

DATE: 12/17/24 FILE NO: DATE633
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting, 12/16/24

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of County Council, Monday, 12/16/24, 5 PM. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Bishop, Attorney Joe Mathis 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 8 visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting of 12/16/24 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 12/2/24 as received. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$718,676.55. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Chairman Spencer opened the public hearing on two ordinances: **1) Ordinance No. 2024-27** to develop a Jointly Owned & Operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg Co., such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Cherokee County and established pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of SC, 1976, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Spartanburg County to provide for the expenses of the park; the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; and providing for other matters related. **2) Ordinance No. 2024-28** to amend the Code of Ordinances for Cherokee County, Chapter 21 (Taxation) by adding Sections 21-6 through Sections 21-8 (Special Property Tax Assessments for Rehabilitated Historic Properties). No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-27 to develop a Jointly Owned & Operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg Co., such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Cherokee County & established pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of SC, 1976, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Spartanburg County to provide for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; and providing for other matters related. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-28 to amend the Code of Ordinances for Cherokee County, Chapter 21 (Taxation) by adding Sections 21-6 through Sections 21-8 (Special Property Tax Assessments for Rehabilitated Historic Properties). Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Joe Mathis stated that the State requires a Board of Architectural Review and since the county does not have one, it is set forth in Section

4-9-195(B)(7) to appoint the SC Dept. of Archives & History to review the rehabilitation work governed by this ordinance.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-32 authorizing the execution & delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement between Cherokee County and Project Charm to provide for the provision of Special Source Revenue Credits; and other related matters. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to allow Administration to allocate funds to purchase bullet proof vest for the Law Enforcement Dept. and file for reimbursement from the SC Dept. of Public Safety Grant Program which \$18,279 was appropriated for this purpose and it must be spent by 12/31/24. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve Administrator Bishop to write a letter of support for the Spartanburg Community College/Cherokee County Campus to pursue acquisition of properties adjacent to the SCC/CCC Campus and authorize Chairman Spencer to sign the letter on behalf of council's action. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported on the RFP 2025-13 Consulting Services for Disaster Recovery & FEMA Public Assistance. Two bids were received: **1) Integrated Solutions and 2) iParametrics, LLC.** Finance Director Kristie Howell and I reviewed these bids and judged them on 5 categories. iParametrics emerged as the qualified firm and therefore we recommend awarding the bid to them. **[Quay Little made the motion to award RFP 2025-13 Consulting Services for Disaster Recovery & FEMA Public Assistance to iParametrics for their bid price as listed on the RFP. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Merv Bishop reported that Cherokee Co. Alcohol & Drug Abuse Director Chrissy Little will be retiring effective 12/31/24. I wish she had been here so I could let her know how she made such a big impact on the lives of those in need; and her commitment to this important position will always be appreciated. Her leadership has been instrumental in providing quality care and support to countless individuals and families throughout Cherokee County and beyond. I speak for the county in saying we will truly miss her but wish her a very fruitful retirement.

Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to reappoint W. B. Cook to the Cherokee Co. Development Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to reappoint John Brown to the Cherokee County Board of Adjustments & Appeals. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to reappoint Terry Medley to the Citizens Planning Commission Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to reappoint Robert Ruff, Brice Cook & Josh Rogers to the Goucher-White Plains Fire District Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to reappoint Evelyn Millwood to the Corinth Fire District Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Billy Blanton stated he really enjoyed working with Councilman Quay Little and for showing him the ropes of council. I've known Quay & his family for many years and I have no doubt that he always had the county's best interest in mind when he made decisions here on council. I wish him the best.

Chairman Tim Spencer recognized Vice-Chairman Quay Little for his 2 separate eight-year stints of service on the Cherokee County Council as well as serving several of those years as Vice-chairman. Chairman Spencer presented him with an engraved clock and council gave him a standing ovation.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM and invited everyone to attend the annual Christmas Dinner, 1st Floor Training Room.

APPROVED: 1/6/25

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council