

DATE: 1/4/23 FILE NO: DATE565
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of County Council, 1/3/23

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Tuesday, 1/3/23, 5:07 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present except Quay Little. Administrator Steve Bratton, Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop, Attorney Joe Mathis and Master Clerk Doris Pearson were present. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Two news media was present. There were 11 visitors.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, 1/3/23 as presented and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Steve Bratton opened the floor for nominations for Cherokee County Chairman for 2023. Councilman Elliott Hughes nominated Tim Spencer as Chairman of County Council for 2023. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Steve Bratton opened the floor for nominations for Cherokee County Council Vice-Chairman for 2023. Chairman Tim Spencer nominated Quay Little as Vice-Chairman of County Council for 2023. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 12/19/22 as received. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to pay the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$855,477.34. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-29 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by & between Cherokee Co., SC and Project Porcupine whereby Cherokee County, SC will enter into a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement with Project Porcupine and providing for payment by Project Porcupine of Certain Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; providing for Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Improvement Credits; providing for the allocation of Fees in Lieu of Taxes payable under the agreement for the establishment of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; and other matters relating thereto. Elliott Hughes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to adopt 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-30 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 the Joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. (Greer South Carolina Becknell Investors, LLC; Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development, LLC; DEV Property SC, LLC; ES 404 Centura, LLC; LPA Boxcar, LLC; Crusoe Acquisitions, LLC; Spartanburg Industrial Property Owner, III, LP; Blue Ridge

Digital Mining, LLC; and Rochling Automotive USA, LLP.) David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Steve Bratton presented a request from Coroner Fowler to allow him to purchase a used ambulance to replace the old one he has now. The one he is looking at has 126,000 miles on the chassis and a new motor put in. The used ambulance cost \$75,000 and they will give us \$2500 as a trade in; therefore, I am requesting to pay for this from the ARP monies in the amount of \$72,500. **[David Smith made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to purchase a used ambulance in the amount of \$72,500 for the Coroner Office to replace the old one; and to pay it from the ARP monies. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Steve Bratton reminded & encouraged council to attend the SCEMD Training Workshop here in the Admin. Building on Monday, 1/30/23, 1:30 – 4:30 pm. Cherokee Co. Emergency Manager Doug Bowers will be over this.

Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop had no report.

Attorney Joe Mathis had no report.

Chairman Tim Spencer recognized & welcomed newly elected Dist. 2 Councilmember Bill Blanton.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Tim Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:16 PM.

APPROVED: 1/17/23

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council