

DATE: FILE NO: DATE551
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, Monday 7/18/22

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 7/18/22, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with Lyman Dawkins leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Bratton, Asst. Admin. 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. No news media was present. There were 12 visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the Amended Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 7/18/22 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7/5/22 as received. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$365,911.18. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:05 PM pursuant to 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 Nova. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to come out of Execution Session at 5:42 PM. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Mathis reported that no vote or action was taken during executive session.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-23 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by & between Cherokee Co., SC and Project Nova with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, and including the creation of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park with an adjacent county; and the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to sign the Utility Easement Agreement related to Broad River Energy, LLC and Kingfisher Energy Holdings, LLC as presented and approved by County Attorney Mathis. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor with Mike Fowlkes abstaining from voting.

Administrator Bratton reported on Bid No. 2023-01 Scrap Metal at the Landfill. Two bids were received: 1) Metal Recycling Services, Gastonia NC - \$145/net ton or .0725 cents per lb.; 2) SMP LLC, Spartanburg, SC – 3/100lb. = 3 cents/lb. **[Tracy McDaniel made the motion to award Bid No. 2023-01 Scrap Metal to Metal Recycling Services for their high bid of \$145/net ton. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Steve Bratton stated I requested DPW Supervisor Scott Griffith to be here to answer any questions. He was getting ready to order a couple items that he had listed and they were approved in the FYB 22/23. Prices have gone up on the two pieces of equipment he is wanting to order; 1) mini excavator is now priced over the budget item for \$6,060; and 2) skid steer over budget \$13,270. I am asking council to approve us to order these two pieces of equipment and pay for the difference in the budget price from the capital contingency account. Scott stated there will be another price increase in August but we will be locked in on this price if we go ahead and place our purchase order now. **[Tracy McDaniel made the motion to allow Administration to cut the purchase order to purchase the mini excavator and the skid steer and pay the difference of the budget amount from the capital contingency account. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop reported to council that it is time again for reassessment; we are required by SC Law to do this every 5 yrs. Notices will go out 7/20/22 and taxpayers will have 90 days to appeal up until 10/18/22.

Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop reported starting on 5/3/23, your driver's license or ID must have the REAL ID gold star if you hope to use it to board a commercial airplane or visit secure federal facilities, such as military bases, etc. On 7/27/22, Cherokee County will partner with the SC Dept. of Motor Vehicles and host their Real ID 'roadshow' here in the first-floor training room, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop reported that he had been contacted by many employees and on their behalf, I would like to say thank you for the raise you gave us this budget year. We know it's a difficult year, but we want you to know it was really appreciated and we thank you all.

Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to re-appoint Ms. Beth Bradley to serve another term on the Cherokee County Library Board. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Chairman Spencer reminded council of the Regular Meeting scheduled for 8/8/22 was changed to Monday, 8/15/22, 5 PM.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:52 PM.

APPROVED: 8/15/22

BY ITS CHAIRMAN: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council