

DATE: 7/22/25 FILE NO: DATE649  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Public Hearing & Regular Meeting, Monday, 7/21/25

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 7/21/25, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Donnie Hardin leading in prayer. All council members were present except David Smith. Administrator Bishop, Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley, 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. There were two news media present along with 10 visitors.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting of Monday, 7/21/25 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Elliott Hughes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Elliott Hughes made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7/7/25 as received. Teresa Bonner seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for FYB 24/25 - \$144,610.03 + FYB 25/26 - \$443,837.69 for a total amount of \$588,447.72. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.**

Chairman Tim Spencer opened the public hearing on two matters: **1) Ordinance No. 2025-24** to amend the Agreement for Development of a 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 (Sacred Mountain, LLC and 1017 Florida, LLC); and **2) Ordinance No. 2025-25** 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 Co. 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. No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-24 to amend the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park by & between Spartanburg & Cherokee Counties, SC, so as to include additional property in Spartanburg County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto (Sacred Mountain, LLC and 1017 Florida, LLC). Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-25 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. Elliott Hughes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-26 authorizing the purchase of real property by Cherokee County located at 541 Concord Road, Gaffney, SC. Elliott Hughes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to adopt 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-27 ordering a referendum to determine whether the South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue temporary permits to allow for the possession, sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink to bona fide nonprofit organizations and business establishments authorized to be licensed for consumption on-premises sales and to allow the sale of beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations without regard to the days or hours of sales. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.** Administrator Bishop replied there will be a Special Call Meeting tomorrow, 7/22/25 @ 12 Noon to consider the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of this ordinance because it is time sensitive for us to get it to the Voter Registration Office by 8/15/25 for them to put it on the November ballot.

Administrator Merv Bishop updated council on the real property located at 541 Concord Road. I have contacted S&ME to come and inspect the property and give us an environmental inspection and will also inspect the concrete core. Also, our team here will go out and inspect the HVAC, roof, plumbing, electrical, etc. We will report back to council on our findings.

Asst. Administrator Kristy Bradley reported that 3 bids were received on the sale of the Broad River Electric/Public Works Facility on 7/10/25: 1) NAL Earle Furman, 2) Colliers & 3) Spencer Hines. Our committee reviewed the bids and considered who had the top sales in Cherokee Co., their general acceptance standards and all were asking 6% of the sale price for their fee. The committee recommends Colliers. **[Tracy McDaniel made the motion to select Colliers to sell the Broad River Electric/Public Works Facility and report back to council their findings and bid prices received for the sale. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Asst. Administrator Kristy Bradley reported that she has been meeting with Public Works Dept. Heads to see if there is any big capital item that the county is not using that we need to get rid of. R&B has a ditcher that was purchased in 2019 and they have never used it. It was too big for the tractor. It cost the county \$127,600 when purchased new. I'm asking permission to sell this piece of equipment and use the money toward purchasing a piece of equipment needed for the R&B Dept. Tracy McDaniel stated he doesn't want to sell it on govdeals.com but wants Admin. to try and get the best price for it by contacting companies that would use this equipment. Kristy replied I have not been able to find one like it that is for sale so I don't know what it would cost today if purchased. Tracy suggested larger counties might need this or DOT. Don't take anything less than \$70,000 or \$80,000. Kristy replied I will continue to look. The new roller that the R&B Dept. needs cost \$43,000. **[Tracy McDaniel made the motion to**

**allow Administration to go out and receive bids/quotes to sell this ditcher and bring back to council your findings. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:22 pm pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the Cherokee County public body specifically Project Lighting Bolt. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:00 PM. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.** Attorney Joe Mathis reported that no vote or action was taken by council during Executive Session.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:01 PM.

APPROVED: 8/11/25

Respectfully submitted

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council