

DATE: 4/20/21 FILE NO: DATE508

TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting of 4/19/21

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 4/19/21, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Tracy McDaniel leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Steve Bratton, Attorney Joe Mathis, Master Clerk Doris Pearson and IT Director Dustin Phillips. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SFOIA. One news media was present along with 14 visitors. The meeting is also available online at [www.cherokeecountysc.gov](http://www.cherokeecountysc.gov).

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt the amended agenda for the Regular Meeting of 4/19/21 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 4/5/21 as received. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$373,312.12. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

Joe Craig approached council regarding the Lifeguard Emergency Medical Services. He reported that he called 911 on 2/21/21 for an ambulance to assist him and when they got there, they asked me questions and took my vitals and said my score was not high enough for me to be taken to the hospital by ambulance. They left and my wife drove me to Sptg. ER in Sptg. and I was diagnosed as having a stroke; was admitted and stayed 10 days in the hospital. I'm asking council to look into this since you contract with them for their services. Quay Little replied that council would ask Administrator Bratton to check into this and report back to council.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to go in to Executive Session pursuant to 3 matters: 1) Section 30-4-70(a)(1) discussion of a personnel matter in Administration; 2) Section 30-4-70-(a)(2) discussion of negotiations incident to a proposed contractual matter involving county property; and 3) Section 30-4-70(a)(5) 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 specifically "Project Thunder". Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor and went into Executive Session at 5:12 PM.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:40 PM and enter back into the Regular Scheduled Meeting. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Joe Mathis stated that no vote or action was taken during executive session.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-05 authorizing the 1) execution & delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax & Incentive Agreement by & between Cherokee Co.,**

SC and a company known to the County as Project Thunder, acting for itself, one or more affiliates, and/or other project sponsors (collectively, the “Company”), pursuant to which the county shall covenant to accept certain negotiated Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the county (the “Project”); 2) the benefits of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to be made available to the company and the Project; 3) certain Special Source Revenue Credits in connection with the Project; and 4) other matters relating thereto. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-04 RV Park with the removing of the wording in Section A – “not separated by highways”. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor. Chair Spencer asked once you designate the 9 acres as a RV Park, can they use the property for other use? Steve replied yes but they will be paying the tax set for RV Parks.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-05 providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Improvement Bonds of Cherokee Co., SC and other matters relating thereto. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-06 authorizing the development of a Jointly Owned & Operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg Co., such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Cherokee County & established pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; to provide for a Written Agreement with Spartanburg County to provide for the expenses of the Park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; and other matters related thereto. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-07 authorizing 1) the execution & delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC (the “County”) and a company known to the county as Project Thunder, acting for itself, one or more affiliates, and/or other project sponsors (collectively, the “Company”), pursuant to which the county shall covenant to accept Certain Negotiated Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the County (the “Project”); 2) the benefits of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park, to be made available to the Company and the Project; 3) certain Special Source Revenue Credits in connection with the Project; and 4) other matters relating thereto. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-08 Sale of County Property. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Steve Bratton reported that the Community Clean-Up Day is still set to go for Sat., 4/24/21 but they are calling for rain and in that case make-up day is set for Sat., 5/8/21. Already 250

volunteers have signed up to help and Sierra Walker is doing a good job getting everything together for this. We will make the decision on Thursday, 4/22/21 by 5 PM if the event for 4/24/21 will be postponed or not. Sierra & I are going out into the county on the roads that are on the list for pick-up and placing gift cards as an incentive to get more people involved. If they find the card, they can keep it. SWC will go around that afternoon and pick up the bags left on the side of the road. **David Smith asked Steve to send out the master list to council showing all the roads that will be involved in the trash pick-up that day.**

Administrator Bratton reported to council that he had just received a text that the Cherokee Co. School District has designated \$100,000 for the Broadband Project in Cherokee Co. Things are moving forward with this project and hopefully we will see this happening soon here.

**Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to appoint Robert Ruff to serve a term on the Goucher Fire District/Board of Commissioners. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

Councilman Tracy McDaniel thanked Jim Cook & Ken Moon for their service on the Economic Development Team during this COVID Pandemic time. You have been very busy in recruiting businesses to come to Cherokee County and we appreciate all you do to make our county a greater successful place to live. Council joined in the appreciation and applauded them.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

**APPROVED: 5/3/21**

Respectfully submitted,

**BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer**

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council