

DATE: 1/17/24 FILE NO.: DATE597
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, Tuesday, 1/16/24

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Tuesday, 1/16/24, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Bill Blanton leading in prayer. All council members were present except Elliott Hughes & Lyman Dawkins who were absent due to sickness. Admin. Merv Bishop, Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker, Attorney Joe Mathis, and Master Clerk to Council Doris Pearson were present. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Jr. Cherokee Leadership Student of Blacksburg High Camden Clark was present to observe. Two news media were present. There were 7 visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of 1/16/24 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 1/2/24 as received. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$591,246.71. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:07 PM 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 Cherokee County, specifically Project Onward & Project Bear Claw. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 5:20 PM and enter back into the Regular Meeting. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Joe Mathis reported that no vote or action was taken during executive session.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-01 to amend and update certain parts of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances – Chapter 13 – Land Development Regulations. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-26 authorizing (1) the conversion and re-documentation of that certain Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of March 1, 2000 between Cherokee County, SC (the “County”) and Broad River OL-1, LLC, Broad River OL-2, LLC, Broad River OL-3, LLC, and Broad River OL-4, LLC and formerly known as Broad River Energy LLC (the “Company”), including all amendments and incentive arrangements set forth therein, pertaining to certain existing facilities located within the county; (2) the execution and delivery of one or more agreements, instruments, and other documents in connection with such

conversion and re-documentation; and (3) other matters relating thereto. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that he gave each councilmember a copy of his task completion projected dates for the 2024/25 Budget Development Calendar. We started sending out our budget packets to our departments today and they are scheduled to be back into Administration by 2/16/24. We will begin meeting with staff to develop the budget starting 2/20/24.

Councilman David Smith asked Administrator Bishop where we were in regard to BRE Project for R&B, Recycling & Recreation? Administrator Bishop replied we are in the process of meeting with someone to give us guidance. We will call in our Dept. Heads Scott Griffith, Gayland Pennington & Brian Estes to meet with us and I will report back to council either at the meetings of 2/5 or 2/20/24.

Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker had no report.

Chairman Tim Spencer reminded council of the invite to attend the Cherokee Co. Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission CARF Breakfast on Thursday, 1/18/24, 9:00 AM, at 201 W. Montgomery St.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:26 PM.

APPROVED: **2/5/24**

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: **Tim Spencer**

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council