

DATE: 5/17/22 FILE NO: DATE544  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting, 5/16/22

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 5/16/22, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Admin. Steve Bratton leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Steve Bratton, Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop, Attorney Joe Mathis and Master Clerk Doris Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. There were two news media present. There was 40+ visitors.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of 5/16/22 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Bratton introduced Doug Bowers as the new Emergency Management Director effective Monday, 5/23/22.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 5/2/22 as received. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to pay the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$527,297.38. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

Chairman Spencer opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2022-03 to authorize the transfer of a 50' county road easement held by Cherokee County in exchange for the County's receipt of a 50' strip of property to re-route Mill Gin Road at the intersection of Mill Gin Road & Chesnee Highway. No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Presenters of the SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission Commissioners Pam Melton Cazal & Vice-Chairman Bill Davies were present along with about 40 supporters to update council on what is going on with the SC American Revolution. **Bill Davies** spoke first and gave the history. We have two projects: one is the SC Liberty Trail and the commission. They are both working together for the same purposes which are to celebrate & commemorate the activity in SC in winning our independence from Great Britain. The commission was set up by the Legislature by the Governor, House & Senate and Partners SC Dept. of Achieves & History; SC Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Tourism and the SC Battleground Preservation Trust. We have set two goals: educate South Carolinians and the world about our state's role in the American Revolution; and, support, promote research & cultural heritage tourism telling South Carolina's stories from many points of view. The Commission decided to use the years 1770-1783; we were set up in 2019 and want to go forward with our plan till the end of 2023. Bill showed a license plate that can be purchase from SCDOT for people to share the news. We have a lot of work ahead of us in finding these places, marking these and even have areas to pull-off the road in order to walk to the site and view these areas. Cherokee County is ahead other counties in promoting this: #1 you have Representative Steve Moss on the commission since day 1; #2 you have two of the three largest

revolutionary parks in your area; and #3 you have already developed so many things promoting our history. **State Commissioner Pam Cazal** spoke saying this is a great moment in time where opportunity is coming together to benefit Cherokee County. I believe we are in the right place at the right time to get things done. You have already been preparing to enhance tourism in your county with your 2037 Visions Plan and you must as leaders think how are you going to accomplish these visions. You've already laid the ground work for this trail/project. We have a lot of work ahead of us in writing for grants which some are matching grants so I'll be coming back at sometime asking for support. **House Representative Steve Moss** spoke saying I was told that I'm the oldest State Legislator in the Nation with two major Revolutionary War Battlefields in my district: Cowpens & Kings Mtn. and we are about to have another one. This is a great opportunity for the county to bring in more tourism. The portal for the Liberty Trail for Cherokee County will be at CHAPS. Chairman Spencer thanked all who spoke and especially thanked Representative Steve Moss for his contributions & service to Cherokee County and the State of South Carolina.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-06 supporting the SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission and Recognizing & Approving of the Cherokee County 250 Committee. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.** Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop presented the Resolution to State Commissioner Pam Cazal.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-07 Inducement Resolution providing for a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement between Cherokee County & Project Bees. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:46 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a0(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 namely Project Bees and Project Francis. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:15 PM. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.** Attorney Joe Mathis reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-03 to authorize the transfer of a 50' county road easement held by Cherokee County in exchange for the County's receipt of a 50' strip of property to re-route Mill Gin Road at the intersection of Mill Gin Road & Chesnee Highway. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-04 adopting a budget for the County of Cherokee and to provide for the levying of taxes & fees for county purposed for the fiscal year beginning 7/1/22 and ending 6/30/23. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-06 for the Buffalo Fire District FYB 22/23 as presented by Admin. Bratton. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-07 for the Cherokee Creek Fire District FYB 22/23 as presented by Admin. Bratton. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-08 for the CKC Fire District FYB 22/23 as presented by Admin. Bratton. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-09 for the Corinth Fire District FYB 22/23 as presented by Admin. Bratton. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-13 DMW (Draytonville, McKown's Mtn. & Wilkinsville) Fire Districts FYB 22/23 as presented by Admin. Bratton. Elliott Hughes seconded and council voted in favor.**

Admin. Steve Bratton reported that five other Fire Districts (Antioch, Gaffney Fire Protection, Grassy Pond, Goucher/White Plains and Blacksburg) did not get their budget requests to me in time for us to put them on the agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading so we will have them on the next agenda.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-16 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fee Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC and Project Bees providing for a payment of a Fee in Lieu of Taxes; Special Source Revenue Credits and other matters related thereto. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-17 authorizing an amendment to the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial/Business Park between Spartanburg & Cherokee Co. to provide for the addition of property to the Park (Project Bees). Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to approve the adoption of Mason Place Subdivision Road located off Hwy. 22 in Dist. 2 into the county road system as presented. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.** Administrator Bratton replied this will be an additional 21 lots and they are required to meet all county road specs.

Administrator Steve Bratton congratulated Economic Development Director Jim Cook on receiving the "Economic Developer of the Year" award from the SC Economic Developers Assoc. This was a total surprise for Jim and Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop was there to represent the county.

Administrator Steve Bratton requested council to authorize him to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Access Road Construction & Reimbursement Agreement with Carvana, LLC and DHL. Attorney Joe Mathis has reviewed these documents and they seem to be in order. These will be public roads and will meet our specs and brought into the county road system. **[Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to authorize Administrator Bratton to sign the MOU for DHL & Carvana, LLC. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

**Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to appoint Brandi Bright to serve the unexpired term of Ms. Suzanne Turner on the Corinth Fire District Board of Commissioners. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to re-appoint the following to serve another 3 yr. term on the Antioch Fire District: Herbert Houser, Charles Wray, Larry Larkin & Sammy Adams. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to re-appoint Cecil Bell to serve another 3 yr. term on the Cherokee Co. Board of Adjustments & Appeals. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to re-appoint Amanda Walker to serve another 3 yr. term on the Cherokee Co. Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Board. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor with Quay Little abstaining due to conflict of interest.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to re-appoint Brenda Neal to serve another 4 yr. term on the Cherokee Co. Public Library Board. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to re-appoint Jerry Shad McDaniel to serve another 2 yr. term on the Cherokee Co. Tax Assessor/Board of Appeals. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to re-appoint Thomas Starnes to serve another 3 yr. term on the CKC VFD. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

Chairman Spencer reminded council of the Workshop for Monday, 5/23/22, 5:30 pm in Council Chambers for the introduction & discussion of preliminary zoning for Cherokee County.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

APPROVED: 6/6/22

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council