

DATE: 2/17/21 FILE NO: DATE503

TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 2/16/21

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Tuesday, 2/16/21 @ 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present with Lyman Dawkins attending by zoom. Administrator Steve Bratton, Attorney Joe Mathis & Master Clerk to Council Doris Pearson were present. 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 2/16/21 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor with Lyman Dawkins voting by zoom.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of 2/1/21 as received. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor with Lyman Dawkins voting by zoom.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to pay the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$326,720.50. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor with Lyman Dawkins voting by zoom.**

Administrator Steve Bratton recognized E-911 Employee Matt Lawson. Mike Flynn, President of SC NENA & Spartanburg Co. E-911 Director; Vic Williams with Carolina Recording Solution; and Brandon Peeler, Deputy Director of Cherokee Co. E-911 and Northern Region Director of SC NENA were also present to present the South Carolina APCO & NENA Palmetto Award to Lt. Matt Lawson. Matt was nominated for this award by 911 Director Dennis Gardner for his contribution & willingness to help people throughout the county. Matt has been employed with Cherokee Co. E -911 for the past 26 years.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:11 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) for the receipt of legal advice on two matters whereby the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege; and regarding a personnel matter. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor with Lyman Dawkins voting by zoom.**

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 5:59 PM and enter back into the Regular Meeting. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor with Lyman Dawkins voting by zoom.** Attorney Mathis stated no action or vote was taken during Executive Session.

Economic Development Director Jim Cook updated council on the Cherokee County Development Board 2020 Annual Report (a copy is attached). He also announced that Deputy Director Ken Moon had completed the Advanced Economic Development Leadership Course and received his

certification as Master Practitioner. Councilman Fowlkes congratulated Ken on his certification and thanked Gaffney Ledger Reporter Larry Hillard for his positive article on Economic Development in Cherokee County. Chairman Spencer thanked the Development Board for all they do for Cherokee County and congratulated Ken as well.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02 calling for a Public Hearing to be held on the Diminution of the Boundaries of the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District, SC in Cherokee Co., SC; providing for the publication of the notice of such Public Hearing; and generally approving other matters relating thereto. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor with Lyman Dawkins voting by zoom.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-02 to create the Blacksburg Special Tax District & the purpose for which it is created; to establish the Blacksburg Special Tax District as an administrative division of Cherokee County and to impose a Tax Levy of not more than fifteen (15) mills annually on all property located within the District. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor with Lyman Dawkins voting by zoom.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor with Lyman Dawkins voting by zoom.**

Administrator Steve Bratton updated council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID vaccination for county employees and their immediate family members. This was held for a couple of days last week and as a test run for DHEC. They are wanting us to administer it again to the general public. Several county employees helped: Jennie Parnell, Kelly Cash, Sierra Walker, Beverly Carver, Teresa Fuller and Pharmacist Thomas Beam from Medicine Mart. Also, there are some testing sites being set up at Concord Baptist Church and Broad River Electric Co-Op along with vaccination sites.

Administrator Steve Bratton updated council on the broadband for Cherokee County. We have received a \$5000 grant from Silent Tears which is an organization that works on behalf of battered women & children who are in danger. They got behind our broadband efforts and will provide a broadband community champion training which will include staff from the hospital, school district, Chamber of Commerce, Development Board Directors and Town of Blacksburg. We are looking at short-term and long-term possibilities.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:12 PM.

APPROVED: 3/1/21

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council