



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

Present: Billy Smith, Neil Robinson, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Dan W. Ruff, Mikel Trapp, Bertha Goins, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Jack James, County Attorney; Patti Locklair, 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 Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, The Country Chronicle, The Fairfield Times and one hundred twenty seven other individuals.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***
- 3. INVOCATION**
Vice Chair Goins led the invocation.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2017. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***
- 5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**
None.
- 6. 1ST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, FOR WHICH NO PUBLIC HEARING IS REQUIRED OR HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.**
 - Randy Bright - Hospital
- 7. PUBLIC HEARING**
None.
- 8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS**

- A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 674** – An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance #616, Roads, Highways and Bridges, As follows: Revise Section 1-20-C, Road Paving Program. It was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 674. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***
- B. Resolution No. 2017-01:** Resolution Supporting: The Nomination and Designation of U.S. 321, State Road 20 (SR-20-20), .S. 321 and S.C. 34 (Piedmont Gateway) as a State Scenic Byway. It was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve Resolution No. 2017-01. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Douglas to accept the minutes from Chamber of Commerce, Disabilities and Special Needs, Library Commission and Hospital Board. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Vice Chair Goins and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the Appointment Ratification as presented for the Fairfield County Assessment Appeals Board. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.*** Chairman Smith announced the following appointment: Ms. Barbara P. Charles appointed to serve on the Assessment Appeals Board representing District 4.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Request of Action: Installation of New Gym Bleachers – Administration and Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Mr. Taylor reported the request went before the Finance Committee for new gym bleachers at the recreation center gymnasium. It was properly bid and advertised. Two bids came in: MasterCraft at \$41,202 and Learning Environment at \$45,000. This was a budgeted item and recommendation was to go with MasterCraft. Motion to approve made by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Trapp. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

Council packets contained the Boards and Commissions Vacancies Report which includes present and immediate future vacancies. Vice Chair Goins suggested that we place an ad in the paper thereby

allowing the community to be aware of the vacancies for the community to be more involved. She would like to possibly see some of the young active voters involved in the future. Chairman Smith agreed and feels this is much needed with the number of vacancies we have available at the present time. After discussion, the Council as a whole felt it was a good idea to place an ad for these vacancies. Council Member Trapp also suggested putting it on the County website. This will be handled administratively in conjunction with the County Administrator.

15. 2ND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT WILL BE FOR ITEMS NOT CURRENTLY ON COUNCIL'S AGENDA OR UNDER COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION. THE SUBJECT MATTER SHALL BE RELATED TO AND LIMITED TO ITEMS, ISSUES AND TOPICS REGARDING FAIRFIELD COUNTY. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

- Kathy Faulk - Shelter Ordinance
- Minge Wizeman - Shelter Ordinance/Equines
- Paula Spinale - Shelter Ordinance
- Randy Bright - Keepsake (Economic Development Website)

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Robinson: Commended Mr. Bright on his ideas concerning Economic Development. There are many different ways to boost the County. Also, wanted to commend Chairman Smith for recommending him for the Economic Development class in Charleston this past weekend which was attended also by Mr. Weathers, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Davenport. He is looking forward to Class #2.

Douglas: Thanked the Hoof and Paw representatives for coming tonight.

Goins: In District 4, she is in contact with the Chamber of Commerce and is posting the upcoming events at the Post Office and distributing to other organizations and churches. She challenges everyone to find out about the events going on in the County through the Chamber and spread the word and attend the events.

Smith: The suggestion of working on the website is very good. We know this is an issue and we are working toward updating both the Economic Development and County Government websites. Soon we should be receiving a request from Administration to approve a request of action in connection with this. Also, we very much appreciate the passion of the animal control folks. We do pay attention to this matter and are working on it. We will be working on improving the funding of our animal control department this budget calendar. Also, as a matter of procedure, let's address each other by title instead of by name in the future.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (SUBSEQUENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION).

In addition to Council, the following were present in Executive Session: Jason Taylor, Davis Anderson, Jack James, Suzie Doscher, Clarence Gilbert, Scott Campbell, Ray Jones and John Dubose.

At 6:35, it was moved by Vice Chair Goins, seconded by Council Member Trapp to go into executive session (1) for a contractual matter involving Fairfield Memorial Hospital and proposal information and (2) a legal matter involving an update on the Mega Site land litigation. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

At 7:05, it was moved by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Ruff to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

There was no action taken in executive session

18. ADJOURN

At 7:06, it was moved by Council Member Ruff, properly seconded by Council Member Robinson to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

PATTI LOCKLAIR
CLERK TO COUNCIL

WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.
CHAIRMAN