

DATE: 12/16/25 **FILE NO: DATE661**
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting, 12/15/25

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 12/15/25, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present except Billy Blanton. Administrator Merv Bishop, Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley, Attorney Joe 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 30 visitors.

Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting of Monday, 12/15/25 as posted in accordance with the SCFOIA with the following amendments: 1) to delay the action to award RFP 2026-16 Roof Replacement at the EOC; and 2) to add Drake Scott of Collier. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 12/5/25 as received. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$641,191.76. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Drake Scott with Collier read a letter from Kirby Church regarding their proposal on the Broad River Electric property. Council took no action and the matter was closed. (A copy of the letter is attached.)

Chairman Tim Spencer opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2025-31 authorizing, pursuant to Title 4, Chapters 1 & 29, of the Code of Laws of SC 1976, as amended, the execution & delivery of a Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC, and a legal entity identified by the County as Project Quantum Leap, acting for itself, one or more current or future affiliates and other project companies; providing for certain special source revenue credits; designating certain property to be included in a Multi-County Industrial Park; and providing for other related matters. No one was present to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-31 authorizing, pursuant to Title 4, Chapters 1 & 29, of the Code of Laws of SC 1976, as amended, the execution & delivery of a Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC, and a legal entity identified by the County as Project Quantum Leap, acting for itself, one or more current or future affiliates and other project companies; providing for certain special source revenue credits; designating certain property to be included in a Multi-County Industrial Park; and providing for other related matters. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor. Economic Development Director Ken Moon reported that the project is Fenner Precision Polymers, a leader in

reinforced polymer technology; will be investing approximately \$30 million and creating 51 new jobs. Fenner will locate its new 113,000 square foot facility at 1 Commerce Drive (the former BIC building). Vice President of the Michelin Group Rick Williams was also present to answer any questions and looks forward to a great partnership with Cherokee Co.

Administrator Merv Bishop asked approval to move forward with a repayment grant in the amount of \$43,500 as part of our ongoing Economic Development efforts. **[David Smith made the motion for Administration to move forward with this grant for Site Enhancement Program. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion to allow Administration to sign the necessary documentation to lock in current pricing for essential EMS equipment through Stryker Sales for the EMS Equipment. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Merv Bishop thanked council for their leadership, support & continued commitment to our county throughout the past year. He also recognized all county employees and their commitment to serving the public; and he extended his sincere appreciation to many citizens who serve on boards & committees for our county. Merv wished council & all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New year.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to allow Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley to go out for bid for the SS4A Grant to contract with a consultant to be able to complete a Comprehensive Safety Action plan for the County. The project was awarded \$400,000 grant. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion to allow Asst. Admin. Bradley to go out for bid for the EOC Equipment Garage and this will be paid by the grant from the Dept. of Homeland Security. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor. The building will be placed at the back of the EOC Bldg. located in the Old Alma School.

Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley updated council on the Land Development Regulations. I met with the Citizen Planning Committee last Thursday and we decided to step back on the zoning and look more at the planning regulations. We will meet again on 1/8/26, 10 am to vote on the proposed changes to the land development regulations.

Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:25 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice regarding a pending contractual matter. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:55 PM. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Mathis reported no vote or action was taken during Executive Session.

Chairman Tim Spencer reminded & invited council & guest of the Christmas Dinner being served now across the hall in the 1st Floor Training Room.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:55 PM.

APPROVED: 1/5/26

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk