

DATE: 2/2/2021 FILE NO: DATE502
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of 2/1/2021

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 2/1/2021 @ 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Mike Fowlkes 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 18 visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda for the PH & Regular Meeting of 2/1/2021 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 1/19/2021 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 \$435,569.48. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Chairman Tim Spencer opened the Public Hearing regarding adopting Ordinance No. 2021-01 authorizing the purchase of real property to be purchased by the County. No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-01 authorizing the purchase of real property to be purchased by the County. Mike Fowlkes seconded. Tracy McDaniel recused himself from voting. The motion passed.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 1st 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.

Administrator Steve Bratton introduced Beth Osment, Treasurer of the Humane Society of Cherokee Co. She gave statistics & updated information regarding the Humane Society in Cherokee County and announced that they had received a \$10,000 grant to be used for an affordable spray/neuter voucher program in Cherokee County to help provide a low-cost spray neuter program in our county to help fight pet overpopulation. The Humane Society is asking County Council to help with the matching fund of \$10,000 to receive this grant. **[Lyman Dawkins made the motion to fund the \$10,000 matching funds from the 20/21 FYB Matching Funds to help the Humane Society meet the match for this grant. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to send a letter of Intent to the Cherokee County School District informing them the procedure council will need to take in order to pass an ordinance changing the FILOT formula in the upcoming FYB 21/22 to the 50/50 split with the Cherokee Co. School District after designated smaller agencies have receive their portion. Quay Little seconded. Voting in favor: Mike Fowlkes, Tracy McDaniel, Quay Little, Lyman Dawkins & David Smith. Opposed: Elliott Hughes & Tim Spencer. Motion carried.

Administrator Steve Bratton informed council of the closure & detour of Henson Road (S-11-352) in Cherokee Co. Dist. 7.

Administrator Steve Bratton introduced Sierra Walker who was recently hired as the Administrative Specialist in the Administration Office.

Councilman David Smith made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:17 PM on 3 matters: 1) pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) for the receipt of legal advice whereby the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege; 2) discussion of a personnel matter in the Treasurer Office; and 3) discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council 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 Mathis stated that no vote or action was taken by council during Executive Session.

Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to create & post for a full-time clerk position in the Treasurer Office. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to re-appoint Dr. Carol McFadden to serve another term on the Piedmont Community Actions Board of Directors. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to re-appoint Kevin Tessner to serve another term on the Cherokee Co. Recreation Board. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to re-appoint Terry Medley to serve another term on the Citizen Planning Commission Board of Appeals. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to re-appoint Martha Vassey to serve another term on the Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Board. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to appoint Benny Brown to serve a term on the Corinth Fire District/Board of Commissioners. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to appoint Lester Parris to serve a term on the Corinth Fire District/Board of Commissioners. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to re-appoint Eddie Baker to serve another term on the Goucher Fire District/Board of Commissioners. 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 6:25 PM.

APPROVED: **2/16/21**

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: **Tim Spencer**

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council