

DATE: 4/18/23 FILE NO: DATE574

TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting of 4/17/23

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council on Monday, 4/17/23, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator 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. Two news media were present along with 25+ visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of 4/17/23 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 4/3/23 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$430,401.80. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-02 proclaiming April, 2023, as Fair Housing Month. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Council heard from Cherokee Charter Academy concerned parents regarding the sale of the vacant Alma School building. Four different representatives (Heather Church, Melinda Peeler-Hart, Kristina Wright & AK Parker) spoke on behalf of Cherokee Charter and expressed their interest in Cherokee Charter getting this vacant school building. They stated they were growing and expanding their grades and need more space. Please give the parents & children the opportunity for them to choose a school that will allow the students to excel. Chairman Spencer thanked the group for coming and stated that council would take this as a matter of information.

Chairman Spencer recognized two students present tonight from Jr. Cherokee Leadership: Abbe Kate Wisher & Ethan Pennington.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-01 to authorize and approve an agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial & Business Park (Project Porcupine) by & between Cherokee County & Spartanburg County, such Industrial & Business Park to be geographically located in Cherokee County and Spartanburg County and established pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; and other matters related thereto. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Steve Bratton reported that he had already talked with council regarding the sink hole at the Cherokee Co. Law Enforcement Center and will keep them updated on it.

Administrator Steve Bratton reported that he plans to hold a workshop on the 2023/24 proposed Fiscal Year Budget on Monday, 5/1/23, 4 PM. We will be getting in touch with council to see if that date is okay with all.

Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop no report.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:20 PM pursuant to Section 40-3-70(a)(2) the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:09 PM. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Mathis reported no action or vote was taken during executive session.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt a resolution to approve the five national opioid settlements with defendants TEVA, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens & Walmart and the SC Opioid Settlement Allocation Agreement as amended. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to acknowledge & confirm the acceptance of the property set forth in the deed dated 12/20/21 from Hamrick Mills to Cherokee Co. as recorded in Vol. 142 Page 1576 in the Cherokee Co. Register of Deeds Office addressing the Alma Property. Bill Blanton seconded and council voted in favor with Quay Little abstaining from voting due to conflict of interest. Motion passed.

Chairman Spencer appointed Scott Downey to serve a 3 yr. term on the Grassy Pond Fire District/Board of Fire Commissioners. 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 6:14 PM.

APPROVED: 5/1/23

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council