

DATE: 10/8/24 FILE NO: DATE627  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, Monday 10/7/24

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 10/7/24 in Council Chambers. Vice-Chairman Quay Little presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present except Chair Tim Spencer who was sick. Admin. Merv Bishop, Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker, Attorney Joe Mathis and Master Clerk to Council 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 along with 15 visitors.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of 10/7/24 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 9/16/24 & Special Call Meeting of 9/24/24 as received. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County as presented in the amount of \$1,134,475.94. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-07 approving, ratifying and consenting to the transfer and assignment to and assumption by, Tribal Propco LLC of a certain existing FILOT Agreement to which the county is a party (the "FILOT Agreement") and other matters thereto. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-25 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC and Nestle USA, Inc. with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in Lieu of Taxes, including the provision of certain special source revenue credits; and other matters related thereto. Tracy McDaniel Seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Merv Bishop invited and recognized several Dept. Heads, SCDOT Stephen Ellis, Sheriff Mueller, 911 Josh Patterson, B&G Director Jimmy Pruitt, Landfill Director Ronnie Benton, EM Director Doug Bowers, and several others that were part of Team Cherokee that worked around the clock to make sure the citizens of Cherokee County were safe during & after Hurricane Helene. Merv along with County Council thanked all involved for their long hours of work & support. Everyone came together including a lot of outside agencies and especially the Volunteer Fire Depts., SCDOT, FEMA, City of Gaffney, School District, Charter Schools, Baptist Asso. Director Dwight Easler, Disaster Relief and local churches & businesses. Merv also thanked council for their investment in Fleet Talk, which was the only way of communication we had with others. He especially thanked Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker who

worked non-stop. We still have a lot of clean-ups to do but we are on our way to recovery. We will meet again and discuss what we might need to be better prepared for the future disasters that may come our way again.

Asst. Administrator Amanda Walker also thanked all who came together and worked endless hours to help out during this disaster. She gave statistics on meals delivered to workers & families, water, oxygen delivered, hours of cutting down trees, etc. We called ourselves Team Cherokee and everyone involved was awesome.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:34 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, and/or the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or others matters covered by the attorney-client privilege. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 5:56 pm. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.** Attorney Mathis stated no vote or action was taken during Executive Session.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that 3 bids were received for Bid Opening No. 2025-09 HVAC Rooftop Replacement Units at Cherokee County Courthouse: **1) WB Guimarin & Co. - \$119,400; 2) M M Services - \$142,896; and 3) Cudd Heating & Air Conditions - \$150,000.** Vice Chair Little asked **Administrator Bishop & his committee to review these bids and report back to full council at the next meeting of 10/21/24.**

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that 2 bids were received for Bid Opening No. 2024-10 Windows and Exteriors at CCAD: **1) Locksmith Master - \$26,235; and 2) McDaniel Construction, Inc. - \$35,500.** Vice-Chair Quay Little and Councilman Tracy McDaniel recused themselves from any vote or action taken on these bids due to conflict of interest. **Vice-Chair Little asked Admin. Bishop and his committee to review these bids and report back to full council at the next meeting of 10/21/24.**

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Vice-Chairman Quay Little adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.

APPROVED: 10/21/24

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council