

DATE: 1/5/24 FILE NO: DATE596
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting, 1/2/24

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of County Council Tuesday, 1/2/24, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer called the meeting to order with Elliott Hughes leading in prayer. All council members were present except David Smith. Administrator Bishop, Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker, Attorney Joe Mathis, and Master Clerk Doris Pearson were present. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Two news media were present along with 6 visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting of 1/2/24 as presented and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Merv Bishop asked for nominations for Chairman of Cherokee County Council for the new year 2024. **[Quay Little nominated Tim Spencer as Chairman for 2024. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Merv Bishop asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of Cherokee County Council for the new year 2024. **[Elliott Hughes nominated Quay Little as Vice Chairman for 2024. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of Monday, 12/18/23 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$769,263.82. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Chairman Spencer opened the public hearing on 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. As there was no one to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt 3rd 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. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-01 to amend & update certain parts of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Land Development Regulations. Elliott Hughes seconded. Tracy McDaniel asked Merv to go over the changes. Merv replied that a lot was just cleaned up on missed spelled words, etc. Page 3 – Sec. 13-52 referred to Section 13-126 for minimum lot sizes for townhome and patio home subdivisions; Sec. 13-53 referred to Sec. 13-125 for minimum lot frontage for townhome and patio home subdivisions. Page 5 – Sec. 13-56 Major Subdivisions (b)(4) stated that walking trails and be used as an option instead of sidewalks, etc. Quay Little asked why was this changed because council was very strong in having sidewalks put in mainly for safety. Merv referred to Dale Gibert who referred to Dick Lavender who said that at their meeting this was brought up and several members of the committee agreed to this request. Putting in trails would be cheaper for developers. After discussing this all councilmembers agreed that they want to keep the sidewalk requirement in and have the walking trails as an option for the open space. **Quay Little made the motion to amend the original motion with the amendment of Page 5 – Article III. Subdivision Requirement Sec. 13-56 Major Subdivisions of requiring sidewalks and not to have the option of walking trails instead of sidewalks. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor of the amendment. Council voted in favor of the original motion with the amendment.**

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the request from Administrator Bishop to allow the change order for the Cherokee Co. State Agency Complex to change the two front columns at the front entrance of the building at a cost of \$3,826.02. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the request from Administrator Bishop to purchase a drone to be used by the VFD, Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & assist in searching for lost persons at a cost of \$18,358.92 to be paid from the Emergency Management Duke Grant Account. Bill Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that the \$50,000 appropriation that Council approved for the Humane Society will be paid from our American Rescue Plan line-item Local Assistance/Tribal Consistency Fund.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to grant permission for Administrator Bishop to go out for RFP for a new bailer for the Recycling Dept. which will give us a heads up on the Broad River Electric Facility when we begin updating and moving in out there. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to grant permission for Administrator Bishop to go out for RFP for a new lift for the R&B Maintenance Dept. which will also give us a heads up on the BRE Facility upon moving in out there. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:26 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:15 PM. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Mathis reported that 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 6:16 PM.

APPROVED: 1/16/24

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council