

DATE: 5/2/23 FILE NO: DATE575  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting of 5/1/23

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 5/1/23, 5:05 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with Merv Bishop leading in prayer. All councilmembers were present along with Admin. 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 40+ visitors.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of 5/1/23 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Tracy McDaniel seconded, and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 4/17/23 as received. David Smith seconded, and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee Co. in the amount of \$907,441.16. David Smith seconded, and council voted in favor.**

James Caggiano, CFO, EMT-P with City of Gaffney introduced Andrew Feinburg, Principal/TimeLooper, Inc. to present drawings & visions regarding the Revolutionary War Discovery Center. This project will transform the former Carnegie Free Library that was built in 1913/14 and also served as Cherokee County Administrative Office from 1970-2014. We will call this Carolina Rising/Revolutionary Experience. Andrew walked council through the building. Only groups of thirty will be allowed to enter at a time to take the tour. We will be installing an elevator and building new handicapped assessable bathrooms & entrances. There will be 3D videos and guests are asked to wear special glasses to watch the video for about 5 to 6 minutes. We will have headphones & iPads to engage & interact with statues of people throughout the bottom floor that will talk about how Cherokee County played an impact on the war. Then people can move in the basement to the area under council chambers and sense a series of technologies with three dimensions. There will be a gift shop as well. Jamie reported that we hope to go out for bid next week and it will take about 120 days to complete that process; we hope to begin construction first quarter of 2024 and it should take about 1 year to complete construction and we are looking to open mid-2025. The entire project will cost seven million dollars.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel presented a plaque to the Blacksburg High School Winter Guard from County Council recognizing & congratulating them on their numerous achievements & awards for 2023.

Administrator Steve Bratton presented a proclamation to Jeffrey Greene, Chief of Staff at Spartanburg Area Mental health Center and Freida Miller of Spartanburg Mental Health proclaiming May, 2023 as Mental Health Month.

Administrator Steve Bratton presented a proclamation to Sheriff Steve Mueller & Billy Anthony proclaiming Monday, 5/15/23, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-01 to authorize & approve an agreement for the development of a Joint Industrial & Business Park (Project Porcupine) by & between Cherokee & Spartanburg Counties, such Industrial & Business Park to be geographically located in Cherokee & Spartanburg Counties and established pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of SC 1976, as amended; and other matters related thereto. Lyman Dawkins seconded, and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-02 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by & between Cherokee Co., SC and a company or companies known to the county at this time as Project Tiger with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in Lieu of Taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; authorizing the execution & delivery of one or more grant agreements; and other matters related thereto. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Steve Bratton opened bids for Bid No. 2023-18 Next Generation Public Safety Radio System. Three bids were received: 1) First Net/AT&C Co.); 2) Fleet Talk and 3) L3 Harris. **[Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to place these bids in the special committee made of up representatives from the Sheriff Dept., 911; Admin.; and 1 representative from each side of the river for the fire departments to meet and review these bids and report back to council at your meeting scheduled for 6/1/23. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:42 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) discussion of personnel matter in the Administration Dept. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:22 PM and enter back into the Regular Meeting. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Steve Bratton announced to council his resignation as County Administrator effective 6/30/23. **David Smith made the motion to accept Administrator Bratton's resignation as County Administrator effective 6/30/23. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.** Chairman Tim Spencer thanked Steve for his years of service. The county has moved forward under your leadership and we wish you the best.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.

APPROVED: 5/15/23  
BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council