

DATE: 2/21/24 FILE NO: DATE599  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 2/20/24

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Tuesday, 2/20/24, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present except Billy Blanton who was sick. Admin. Merv 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 motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of 2/20/24 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Quay Little seconded and the council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of 2/5/24 as received. Quay Little seconded and the council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve to pay the claims in the amount of \$513,413.51. Quay Little seconded and the council voted in favor.**

Thorne Ambulance Service Chief Executive Officer Ryan Thorne presented his 2023 Annual Report (a copy is enclosed). He also presented his goals for 2024 including fire service partnerships and personnel. Several council members asked questions and concerns as Thorne's moves into their second year with Cherokee County and were well pleased with his response.

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-02 to adopt Traffic Calming Policy for Cherokee County, SC and other matters related thereto. David Smith seconded, and the council voted in favor.**

Administrator Merv Bishop reported on Bid No. 2023-14 Lock Replacement & Preventative Maintenance at CCDC. This bid came in much higher than we budget; therefore, we are looking at funding it in FYB 2024/25.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported on Bid No. 2024-06 Transfer Court Update. This bid also came in much higher than we anticipated. COC Brandy McBee will review these with us, and we may go out for bid again.

Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker had no report.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:24 PM regarding two matters: 1) pursuant to Section 30-4-7(a)(2) regarding discussion of matters relating to a pending contractual arrangement; and 2) pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) the receipt of legal advice regarding a pending legal matter. Lyman Dawkins seconded, and the council voted in favor.**

Councilman Quay Little made the announcement that he would be running again as Councilman for Cherokee County Council Dist. 3.

Councilman Tim Spencer made the announcement that he too would be running again as Councilman for Cherokee County Council Dist. 4.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins also announced that he would be running again as Councilman for Cherokee County Council Dist. 1.

Councilman David Smith announced that he also would be running again as Councilman for the Cherokee County Council Dist. 6.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:26 PM. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.** Attorney Mathis stated that no action or vote was taken during Executive Session.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.

APPROVED: 3/4/24

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council