

DATE: 2/22/23 FILE NO. DATE569

TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting, 2/21/23

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting, Tuesday, 2/21/23, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Vice-Chairman Little presided with Tracy McDaniel leading in prayer. All councilmembers were present except Tim Spencer who was absent. Administrator Bratton, Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop, Attorney Joe Mathis and Master Clerk Doris Pearson were present. The news media was informed by agenda that was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Two news media were present. There were 11 visitors.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting of 2/21/23 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 2/6/23 as received. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$242,628.64. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Spartanburg Community College/CCC President Dr. Michael Mikota was present along with SCC/CCC Executive Director Mandy Painter and others. Information was passed out as well as Dr. Mikota going over each item. He stated the new & revamped program offerings are licensed practical nursing; diesel power & emerging technology; heating, ventilation & air conditioning; precision machining; and CDL Class B. Other big plans are on the horizon. He shared with council a map of where they are heading in the future. He brought attention to the Honorable Rufus H. Foster, Jr. Scholarship where \$600,000 has been allocated over the last ten years and only \$102,625.75 utilized. He proposed adjustments to increase the allocation to \$100,000 with 10% earmarked for instructional supplies & materials to be awarded directly to SCC annually; and to adjust the eligibility to any student who has lived in Cherokee Co. for at least 12 consecutive months and is enrolled in any program at SCC. We discussed this with the KNOW(2) Executive Board and they support these adjustments and encourages your approval. **[Council instructed Administrator Bratton, Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop & Attorney Mathis to work with Dr. Mikota & Director Mandy Painter on presenting a resolution to utilize the funds set aside by the Rufus H. Foster, Jr. Scholarship and report back to council by 3/20/23 meeting.]**

Vice-Chairman Quay Little opened the public hearing **Ordinance No. 2022-29** authorizing the execution & delivery of a FILOT Agreement by & between Cherokee Co., SC and SC Cherokee Windslow, LLC (formerly known to the County as Project Porcupine) and providing for payment by SC Cherokee Windslow, LLC of certain fees-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 related thereto. As there was no one to speak regarding this ordinance, Vice-Chairman Little closed the public hearing.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-29 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by & between Cherokee Co., SC and SC Cherokee Windslow, LLC (formerly known to the County as Project Porcupine) and providing for payment by SC Cherokee Windslow, LLC of certain fees-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 related thereto. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Bid 2023-13 Fencing at Sheriff's Office – Administrator Bratton reported that only one bid was received from All State Fence, Lynchburg, Va. for a total amount of \$104,104. This project will be funded by the American Rescue Funds. **[Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to award Bid No. 2023-13 Fencing at Sheriff Office to All State Fence for their total price of \$104,104 with the stipulation that it meets all specifications. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Bid 2023-14 Lock Replacement & Preventative Maintenance at Cherokee Co. Detention Center – Administrator Bratton reported that 3 bids were received: 1) Cornerstone Detention, Garner, NC - \$234,121.77; 2) Noah Detention Construction LLC, Niceville, Fla. - \$258,498.27; and 3) Mountaintop Enterprise, LLC, Little Mtn., SC - \$401,617.00. Administrator Bratton reported that \$40,000 was funded in the Capital Item for this project. **[Council consented to allow Admin. Bratton, Asst. Admin. & Sheriff to review the bids and the project and report back to council.]**

Bid 2023-15 – Replacing the Control Board at Cherokee Co. Detention Center – Administrator Bratton reported only 1 bid was received: Mountaintop Enterprise, LLC, Little Mtn., SC - \$128,437.00. The budget item for this was \$100,000. **[Council consented to allow Administration to review the bid and report back to council.]**

Councilman David Smith made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:50 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual matters regarding renovation of the ACE Hardware Building. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 7:00 PM and enter back into the Regular Meeting of 2/21/23. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Mathis reported no vote or action was taken during Executive Session.

Administrator Bratton reported on the State Agency/Ace Hardware Building renovation bid. As you know, we are required by law to provide space for these state agencies. **[Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to allow Administration to go out for bid to renovate the ACE Hardware Building in accordance with DP3 Drawings. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop reported to council that he had applied for a grant from Palmetto Pride submitting our Litter Pick-Up Program utilizing our SWC Crew on their Friday's off to go around the county and pick up litter. They received our request and we were awarded a check for \$25,000 to help fund our program. I've been talking with Sheriff Mueller and we are looking at a program like the State's Adopt a Highway Program. I drew up some verbiage for a sign we could use for Cherokee County Adopt-A-Road sign to read "Help keep your roads clean and your community beautiful". These signs will probably cost around \$75/sign. Merv reported on the Litter Pick-Up program we are doing now, we started picking up on LeMuel's Road and we plan to go to Concord Road next.

Attorney Joe Mathis had no report.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Vice-Chairman Quay Little adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.

APPROVED: 3/6/23

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council