

DATE: 8/22/23 FILE NO: DATE584
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting 8/21/23

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of County Council on Monday, 8/21/23, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chaiman Spencer presided with Tracy McDaniel leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Interim 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 16 visitors.

Interim Admin. Merv Bishop ask to make a change to the PH & Regular Meeting Agenda for the following: No. 12. Executive Session – first bulletin should be Project Nova instead of Project Atlas. **[David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda for the PH & Regular Meeting with the change of No. 12 Executive Session – change Project Atlas to Project Nova. The agenda was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 8/7/23; and Regular Meeting of 8/8/23 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County as received in the total amount of \$507,749.75. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Jared Sang with DP3 Architects presented changes & drawings to council for the Broad River Electric Renovation upgrade upon their request. He presented the original drawing for the 4-basketball court and the new drawings for the 3 & 2 courts. We again recommend the 4 courts. **The 3-court** option shows leftover warehouse space that can be used as storage. The 3-court option is the 4-court option minus 1 court. Option 3 is for 3 basketball courts & 6 volleyball courts. It does reduce the overall square footage. This option is not financially feasible; giving a minimum cost savings, you would be better served to go with the 4-court option. **2 court option:** keeping both restrooms in tact; we are having to modify for family according to code; both mechanical systems are in the same place; warehouse space is for storage; we are running a wall partition about 2/3rds or 3/4ths of the way to provide lounge space from the playing space; we have a curtain separating the two main basketball courts; you have the option to do 2 basketball courts, 2 volleyball courts; or 2 basketball courts and 4 volleyball courts; this option is roomy with clearing around the perimeter. This is a worthwhile consideration. We have been pursuing the 4-court option to maximize the investment in this facility, square footage above & beyond the required public works program. Tracy McDaniel asked, with any of these options, are we going to lose the stage? Jared replied yes. Tracy replied we have talked about trying to maintain that stage so we can use it as a multi-purpose place for non-profits organizations to be able to hold their events somewhere. Jared replied it is possible to make it a multi-purpose facility. The stage would be redlined at 6 feet. You could modify the stage and look at a mobile stage. Bill asked if we

allow people to hold events there, what would that do to the wooden floor? Jared replied we are proposing to make a wooden floor especially for 3/4ths of the space and turn the side walls into curtains. If you plan on putting down tables & lots of chairs, you will tear up your wooded floor eventually. The walls are fire rated walls. David stated we don't need a 500 sq. foot space for tickets. If we took 10' from recreation room and 10' from the DPW room, that would give us 20' for basketball & volleyball courts. Jared replied the fire walls are necessary to separate the recreation area from the public works area. Jared stated that changing the 4-court option to the 2-court option would only be a savings of \$1.2 million. Quay replied I find that hard to believe. Jared stated when we did the project as 1 whole project; and then council decided to split it between Recreation and DPW; so, we had to go back & reverse the area. Quay replied it looked like we had \$3-4 million for DPW and \$7 million for Recreation. That figure could be off but most likely be less; at this point our contingency, our room for error was greater and as the design develops, we can riddle down. This is the worse case scenario. Tracy replied it looks like to me that this is not a multi-purpose bldg., but a full pledge gym. Quay replied, we are going to take away the only place in Gaffney that we can offer our citizens a place for our community to hold events. Bill asks what would have to change to make this floor susceptible to traffic. Can't they put up a mobile stage? Jared replied it could be a residence or mondo flooring. The wood flooring is 50% of the cost and right now it is around \$400,000 and if you changed it to one of these floorings it would be a cost savings of \$200,000. David replied the space would allow 4 courts and that would give us space to grow. Bill asked would there be a concern with going ahead and starting with the DPW project out there? Could you go ahead and get started on DPW before we decide on the recreation? Jared replied we have had conversations about that; ideas about moving the recycling bailer, purchasing a new one or relocating the old one. If you move those departments over there now in a temporary fashion, you will spend more dollars & more time than if we were to design it all just once. Bill asks what kind of timeline are we talking about for both projects. Jared replied it does follow the same timeline for both with 4 to 6 months for design and incorporated into that would be about 4 more weeks. **Jared presented 4 requests that he had given to the Administrator that we are asking for: 1)** give us clear direction on the space program function about the rec center having 4-courts or 2-courts? Is it the intent of this facility to be a transitional recreation center for a period of 10 yrs. or less OR a more permanent home for beyond 10 years? **2)** requests a target budget to pursue during design of this project. **3)** requests approval of the design fee proposal outlining architectural & engineering design services from schematic design through construction administration for both project scopes of work (PW & Rec Center); and **4)** requests approval of the Construction Manager-at-Risk delivery method for this project. DP3 can draft up an RFP to advertise and solicit qualifications & preconstruction fee proposals for this work. A contractor could be selected during the schematic design phase and ready to begin. Quay asks when do you want an answer? Jared replied it would be great tonight so we continued to investigate & dig deeper. Quay stated I stand for us to move forward with 2 courts and a multi-purpose building. Chair Spencer asked, who gets the money from the ticket sales? Who will be responsible for the utilities, security, housekeeping, etc.? Merv could not answer that and said he would get with Marcus and report back to council. Council consented to talk with Marcus Bradley regarding

these questions and discuss this more among themselves and come back later to decide.

Chairman Tim Spencer opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2023-16 to amend & update certain parts of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances Chapter 15, Article V Campgrounds & Recreational Vehicle Parks. No one was present and the public hearing was closed.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-19 to adopt, charge and collect a user fee for disposal of solid waste for Cherokee Count, SC, and other matters related thereto. Lyman Dawkins seconded. Voting in favor: Bill Blanton, Tracy McDaniel, Lyman Dawkins & David Smith. Opposed: Elliott Hughes, Quay Little & Tim Spencer. Motion carried 4 to 3. Chairman Spencer stated he wanted to make the statement that at the last meeting of Council, it was reported that I voted in favor of this Ordinance, and I want the people know that I did not vote in favor; I voted no.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-16 to amend & update certain parts of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinance Chapter 15, Article V Campgrounds & Recreational Vehicle Parks. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to change the Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 9/5/23 to Monday, 9/11/23, 5 PM. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to go into Executive Session on two matters: 1) pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body specifically Project Nova; and, 2) pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor and went into Executive Session at 6:05 PM.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 7:55 PM and enter back into the Regular Meeting. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Mathis reported that no vote or action was taken during Executive Session.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to re-appoint David Stepp, Janet Tsiknias, Cline Gore, III, Brooks Allison, Ms. Lisa Butler, and Amanda Walker to serve another term on the Local Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for 2023/24. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to appoint Ken Moon, Cherokee Co. Development Board Director to serve on the Local Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for 2023/24. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Chairman Spencer reminder council of the Zoning Workshop scheduled for Thursday, 8/24/23, 5 pm in Council Chambers with Benchmark and White & Smith present.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

APPROVED: 9/11/23

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council