

DATE: 5/5/25 FILE NO: DATE642
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 5/5/25

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 5/5/25, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present except Elliott Hughes who was absent. Administrator Bishop, Asst. Admin. Bradley, Attorney 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 along with 18 visitors.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 5/5/25 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 4/21/25 as received. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$397,460.04 as presented. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Merv Bishop recognized Sheriff Mueller & Major Billy Anthony and presented them with a proclamation proclaiming the week of 5/11-17/25 as National Peace Officers Memorial Week and May 15, 2025, as "Peace Officers Memorial Day".

Administrator Merv Bishop recognized EMP Director Doug Bowers, Director of Cherokee Medical Emergency Room and Thorne Ambulance Service and presented them with a proclamation proclaiming 5/18-24/25 as National Emergency Medical Services Week.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-08 Cherokee County Code of Ordinance, Chapter 11, Article 111, Outdoor Burning. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-09 adopting a Supplemental Appropriation for the County of Cherokee and to amend the Fiscal Budget Year 7/1/24-6/30/25, etc. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-10 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 Co. as part of the Joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Asst. Administrator Kristy Bradley reported on RFP 2025-24 County Timber Clearing/Thinning & Sale Landfill Tracts. Only one bid was received and it was from Scruggs Timber Co. We reviewed the RFP and recommend that it be awarded this RFP. **[Billy Blanton made the motion to award RFP 2025-24 to Scruggs Timber Co. Donnie Hardin second and council voted in favor.]**

Asst. Administrator Kristy Bradley reported on RFP 2025-27 Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center Evidence Expansion & Security Project. Councilman Tracy McDaniel recused himself due to conflict of interest and left council chambers. Bradley reported that two bids were received: **1) MADCO**, Lexington, SC bid price \$220,996.28 and **2) McDaniel Construction Co.**, Blacksburg, SC, bid price \$110,657.00. Both companies attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting; both met all specifications, insurance, certificates, etc. We recommend rewarding this RFP to McDaniel Construction Co. for their low bid of \$110,657.00. **[David Smith made the motion to award RFP 2025-27 Cherokee Co. Law Enforcement Center Evidence Expansion & Security Project to McDaniel Construction Co. for their low bid of \$110,657.00. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Merv Bishop had no report at this time other than to remind council of their Budget Workshop in the morning, 5/6/25, 9 AM. There will be no voting or action taken by council. This workshop is to inform you what we have drafted in the Proposed FYB 25/26 and to get your direction moving forward.

Councilman David Smith made the motion for council to go into Executive Session on two matters: 1) pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) for the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to matters covered by the attorney-client privilege; and 2) pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area of Cherokee County served by the public body specifically Project King Fisher. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor and went into Executive Session at 5:20 PM.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:25 PM. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Mathis stated that no vote or action was taken by county council while in Executive Session.

Councilman Billy Blanton appointed Jill Bramlett to serve on the Cherokee County Library Board in the At-Large position. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Chairman Spencer reminded council of the Budget Workshop for Tuesday Morning, 5/6/25, 9AM, Admin. Bldg., 2nd Floor Training Room.

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

APPROVED: 5/19/25

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council