

DATE: 4/1/24 FILE NO: DATE604  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting, 4/1/24

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 4/1/24, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Tracy McDaniel leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Admin. Bishop, Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker, Attorney Joe Johnson 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 12 visitors.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda for the PH & Regular Meeting of 4/1/24 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 3/18/24 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$563,560.94. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Merv Bishop presented a Proclamation to employees of 911 Proclaiming April 14-20, 2024, as National Telecommunications Week. E-911 Director Hailey Sprouse and 5 other employees accepted the Proclamation.

Presenter Billy McGill of 110 Pineville Rd., Gaffney, spoke to council regarding the road condition of 110 Pineville Rd. He told council of his plans to build a house there but it is a private road and we need to get it signed over to the county for them to maintain it. The school bus nor trash truck will come down the road. There are about 4 other houses on that road with children. We are concerned about their safety having to walk to the end of the road and wait on the school bus. Two others who live on the road were present supporting this request. Chairman Spencer informed them they would have to get a right-of-way easement signed by all property owners before the county would consider their request.

Chairman Spencer opened the Public Hearing on two matters: **1) Ordinance No. 2024-03** to authorize and approve an Agreement for the Development of a Joint County Industrial & Business Park (Project Tiger) by & 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 SC, 1976, as amended; and other matters related thereto. No one was present to speak and the Public Hearing was closed. **2) Ordinance No. 2024-04** authorizing the execution & delivery of a Road Construction & Reimbursement Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC, and CCC-85 2A Owner, LLC; and other matters related thereto. No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-01 designating April 2024, as Fair Housing Month. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-03 to authorize & approve an Agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial & Business Park (Project Tiger) by & between Cherokee County & Spartanburg County, such Industrial & Business Park to be geographically located in Cherokee County & Spartanburg County and established pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of SC 1976, as amended; and other matters related thereto. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-04 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Road Construction & Reimbursement Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC, and CCC-85 2A Owner, LLC; and other matters related thereto. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Merv Bishop presented a request from SCC Executive Director Amanda Painter asking council to write a Letter of Support for Spartanburg Community College to pursue the acquisition of 3 properties to support the current & future growth of both the college and our community. Acquiring & developing this land will result in an increase in SCC skilled workforce & economic development investment that will far outweigh the current loss in tax revenue. **[Councilman Quay Little made the motion to send the Letter of Support to SCC to pursue the acquisition of 3 parcels of land for their intended purposes. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that the Certificate of Occupancy for the Cherokee Co. Animal Shelter was received and they plan on moving in 4/8/24. We are planning the ribbon cutting to be 4/19/24 @ 2pm. Councilman David Smith requested when you send out invitations that we ask for donations of dog & cat food to be brought to the ribbon cutting.

Administrator Merv Bishop announced that the State Agency Certificate of Occupancy was received a few weeks back and DSS will begin moving in on 4/2/24. They are planning to open the doors to the public on 4/3/24. Ribbon cutting is planned for 4/26/24 @ 11:00 am. Councilman Little asked Administration to look at the color of the roof and see about changing the color to blend in with the building.

Administrator Merv Bishop announced that EOC began moving into their building at the Alma property last week. We do not plan on having a ribbon cutting for this.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that he met with DP3 Architects last Thursday regarding the Public Works Facility and they plan on meeting with all department heads involved in the procurement process for services related to the future of our Public Works Facility.

Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker requested permission to go out for bid proposals for a HVAC Unit for the Detention Center Cell Block D and Booking Area. **[David Smith made the motion to allow Administration to go out for bid for this project. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.]**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:41 PM on two matters: 1) pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) discussion of matters relating to contractual arrangements pertaining to the Cherokee County Animal Shelter; and 2) 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 New Energy. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:23 PM. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.** Attorney Johnson reported that no vote or action was taken during Executive Session regarding the matter relating to Section 30-4-70(a)(5).

Attorney Joe Johnson reported that as a result of the Executive Session regarding Section 30-4-70(a)(2), I will entertain a motion.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to allow Administrator Merv Bishop to enter into an agreement with the City of Gaffney between them & Cherokee County for the Cherokee Co. Animal Shelter. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel appointed Kaylen Petty to serve a term on the Blacksburg Fire District Board. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel appointed Zac Tessner to serve a term on the Blacksburg Fire District Board. David Smith 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 6:30 PM.

APPROVED: 4/15/24

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council