

DATE: 3/21/23 FILE NO: DATE572  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Public Hearing & Regular Meeting, 3/20/23

There was a PH & Regular Meeting, 3/20/23, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Admin. Steve Bratton, Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop, Attorney Joe Mathis & Master Clerk Doris Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Two news media were present along with 35+ visitors.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting of Monday, 3/20/23 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Steve Bratton recognized Emergency Management Admin. Asst. Beverly Carver upon her retirement and for her 18+ years of service and presented her with a plaque.

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 3/6/23 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$316,053.59. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

Clemson Extension Livestock & Forage Agent Chris LeMaster thanked Council for all they have done for his Dept. He recognized 4-H Youth Development Agent Laura Haddon and she informed council of the programs going on in Cherokee Co. Chris then recognized a new employee in their office, Julia Newson, Rural Health & Nutrition Extension Agent who informed council of programs being offered in Cherokee Co. Chris then asked council to please consider his budget request for the upcoming year for funds for the programs in his Dept.

Chairman Spencer opened the public hearing on two matters: **1) Ordinance No. 2022-27** to amend & update certain parts of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances Chapter 13 Land Development Regulations; and **2) Ordinance No. 2022-25** with respect to the approval by Cherokee County, SC of a fee-in-lieu-of-tax agreement ("FILOT") and special source revenue credit ("SSRC"). The FILOT and SSRC will be entered into by and between Project Rosewood and Cherokee Co., SC. No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-27 to amend & update certain parts of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances Chapter 13 Land Development Regulations with the amendment that if a subdivision has 150 foot wide lot sizes or more, they do not have to provide sidewalks. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-27 with respect to the approval by Cherokee Co., SC of a fee-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (“FILOT”) and special source revenue credit (“SSRC”). The FILOT and SSRC will be entered into by & between Project Rosewood and Cherokee Co., SC. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.** Administrator Bratton announced that the Project Name is Associated Hardwood and they are investing \$5 million. He recognized Spokesman Mark Tucker who reported no new jobs will be offered at this time but hopefully in the near future. We purchased 206 acres of which we plan to utilize 45 acres for this project and hope to expand in the future.

Administrator Bratton reported that two bids were received for the State Agency Complex Renovation Project: **1) Sossamon Construction - \$2,525,285.53** which included the Alternate 1 of replacing the existing roof for \$275,000; **2) Solid Structures, Columbia - \$2,560,842** with Alternate 1 Roof Replacement - \$346,232. We also received a bid from David Roofing & Sheet Metal for Alternate 1 Roof Replacement in the amount of \$52,580. **[Lyman Dawkins made the motion to award the bid for the State Agency Complex Renovation Project to Sossamon Construction Co. for their low bid of \$2,525,285.53 contingent upon the Architect’s approval. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Steve Bratton presented the Honorable Rufus H. Foster, Jr. Scholarship proposal from SCC/CCC to increase the amount to \$100,000/annual with 10% being allocated for supplies & materials. **[David Smith made the motion to approve the proposal of the Honorable Rufus H. Foster, Jr. Scholarship eligibility & criteria and increase the amount to \$100,000/annual with 10% being allocated for supplies & materials. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop had no report.

Attorney Joe Mathis requested council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice pending a legal claim regarding attorney client privilege. **[Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:52 pm upon Attorney Mathis’s request. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:31 pm and enter back into the Regular Meeting. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.** Attorney Mathis reported no vote or action was taken during Executive Session.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:32 PM.

APPROVED: 4/3/23

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council