

DATE: 2/7/24 FILE NO: DATE598  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting, 2/5/24

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Monday, 2/5/24, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Tracy McDaniel leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Merv Bishop, Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker, 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. There were 30+ visitors.

Chairman Tim Spencer recognized June Parker, who retired 12/8/22. He presented her with a gift from County Council that was a weave throw with the county logo, her name & her dates. Everyone stood and gave June a standing ovation.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting of 2/5/24 as received and 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 Regular Meeting of 1/16/24 as received. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$576,214.01. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

Chairman Tim Spencer opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2024-01 to amend & update certain parts of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances Chapter 13, Land Development Regulations. No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Sheriff Mueller recognized Deputy John David Rodgers, Deputy Stephen Tyler Atkins, and Sergeant Sardarius Henderson upon receiving the Medal of Valor. Everyone present gave a standing ovation.

Cherokee Co. Development Board Executive Director Ken Moon presented to council the 2023 Annual Report (a copy is attached).

Ben Kochenower with Cline Brandt Kochenower & Co. PA presented to council the Fiscal Year End June 30, 2023, Audit. In performing our audit your Elective Officials & Dept. Heads were very cooperative in working with us to complete this audit. Major thank you to all of them.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-01 to amend & update certain parts of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Land Development Regulations as presented. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-02 to amend & create Div. 4 – Traffic Calming of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17, Planning & Development, Article III. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that only one bid was received for Bid 2023-14 Lock Replacement & Preventative Maintenance at CCDC and it was from Mountaintop Enterprise, LLC, Little Mtn., SC. - \$130,167. Administrator Bishop replied he will review this bid and report back to council at their next meeting of 2/20/24.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that two bids were received for Bid 2024-06 Transfer Court Update: **1)** Sossamon Const. Co., Inc., Gaffney - \$44,070; and **2)** Liles Const., Sptg., SC - \$44,349. Administrator Bishop replied he will review these bids and report back to council at their next meeting of 2/20/24.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to allow Administrator Bishop to go out for RFPs for new awning and to repair the concrete at the Family Court Entrance of the Courthouse. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor with Tracy McDaniel recusing himself due to conflict of interest. Merv replied this project is funded in the 2023/24 FYB.**

Administrator Merv Bishop reported the Next Generation Public Safety Radio System with Rock Communications (Fleet Talk) has been completed. We still have a few radios left that we are considering putting into our county fleet vehicles for safety purposes. We have a credit of -\$7,386.96. The bid did not include the Gaffney Fire Department, Gaffney City Police Dept., and Town of Blacksburg Police Dept. Based on our Fire Protection Services Agreement between the City, we agreed to provide the same services & funding for all the county fire departments which comes to a total of \$156,219.28. The City of Gaffney Police Department's portion is \$294,861.28; Town of Blacksburg Police Dept. is \$51,145.76. I am asking to pay for these three amounts out of the ARPA funds and we will bill the Police Depts. for reimbursement. The total amount will be \$494,839.36. **[Councilman Quay Little made the motion to allow Administrator Bishop to pay the amount of \$494,839.36 from the ARPA funds to complete the Next Generation Public Safety Radio System and bill the Police Depts. for reimbursement for their portion. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.]**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to allow Administrator Bishop to contract with Cherokee Landscaping & Grading Co. to pave the parking lot at the new State Agency Complex for a total price of \$140,250. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor. This amount will come from Dist. 1, Dist. 3 & Dist. 4 gravel funds.**

Administrator Merv Bishop updated council on the Animal Shelter stating the contractual date of completion is 365 days from March 20, 2023. We are currently on schedule and estimating opening the doors on April 1, 2024.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported on the new trash truck that was supposed to be delivered in November 2023; has been moved to be delivered on April 2024. We paid \$218,000 for this truck.

Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker reported that Cherokee County won the Golden Peach Award for 2024 for the “Best Place to Work” in the category of over 25 employees.

Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker reported that Transfer Court will begin on 2/15/24.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:47 pm pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) for receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:39 pm. David Smith 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 appoint Cherokee Co. Library Director Heath Ward to serve a term on the Cherokee County First Steps Board. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to re-appoint Shad McDaniel to serve another term on the Cherokee Co. Tax Assessor Board of Appeals. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to re-appoint Donnie Hampton to serve another term on the CKC Fire Dept. Board. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to re-appoint James Pete Earls to serve another term on the CKC Fire Dept. Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to re-appoint Mark Patterson to serve another term on the CKC Fire Dept. Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to re-appoint Sherrian Ellis Camp to serve another term on the Cherokee Co. Board of Adjustments & Appeals. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to re-appoint Shannon Redish to serve another term on the Cherokee Co. Citizen Planning Commission. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to re-appoint Bill Sarratt to serve another term on the Cherokee Co. Development Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to re-appoint David Cauthen to serve another term on the Cherokee Co. Development Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to re-appoint Ed Elliott to serve another term on the Cherokee Co. Development Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council