

DATE: 6/29/21 FILE NO: DATE515

TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 6/28/21

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 6/28/21, 5:10 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Bratton, Attorney Joe Mathis and 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 10 visitors.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Monday, 6/28/21 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

Councilman Tracy McDaniel recognized and congratulated Blacksburg Troop 320 Boy Scout of America Scout Matthew Glenn McCall on achieving the highest rank of Eagle Scout on 5/19/21 by presenting him with a plaque from council.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 6/14/21 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 \$221,635.14. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to approve the Equipment & Facilities Donation Agreement by "Silas Steps" for project "Hyleman's Humble Playground" to Cherokee County Council & Cherokee Co. Recreation District. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-21 authorizing the execution & delivery of an amended and restated Fee in Lieu of Tax & Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by & between Cherokee Co., SC (The "County") and Nestle Prepared Foods Company, formerly known to the county as Project Sunshine 2020 (The "Company") 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. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.** Administrator Bratton recognized Controller from Nestles in Gaffney Andrea McCall and their Attorney James Price. This project is a \$100 million dollar investment and will create 160 new jobs. Council thanked Nestles for continuing their partnership with Cherokee County and in investing here.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:21 PM pursuant to two matters: 1) Section 30-4-70(a)(1) discussion of a personnel matter arising in Administration; and 2) Section 30-4-70(a)(2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed**

**contractual matter regarding the sale of county property. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:30 PM. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.** Attorney Mathis reported that the matter discussed in executive session in regards to the employment agreement with Cherokee County Council and County Administrator Steve Bratton in terms of employment, compensation, etc. is before you for consideration.

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to approve the Employment Agreement Contract between Cherokee County Council and Administrator Steve Bratton beginning 7/1/21 through 6/30/24. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-09 adopting a budget for the County of Cherokee and to provide for the levying of taxes and fees for county purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning 7/1/21 and ending 6/30/22 and declaring that the same shall constitute the budget of the County of Cherokee for such fiscal year. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

Chairman Tim Spencer presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinances adopting a budget proposed by the County Administrator containing estimates of proposed revenues & expenditures by the County of Cherokee and to provide for the proposal of following fire departments for the Fiscal Year beginning 7/1/21 and ending 6/30/22 and declaring that the same shall constitute the budget for the following fire departments for such fiscal year:

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading for Ordinance No. 2021-10 Antioch Volunteer Fire Department. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading for Ordinance No. 2021-11 Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading for Ordinance No. 2021-12 Cherokee Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading for Ordinance No. 2021-13 CKC VFD. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-14 Corinth VFD. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-15 The Gaffney Fire Protection Area. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-16 Grassy Pond VFD. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Elliot Hughes made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-17 Goucher/White Plains VFD. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-18 The DMW (Draytonville, McKowns Mountain and Wilkinsville) VFD. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-19 The Blacksburg Fire District. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

Attorney Joe Mathis had no report.

Administrator Steve Bratton reminded council that the County Administration Offices will be closed Monday, 7/5/21 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday and that the Regular Scheduled Meeting of County Council will be Tuesday, 7/6/21 @ 5 PM.

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins re-appointed Jim Cook another term on the Upstate Workforce Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes appointed Adam Cooper to serve a term on the Grassy Pond Fire District/Board of Commissioners. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Tim Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.

APPROVED: 7/6/21

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council