

DATE: 8/20/24 FILE NO: DATE621
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting, Monday 8/19/23

There was a PH & Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 8/19/24, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Tracy McDaniel leading in prayer. All council members were present except David Smith. 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. One news media was present along with 12 visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting of 8/19/24 as received and 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 PH & Regular Meeting of 8/5/24 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve to pay the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$697,662.91. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Chairman Tim Spencer opened the public hearing on two matters: **1) Ordinance No. 2024-21** (1) repealing Ordinance No. 2024-26; (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. **2) Ordinance No. 2024-22** authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fire Service Agreement by & among the Cherokee County, City of Gaffney, ad Macedonia Fire District; and other matters related thereto. As there was no one present to speak, Chairman Spencer closed the public hearing.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 3rd 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. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt the 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-22 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fire Service Agreement by and among the Cherokee County, City of Gaffney, and Macedonia Fire District; and other matters related thereto. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that several months back, County Council approved Administration to pay from the American Rescue Plan needed capital equipment from Fleet Radio. The amount of radios was overestimated so we returned some. Fleet Talk gave back to the County the

amount of \$30,600 for the ones we returned. We are requesting a portion of those funds returned to be used to help offset the Capital Project work needed for the 911 Office. We budgeted in the Capital Project to purchase new furniture, lighting, monitors and carpet. We still need to paint & re-wire in the 911 Center and are asking permission to do so with the Credit American Rescue Funds. **[Tracy McDaniel made the motion to paint the 911 Center for the amount of \$3,254.86 and pay this from the American Rescue Plan Funds. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to allow Administration to have the wiring replaced in the 911 Center for the amount of \$10,075 and pay it from the American Rescue Fund. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Asst. Administrator Amanda Walker reminded council of the County Employee Appreciation Day planned for Sat., 9/21/24, 3 to 7 PM at Jolly Park. We will be catering BBQ, provide saved ice, face painting, inflatables, cornhole, music, a dunk tank, and door prize drawings. Those line up for the dunk tank or myself, Merv Bishop, Sheriff Mueller & COC Brandi McBee. We will sell tickets for the dunk tank activity and the money received will go toward the Angel Tree Project for Christmas. We have received a good number of responses and the employees are very excited and appreciate this event.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:15 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) for two matters: 1) for the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to pending litigation matters, potential claims and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege; and 2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property regarding the Coroner's Office. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:57 PM and enter back into the Regular Meeting. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Mathis reported that no vote or action was taken by council during executive session.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins took a few minutes to express his gratitude to County Council for working with him while he served on Council. The run-off election for Mayor will be next Tuesday, 8/27/24 and if I win, this will be my last meeting with county council. If I win, I pray that we will continue to form a partnership between the County & City and get great things accomplished. I appreciate all the guidance given me by this council and I look forward to a long-lasting partnership for our City & County.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

APPROVED: 9/3/24

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council