

DATE: 7/16/24 FILE NO: DATE618
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes for PH & Regular Meeting, 7/15/24

There was a PH & Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 7/15/24, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with Lyman Dawkins leading in prayer. All council members were present except Elliott Hughes who was absent. Administrator 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. There were 10+ visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting of 7/15/24 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7/1/24 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$805,134.84. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Chairman Spencer opened the public hearing on two matters: **1) Ordinance No. 2024-05** to Adopt the Cherokee County Comprehensive Plan; and **2) Ordinance No. 2024-20** authorizing the Lease Renewal of County Property to Clemson University (Clemson Cooperative Extension Service). No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-05 to adopt the Cherokee County Comprehensive Plan. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-20 authorizing the Lease Renewal of County Property to Clemson University (Clemson Cooperative Extension Service). Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Joe Mathis stated this renewal of the existing lease agreement is for the office spaces upstairs in the Admin. Bldg. It is a 5 yr. lease agreement extension.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-21 (1) repealing Ordinance No. 2023-26; (2) confirming that certain lease purchase agreement dated as of March 1, 2000 between Cherokee County, SC and Broad River Energy LLC, including, all amendments and incentive arrangements set forth therein, is in full force and effect; and (3) other matters relating thereto. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor. Cherokee Co. Development Director Ken Moon reported that a while back they requested the FILOT Agreement but now they are asking to go back to the small fee agreement and this ordinance allows that.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-22 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fire Service Agreement by & among the Cherokee County, City of Gaffney, and Macedonia Fire District; and other matters related thereto. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor. Admin. Merv Bishop stated when CCC85 chose to build an Industrial Park in the Macedonia Fire District, Macedonia stated that the City of Gaffney is better equipped to provide them fire services and this ordinance will allow that.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that bids were received on Bid No. 2025-01 Limb and Brush Grinding. 3 bids were received: **1) State Tree Services, Sumter, SC - \$75,000; 2) Renew Land Management, LLC, Greenville, SC - \$133,900; and 3) Phillip Edwards (Greentree), Canton, NC - \$61,399. Lyman Dawkins made the motion to allow Administration to review the bids to make sure all is in compliance and if so to award the bid to Phillip Edwards (Greentree) for their bid of \$61,399. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Merv Bishop reported to council that the OMVT Committee sent out RFP on 5/16/24 for the Lake Whelchel Trail addition. Proposals were due back on 6/21/24. Seven proposals were received: Tailored Trails; Geoscrulpt; TrelCru; Canopy Trails; Blue Ridge Trail Works; Nature Trails & Palmer Tool. The OMVT Steering Committee met 7/2/24 and reviewed the RFP's and completed a scoring matrix for each proposal. Canopy Trails scored the most with average of 91% and their proposal was \$76,720. **[Councilman Quay Little made the motion to award the RFP for construction of the Lake Whelchel Trail addition to Canopy Trails for their bid price of \$76,720. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman David Smith made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:20 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion or the provision of service encouraging location, or expansion of Industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body specifically Project Maple Leaf. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:30 PM. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Joe Mathis reported no vote or action was taken during Executive Session.

As there were no other business to come before council at this, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

APPROVED: **8/5/24**

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: **Tim Spencer**

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council