

DATE: 3/5/24 FILE NO: DATE601

TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting 3/4/24

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 3/4/24, 5:00 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All Council members were present along with Administrator 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 along with 15 visitors. Chairman Spencer recognized four Jr. Leadership Students: Parker Childers, Allison Price, Haylee Ruff & Kaylee Rice.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting of 3/4/24 as received and amended to include the opening of Bid No. 2024-08 and to add Councilman Lyman Dawkins. The agenda was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2/20/24 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$545,861.76. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

Councilman Lyman Dawkins announced that he will not seek re-election for Dist. 1 Councilman as announced at the last council meeting. My wife and I are expecting our 4<sup>th</sup> child 8/10/24 and we as a family have decided that my family must come first. I have enjoyed serving since 2017 and I look forward to finishing this term.

Chairman Spencer opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2024-02 to Adopt a Traffic Calming Policy for Cherokee Co., SC and other matters related thereto. No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-02 to adopt a Traffic Calming Policy for Cherokee County, SC and other matters related thereto. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor after a long discussion.** Quay Little asked Administrator Bishop if he had heard from CTC Director Philip Gibson? Merv replied that he had and that he sent him a copy of the ordinance. Quay Little stated that CTC is against us putting in speed bumps but if the residents in the community want one, I see no reason according to this ordinance that we shouldn't put them one in. Quay replied, I would make a compromise with CTC and offer to put in those temporary rubber speed bumps instead of asphalt bumps. David Smith asked what about roads that already have speed bumps? If the concern is the wear & tear on a vehicle, then our potholes are worse than speed bumps. Attorney Mathis referred to the SC Code 57-7-240 and stated this is in the ordinance.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-03 to authorize and approve an agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial & Business Park (Project Tiger) by and between Cherokee & Spartanburg Counties, such Industrial & Business Park to be geographically located in Cherokee & Spartanburg Counties and established pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; and other matters related thereto. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-04 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 the public body specifically Project Pegasus. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that over a year now we have been dealing with an inadequate, ineffective & obsolete access control system for the Law Enforcement Center & the County Courthouse. Currently, they cannot access the software, nor can they add anyone to the system. The problem lies with Honeywell that no longer services this equipment. Vendors were contacted, proposals were reviewed and considered and I recommend that we go with A3 Communications, who is a vendor on state contract to purchase & install this software in the LEC & Courthouse. The project will be paid for from the Bond Estreatment Funds from both the Sheriff Office & COC Office. The Sheriff Office is \$79,406.73 and the Courthouse - \$93,264.82. **[David Smith made the motion to approve this purchase to A3 Communications for the quoted price of \$79,406.73 for the LEC and \$93,264.82 for the Courthouse and to be paid from the Bond Estreatment Funds of both agencies. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that in a few weeks the doors of the Animal Shelter will open. I ask permission to purchase some appliances needed for the facility to operate: chest freezer, washer & dryer, refrigerator, microwave with warranties for a total price of \$6,829.29 to be paid from the Soft Cost Allowance budget. **[Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve these purchases for the Animal Shelter for a total of \$6,829.29 to be paid from the Soft Cost Allowance Budget. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Merv Bishop reported on the Animal Shelter that based on the Soft Cost Allowance the telecommunications/data/security cost was figured at \$41,196. I am requesting permission to purchase the access control panels, locking hardware, power supplies, cabling, and labor for a total of \$12,432 to be paid from the Soft Cost Allowance. **[Quay Little made the motion to approve the purchase of the access control panels, locking hardware, power supplies, cabling & labor for a total of \$12,432 and to be paid from the Soft Cost Allowance for the Animal Shelter. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Merv Bishop stated he failed to put on the agenda the bid opening for Bid No. 2024-08 Cherokee County Courthouse Canopies– access control panels for Court House and Sheriff's

Dept. which was due today 3/4/24 @ 12 Noon. Two bids were received: 1) Sossamon Construction - \$43,000; and McDaniel Construction, Inc. - \$36,088. **Chairman Spencer placed these bids in the Judicial Service Committee for review and to report back to council on 3/18/24. Councilman Tracy McDaniel recused himself on action taken on this item due to conflict of interest.**

Asst. Administrator Amanda Walker had no report at this time.

Attorney Joe Mathis reported that when council votes to go into Executive Session that another matter be added: pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements regarding the Animal Shelter.

**[Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:28 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) regarding (1) Project Pegasus & (2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements regarding the Animal Shelter. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.]**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:32 PM. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.** Attorney Mathis stated that no vote or action was taken during Executive Session.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel appointed Jacye Goff and Lee Willis to serve a 3 yr. term on the Blacksburg Fire District Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel appointed Mrs. Mary Byars to serve a 4 yr. term on the Cherokee County Library Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Elliott Hughes appointed Joe McKowen to serve a 3 yr. term on the Corinth Fire District Fire Board. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Elliott Hughes re-appointed Johnny Toney, Benny Brown & Lester Parris to serve another 3 yr. term on the Corinth Fire District Fire Board. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Elliott Hughes re-appointed Martha Vassey to serve another term on the Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Board. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor with Quay Little recusal from voting due to conflict of interest.**

**Councilman David Smith re-appointed Jeff Buice to serve another 3 yr. term on the Cherokee Co. Board of Adjustments & Appeals. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith re-appointed Patty Lippard to serve another term on the Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Board. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor with Quay Little recusal from voting due to conflict of interest.**

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As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Tim Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

APPROVED: 3/18/24

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Master Clerk to Council Doris F. Pearson