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TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 10/18/21

There was a Regular Meeting Monday, 10/18/21, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Administrator Bratton leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Admin. Steve Bratton, Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop, 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. There were 11 visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the amended agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 10/18/21 as received and adding the amendments No. 6 & No. 10. The agenda was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 10/4/21 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$335,718.91. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop recognized & congratulated COC Brandy McBee on receiving the "2021 South Carolina Clerk of Court of the Year" Award. Council presented her with a small gift of appreciation.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-11 of the enlargement & diminution of the boundaries of the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District, SC in Cherokee County, SC; providing for the publication of the Notice of Such Public Hearing; and generally approving other matters relating thereto. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-26 authorizing the enlargement and diminution of the boundaries of Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District, SC in Cherokee County, SC; providing for publication of notice of said findings and authorization; and generally approving other matters relating thereto. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor. Administrator Bratton explained this is from the diminution of the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer Dist. we did several months ago. Since then, the Board of Public Works has entered into an agreement with Sptg. Sanitary Sewer to where they will purchase the lines that are existing in the Upstate Corp. Park and also the two customers' (Bericap & Dollar Tree) existing there. At the same time, Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer is negotiating to purchase the sewer system of the Town of Chesnee; part of the Town of Chesnee comes into Cherokee Co. and they actually have sewer lines in a small subdivision and one of the small manufacturing facilities and this ordinance is actually giving them rights to serve those.

Local Accommodations Tax Committee Chair Jim Cook presented the 2021 Accommodations Tax Distribution Worksheet for the total of amount of \$66,740. Ten applications were received and nine were awarded funds (see attached). These applicants requesting funds have to use these funds to enhance tourism in our county. **[Councilman Quay Little made the motion to accept the Local Accommodations Tax Committee’s recommendation for 2021 as presented in the total amount of \$66,740. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Bratton reported that two bids were received for Bid No. 2022-05 Purchase of Scrap Metal at the Landfill: Metal Recycling Services - \$180/net ton; and SMP, LLC – 200 net ton x \$5.50/100 tons. **[Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to award Bid No. 2022-05 Purchase of Scrap Metal at the Landfill to Metal Recycling Service for their bid of \$180/net ton. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Steve Bratton reported to council that the 2015 International Garbage Truck has a blown engine and needs repairing. We have negotiated with Carolina International to repair the engine for \$28,505.83 without a guarantee. As of today, we only have 8 trucks running and we need 9. Our new truck we purchased is due in 10/20/21. We need to get this truck up and running asap. The truck is okay, we just need to replace the engine. **[Quay Little made the motion to allow Administration to spend up to \$28,505.38 to repair the engine for the 2015 International Garbage Truck but if a better motor is found which is more expensive than the allotment, then Administration needs to come back to council for approval. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Attorney Joe Mathis had not report.

Administrator Steve Bratton asked council for their input to move forward for the new State Agency Facility (ACE Hardware). Do you want to go with a design/build vs a traditional design bid build? We would like to send out RFPs’ as soon as possible. We received a proposal from DP3 Architects for Cherokee County DSS to relocate them at the ACE Hardware in the amount of \$98,400. Tracy McDaniel stated that in the design build, the architect is working for the contractor not for us. Steve stated that the design bid build allows us to make changes easier. Mike Fowlkes stressed the importance of having a sally port/isolated area for these agencies. Steve replied that the architect will give us the proper guidelines.

Administrator Steve Bratton reported to council that RFPs’ for the Splash Pads will go out this week. Town of Blacksburg is moving forward with this and chose their location at the Lime Street Park. We plan to locate ours at the Midway Complex beside the Hyleman’s Humble Playground.

Administrator Steve Bratton announced to Council that the Palladium Group applied for the PARD Grant for the Midway Complex Renovation Project and was awarded \$81,000. **[Mike Fowlkes made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to shift \$81,000 from the Midway Complex Renovation fund to the Ford Road Complex renovation project fund. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Bratton reported that if council approves, this will be the 4th year that we have allowed our county employees the option to buy back their unused vacation time. We will go by the same guidelines that we have in the past. **[Lyman Dawkins made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to send out notice to county employees their option to buy back their unused vacation time according to rules outlined. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:47 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) on two matters: (1) receipt of legal advice and (2) to discuss a real estate matter. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:39 PM. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Mathis stated that no vote or action was taken during executive session.

Councilman Quay Little brought up the matter of helping CHAPS move the Possum Trot Schoolhouse to their location at the old Central School on College Drive. They were working with Clyde Robbins and he became sick but he told them they would have to take the roof off to move it. The roof is 18' high. Cox Builders used to move houses/trailers but they are no longer in business. A while back when they came to us about this, we granted them \$10,000 to help move it. Several options were discussed and Councilman Little asked Administrator Steve Bratton to look into the matter of helping CHAPS move this building to their property.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Tim Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM.

APPROVED: 11/1/21

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council