

DATE: June 4, 2024, FILE NO: DATE614

TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 6/3/24

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 6/3/24, 5:00 PM in Council Chambers. Vice-Chair Quay Little presided with Tracy McDaniel leading in prayer. All Council members were present except Chair Tim Spencer. Administrator Bishop, Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker, Attorney Joe Johnson, and Master Clerk Doris Pearson were present. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. 2 news media were present along with 8 visitors.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda for the Regular Meeting of 6/3/24 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 5/20/24 as received. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$519,830.86. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**JSC Chair Billy Blanton made the motion coming from the committee to award Bid No. 2024-11 HVAC Units in Booking & D-Block at CCDC to MM Service for their bid of \$34,356 and to pay it from the Capital Budget Account of \$30,250 & the remainder of \$4,106 from the Contingency Account. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-18 to amend the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park by & between Spartanburg & Cherokee Counties, SC, so as to include additional property in Spartanburg County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. (CP Logistics Apply Valley V, LLC, and Palmetto Operating Company, LLC.) Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-17 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Road Construction & Reimbursement Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC and Excel, Inc.; and other matters related thereto. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-06 adopting a budget for the County of Cherokee to provide for the levying of taxes & fees for county purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning 7/1/24 and ending 6/30/25 and declaring that the same shall constitute the budget for the County of Cherokee. Bill Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.**

Vice-Chair Quay Little called for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinances adopting a budget proposed by the County Administrator containing estimates of proposed revenues & expenditures by the County of Cherokee for the following Fire Districts for the fiscal year beginning 7/1/24 and ending 6/30/25:

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-07 – Cherokee Creek VFD. Bill Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-08 CKC VFD. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-09 Corinth VFD. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-10 DMW (Draytonville, McKowns Mtn. & Wilkinsville) VFD. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-11 The Gaffney Fire Protection Area. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-12 Goucher/White Plains VFD. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-13 Grassy Pond VFD. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-14 Antioch Fire District. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-15 Blacksburg Fire District. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-16 Buffalo VFD. Elliott Hughes seconded and council voted in favor.**

Attorney Joe Johnson had no report.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported to council that Cherokee County is in line to receive \$2.5 million through the US Dept. of Homeland Security to help us finish renovating Alma Elementary School into our new Emergency Operations Center. The county will be required to do an \$850,000 match. Our match must be non-federal funds. Once SLED approves this the county will have 3 years to spend the money, 7/31/27 and at that time we can request an extension if necessary. The EOC Grant & County's match must be spent on EOC Phase 2 renovation expenses (a copy is attached). Councilman Bill Blanton

asked do we have to come up with the \$850,000 even if we do not spend the entire \$2.5 million? Merv replied he would check on that.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported to council that Duke Energy Foundation has also awarded Cherokee County a grant in the amount of \$20,000 for the EOC. This money is earmarked to be used for cots, special needs cots, etc. There is no match for the county.

**Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to cancel the meeting of Monday, 6/10/24 and to move the items scheduled for that meeting to the Regular Scheduled meeting for Monday, 6/24/24. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

Asst. Administrator Amanda Walker asked permission to go out for RFP to replace floors at the LEC/Sheriff Office. **[David Smith made the motion to allow administration to go out for RFPs to replace the floors at the LEC/Sheriff Office. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Asst. Administrator Amanda Walker reported to council that there has been a lot of dog & cat food donated to the Animal Shelter and we truly appreciate it and she says thanks to all those who have contributed. We are still accepting food & donations.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM.

APPROVED: 6/24/24

Respectfully submitted

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council