

DATE: 8/19/25 FILE NO: DATE652  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 8/18/25

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 8/18/25, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with Councilwoman Teresa Bonner leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Admin. Bishop, Asst. Admin. Bradley, Attorney 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 7 visitors.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 8/18/25 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 8/11/25 as received. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$111,483.29 for Cherokee County to be paid as presented. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-26 authorizing the purchase of real property by Cherokee County located at 541 Concord Road, Gaffney, SC. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Merv Bishop had no report.

Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley presented the procurement overview for the Midway Master Plan and RFP 2025-29 Sports Facilities, Recreation & Land Development Master Plan. Kristy stated that a few months back council instructed Administration to move forward with the Midway Master Plan and so we went out for bid request for qualified architects. The master plan includes approximately 175 acres of property owned by Cherokee County located along Hyatt Street. This plan accounts for the feasibility of what is proposed and identifies key infrastructure needs, limitation, and modification required to implement the proposed elements within the master plan. This plan gives us more options to raise money for a cause/project since we have a plan and specifically tell where the money is going to complete this plan. This plan will outline parking, utility planning, stormwater management, access management and pedestrian safety. We hope to create a long-range plan that can be built to ensure the property is developed responsibly as well as it can relate to economic development that this project will bring. We had 8 companies to respond to our RFP. Our Evaluation Committee met and reviewed these, scored them, and met again to discuss scores and select the consultant and enter into price negotiations with consultant. Outlines in your handout (which is attached) are what we will get from ADC Engineering, Inc. This plan will utilize the existing landscape and topography on this property. We will use the Park & Recreation Development (PARC) Fund in the amount of \$158,174.69 + County Hospitality

Fund – \$139,927.81 to pay the project total of \$298,102.50. **[Councilman David Smith made the motion to award RFP 2025-29 Sports Facilities, Recreation & Land Development Master Plan to ADC Engineering, Inc., Greenville, SC for the total project amount of \$298,102.50 and pay it from the PARD and Hospitality Funds. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.]**

**Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:25 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) involving Cherokee Co. Landfill and the former Broad River Electric facility pertaining to discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual matters. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy Mc Daniel made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 7:00 PM. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.** Attorney Mathis stated that no vote or action was taken during Executive Session.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.

APPROVED: **9/2/25**

BY ITS CHAIR: **Tim Spencer**

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council