the audit report? Steve replied hopefully at your next meeting of 3/15/21.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

APPROVED: 3/15/21

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council