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TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 11/6/23

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 11/6/23, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with Tracy McDaniel leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Bishop, Attorney Joe Johnson, and Master Clerk Doris Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda as it was also posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. 2 news media were present along with 50+ visitors.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the agenda for the Regular Meeting of 11/6/23 with the amendment of adding on Item 11 Executive Session, Section 30-4-70(a)(5) Project Nova. The agenda was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Bill Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 10/16/23 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 \$513,182.72. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Council heard from Beth Phillips to express her deep concern about the proposed construction of yet another Dollar General in the Grassy Pond Community at the intersection of Boiling Springs Highway 150 and Grassy Pond Road. She is asking council to do whatever is in their power to deny this project. She also asked council to consider passing a moratorium to at least slow down the process in hopes that they would move elsewhere. The intersection at Hwy. 150 is a 5 way, which has lots of traffic now and if this store comes, it will create even more traffic problems. Councilman Billy Blanton replied that is not in his district but is definitely in my community and I support you and your group on making your stand and I applaud your efforts. Chairman Tim Spencer also stated that he supports them 100%. Attorney Joe Mathis is not here tonight but council will ask him & Administrator Merv Bishop to see what we can do toward this to help you out.

Council heard from David Stepp with concerns regarding the safety at Highway 150, 5 way intersection where Dollar General plans to build. That area has grown over the past several years and traffic is becoming a big issue with the elementary school there; 50 new houses built with 20 more proposed to build. It seems like an accident happens there every month. Lyman Dawkins replied we appreciate you and hear what you are saying but we do not have zoning in our county at this time. We are now in the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan to move forward with zoning. David Stepp stated he had an issue with traffic before this Dollar General and if they come it will be terrible. Councilman Little asked Administrator Merv Bishop to get in touch with SCDOT and see if there is something that can be done. David Stepp stated I don't think they have ever had a traffic study there.

The new elementary school was built in 1999. SCDOT has put up cameras in different locations to study this crossing.

Council heard from Christopher Lemaster with his concerns regarding the Dollar General being built at the Intersection of Hwy. 150 & Grassy Pond Road. This, that we are facing now is bigger than the Dollar General locating in Grassy Pond, it is about promoting & protecting our identity in our communities throughout our county. Your Comprehensive Plan and Zoning will be very beneficial to protecting our county. Our property is very important so please help us protect it. Let's capitalize a momentum to work together to protect the identity& character of our communities. Chairman Spencer thanked them for coming and replied we will have our Administrator & Attorney discuss this and see what we can do to help you out.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-21 to amend the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park by & between Spartanburg County and Cherokee County, SC, so as to remove certain property from the park, and other matters relating thereto. (Holroyd Precision Rotors, Inc.) Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-22 to amend the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park by & between Spartanburg & Cherokee Counties, SC, so as to include additional property in Spartanburg County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. (Spartanburg 100, LLC; NP BGO Spartanburg Commerce Center, LLC; Flatwood Farms, LLC; John Dodd Phase II Property Owner, LLC: John Dodd Phase I Property Owner, LLC; Tyger Ridge Industrial Owner, LLC.) Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-23 to amend the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park by & between Spartanburg & Cherokee Counties, SC, so as to include additional property in Spartanburg County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park, to remove certain property from the park, and other matters relating thereto. (RG Spartanburg 221, LLC and NP BGO Spartanburg commerce Center, LLC). Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-24 to amend Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-2 of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinance – General. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-25 authorizing an amendment to the Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial/Business Park (City of Spartanburg Economic Development Partnership) by and between Cherokee County, SC, and Spartanburg County, SC, dated as of December 31, 2018, as amended, to enlarge the boundaries of the Joint County Industrial and Business Park to include certain real property located in Spartanburg

County (Bottle Works South, LLC); and other related matters. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that the Christmas Tree Lighting Event for this year will be Tuesday, 11/28/23, 6 to 8 PM. Mr. & Mrs. Clause will be here; free hot chocolate & cookies will be available; a station for children to write letters to Santa; and live entertainment from the choirs of Cherokee Co. Disabilities & Special Needs, the Blacksburg High School Chorus, and the Gaffney High School Chorus.

Administrator Merv Bishop presented change orders for the state agency complex: 1) Probation & Parole personnel wanted casework stations deleted from their office for a savings of (\$11,283); 2) add a privacy panel to DSS reception window for a cost of \$998.25; 3) add an ice maker to break area in the commons space for a cost of \$4,164.82; and 4) add seven receptacles requested by Probation & Parole and DSS for a cost of \$2,117.50. Making all these changes comes to a total balance with a credit of \$4,002.43. **[Tracy McDaniel made the motion to allow Administrator Merv Bishop to approve these change orders to the State Agency Complex as reported. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:30 PM regarding two matters: 1) pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) for the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to pending claims or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege; and 2) Section 30-4-70(a)(5) for discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body specifically Project Dragonfly and Project Nova. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:40 PM. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Johnson stated that no vote or action was taken by council during executive session.

Chairman Spencer reminded council that they are invited to attend the Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Patriots Energy Group Compressor Station on Wed., 11/8/23, 9-11 am at Peniel Way, Blacksburg.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.

APPROVED: 11/20/23

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council