

DATE: 11/22/22 FILE NO: DATE559

TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 11/21/22

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 11/21/22, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with Tracy McDaniel leading in prayer. All councilmembers were present along with Admin. 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 and two were present. There was 80+ visitors.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 11/21/22 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 11/7/22 as received. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County as received in the amount of \$245,201.28. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

Councilman Tracy McDaniel presented a plaque to the Blacksburg High Wildcats Marching Band on their achievements & awards for 2022. He had the band of about 60+ students come forward along with their Director Shane Dixon and two of his staff. Councilman McDaniel read the wording on the plaque and presented it to Director Dixon and the audience gave a standing ovation for the band.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the County Council Meeting Schedule for 2023 as presented. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-26 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 County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. (Arrowrock III Old Sparts, LLC; Trip Building 1 USICV, LLC; Rockefeller Acquisitions, LLC; NP BGO Spartanburg Commerce Center, LLC; Howell Road Duncan, LLC; Celanese, Ltd.; Takeuchi Mfg. (U.S.), Ltd.; Magna Energy Storage Systems USA, LLC; Bird Dog Development- Casual Drive, LLC; Pods Carolina Realty, LLC; COI Park 290-615, LLC; COI Park 290-217, LLC, Greenridge South Carolina, LLC). David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

Admin. Steve Bratton reported on Bid 2023-07 Cherokee County Animal Shelter. Two bids were received. When I open these, I will read out the totals and then give them to our Architect Jared Sang with DP3 for him to take back to his office, review them and then come back to the Public Works Committee at a meeting before the Regular Meeting of 12/5/22 with a recommendation. **1)**

**Sossamon Construction** - \$5,438,000 with the alternate addition costing \$19,000; and **2) BWC Construction** - \$6,736,021 + the alternate addition costing \$30,772. **[Quay Little made the motion to allow Architect Jared Sang with DP3 to review these bids and report back to the Public Works Committee & County Council on 12/5/22. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Admin. Steve Bratton updated council on the EMS Transition which will take place Tuesday, 11/23/22 @ 7 PM. Thorne Ambulance service is ready for the transition; have their medic locations in place; assumed all the necessary leases; passed DHEC inspection and are fully equipped. They plan to have a cook out for all their employees and will be ready to report at 7 PM. We feel it will be a smooth transition.

Administrator Steve Bratton reported that the annual Christmas Lighting here at the Admin. Building will take place Tuesday, 11/29/22. The Christmas Tree arrived today and has been put up outside. We had a good turnout last year and are hoping for another big event this year. There will be plenty of hot chocolate & apple cider; face painting; balloons; bounces and Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop introduced the new Tax Assessor Julie Thomas. She came to us back in May, 2022 from Spartanburg. She has worked in Georgetown & Beaufort as well. She comes with a lot of experience and we are looking forward to working with her.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:23 PM on two matters pursuant to: 1) Section 30-4-70-(a)(2) for receipt of legal advice in regards to the EMS Contract; 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. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:30 PM. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins reappointed Hermenia Gardner to serve another term on the Cherokee County Development Board. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins appointed Kathy Littlejohn to serve a term on the Cherokee Co. Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:31 PM.

APPROVED: 12/5/22

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council