

DATE: 7/7/21 FILE NO: DATE516  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting Tuesday, 7/6/21

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Tuesday, 7/6/21, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Lyman Dawkins leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Steve Bratton, Attorney Joe Mathis and Master Clerk to Council Doris F. Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda and one was present. There 11 were visitors.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, 7/6/21, as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Steve Bratton introduced Abi Reid who is our new Administrative Asst. She began work last week in the Administrative Office.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 6/28/21 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to pay the claims for Cherokee County as follows: Period 12 - \$143,873.10 + Period 1 - \$273,127.41 for a total amount of \$417,000.51. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

Petitioner Jermaine Smith came before council asking why businesses downtown are having to pay for garbage pick-up when churches do not; they are businesses too. This is discrimination. Please take this into consideration and be fair for us all. Chairman Spencer replied we will take this as information.

Petitioner Phillip Coombs came before council regarding multi-fire on the railroad track in the Thicketty Community from Green River Road to Hyatt Street. He replied he counted 36 fires on the track and could not get anyone to respond to put them out. Finally, after calling E911 and Norfolk Southern Railroad, they sent out a tanker truck filled with water and sprayed the areas to put out the fire. I also contacted FRA and asked that the rail be shut down until it is completely inspected. I was concerned that Code Red was not on the county's webpage. I believe you need to research and find out why your E911 did not follow through. You people did not take responsibility when the citizens of Cherokee County lives were endangered. Mike Fowlkes replied that there is a lot of red tape that our emergency responders have to abide by. The railroad tracks are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Southern Railroad and we have our hands tied. We file the complaint but it is up to them to take action.

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to fund \$10,000 to CHAP'S to assist them in the moving of Possum Trot Schoolhouse to relocate it from the Hamrick property to their property. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to purchase a Batwing Mower for the RYB Dept. in the amount of \$18,576 and pay it from the capital equipment budget. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to piggy back off the RFP of Marion County and enter into an agreement with Tyler Technologies to purchase the Financial Management Software for the amount of \$83,430.00. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-20 to amend the agreement for development for Joint County Industrial Park by & between Spartanburg & Cherokee Counties, SC, so as to include additional property in Spartanburg Co. as part of Joint County Industrial Park and other matters relating thereto. (Pall Corp.; Magna Mirrors of America, Inc.; Limelight Solar I, LLC; Seefried Industrial Properties, LLC; Pacolet FT. Prince, LLC; CP Greer, LLC; and W/C GSP Lot 3 Owner VIII, LLC; Exeter Pigeon Haven Land, LLC, LLC; Inman Mills; Auria Spartanburg, Inc.). Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:30 PM on two matters: 1) Section 30-4-70(a)(2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual matter regarding the sale of county property; and 2) 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 Peach" and "Project Gateway". Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 7:15 PM. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Mathis reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-07 Project Peach authorizing under certain conditions, the execution & delivery by Cherokee County of a Fee in Lieu of Tax & Special Source Credit Agreement with respect o a project to be developed by Project Peach in a Joint county Industrial & Business Park in the County, whereby the Project would be subject to payments of certain Fee In Lieu of Taxes, and whereby Project/Company will be provided certain credits against fee payments for the Project in the park in reimbursement of investment in related qualified infrastructure for the Project; and providing for related matters. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Attorney Joe Mathis had no report.

Administrator Steve Bratton had no report.

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**Councilman David Smith asked Administrator Steve Bratton to bring back an ordinance to present to council at our next meeting regarding a 2% hospitality tax for the un-incorporated tax area of Cherokee County.**

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Tim Spencer adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

APPROVED: 7/19/21

BY ITS CHAIRMAN: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council