



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 23, 2012**

Present: David L. Ferguson, Dwayne Perry, R. David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Carolyn B. Robinson, Mikel Trapp, Council Members; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Jack James, County Attorney; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date, and location of this meeting: The Herald-Independent, The State, and Winnsboro Cablevision, and fifty-eight individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Trapp and Vice Chairman Perry to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2011 {erroneously listed on the agenda for approval as December 12 2011; when, actually, the minutes submitted to the Council were January 9, 2012}. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

The Animal Mission – Ms. Elaine Gillespie

The Clerk of Council set forth that she received a telephone call from Ms. Gillespie's assistant this morning, indicating Ms. Gillespie would be unable to make her presentation tonight.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Third And Final Reading: Ordinance No. 598 - Request For A Zoning Reclassification From RD (Rural Development) To B-2 (General Business) Of One And Fifteen Hundredths (1.15) Acres, Owned By William B. Hendrix. Applicant Is Porter Gas Service. Portion Of Tax Map No. 080-00-00-061, Located At 241 Road 99, Blair, SC, 29015. *It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 598. The motion carried unanimously.*

7. NEW BUSINESS:**A. Discussion of Agenda Items For March 7, 2012 Capitol Hill Visit**

Chairman Ferguson set forth that last year, Council submitted the water project, jointly with the Town of Winnsboro. He expressed that it might be favorable if Council used the same direction this year, along with some others. He solicited Council's input in this discussion.

- Council Member Robinson asked that the drought be emphasized and the desperate need for water.
- Chairman Ferguson asked that the County receive verification from the Town of Winnsboro as to the status of the reservoir.
- Council Member Brown offered that the County also talk to the Town about sewerage.
- Vice Chairman Perry opined that the discussion should be about the water needs for the next five to ten years, based on where the County is now and what the County is trying to accomplish with Fairfield Commerce Center.
- Council Member Marcharia voiced his concern about the water, citing some of the citizens want it and some do not in areas such as Cherokee. He asked if anyone had an analysis of taking water from different reactors.

Council agreed to carry this item over to the worksession tomorrow night.

B. Extension Of Deadline For Applying For Agricultural Land Use Property For 2011 Tax Year. Must Apply On Or Before Close Of Business March 30, 2012.

It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Robinson to extend the deadline for applying for agricultural land use property for 2011 tax year. The motion carried unanimously.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. None.

9. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

- a. Ribbon cutting for upgraded recycling centers: January 29 (Lake Wateree); February 5 (Blair).
 b. Distributed Property Management Code Manual and Existing Building Code Manual. Pointed out that public hearing and second reading is scheduled for the February 13, 2012 meeting.
 c. Chairman Ferguson pointed out that a discrepancy had been brought to the attention of the Planning Commission and Mr. Vismor in the riparian rights document. The revision will be submitted to the Clerk in the morning and she will be contacting Mr. Vismor for a clean document in which to submit to Council. Mr. Hinley was asked to ensure the clean document was placed online for the public to view.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provided as information.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Brown: Explained the agricultural use extension process.

Ferguson: Pointed out some of the comments he has received from citizens about their taxes. Mr. Hinley is looking into some matters and will be bringing a report back.

Marcharia: Commented about people not putting on their signal lights.

Kinley: Pointed out that there is only one patrolman on duty per shift for the entire county.

Brown: Inquired if Council could amend the agenda at this time to go in executive session to discuss a personnel matter. {The County Attorney ruled that Council would have to give notice to do that}.

Robinson: Expressed sympathy to the family of the young lady who died in a tragic accident.

13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M., upon unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.
CHAIRMAN