ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
APRIL 17, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
RAY GRAHAM
KEN WATERS
TOM ALLEN
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: ... call the Special Presentation part of the Anderson County Council meeting of April 17th to order. I’d like to welcome each and every one of you here and thank y’all for coming. At this time we’ll move on with Item number 2, Resolutions and Proclamations. 2(a) be 2018-023. This will be Ms. Wilson and Mr. Waters and Mr. Graham.

Ms. Wilson, who’s doing it? Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I’d like to bring this forth in a motion, this is Resolution R2018-023. This is a Resolution to Recognize and Honor Anderson Districts I and II Career and Technology Center Students for their Outstanding Broadcasting Performances; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

WHEREAS, in October 2012 the Anderson Districts One and Two Career and Technology Center’s Media Broadcasting Program founded WPPB, The Pulse, a broadcasting radio station created and operated by students from Wren, Palmetto, Powdersville and Belton-Honea Path High Schools; and

WHEREAS, Anderson Career and Technology Center Broadcasting students did compete on October 14, 2017 at the Terri Hemmert High School Radio and Audio Awards competition held in Chicago, Illinois. The Intercollegiate Broadcasting Systems Midwest Radio and Broadcasting conference covered multiple levels of Intercollegiate Broadcasting Systems, such as radio and television broadcast, webcasting, podcasting and streaming. The competition included many high school radio stations from across the country. The Anderson Career and Technology Center Broadcasting students won a school record of five first place trophies, receiving 12 awards overall, and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2018 the Anderson Districts One and Two Career and Technology Center did compete in the 78th Intercollegiate Broadcast System Student Media Conference and Awards in New York City. During the competition seventeen schools from across the country did compete. WPPB students became a finalist in 15 categories, received first place in twelve categories, and for the first time since competing were chosen as the winner of Best High School Radio Station of the year; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the Anderson County Council and its residents desire to recognize the accomplishments of Anderson Districts I and II Career and Technology Broadcasting students for representing the best qualities of our youth, bringing tremendous pride for being outstanding ambassadors of
our community.
Again, congratulations and we wish you great
success in your future endeavors.
Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 17th day
of April, 2018.
I bring this forth as a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Graham,
second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? I think the whole
Council hears that and appreciates a job well done
they do. Anything, Ms. Wilson?
CINDY WILSON: This is once again, and
we’re hoping to do it again next year as well. The
Anderson Career and Technology Center has been way
ahead of its time. And they’ve just been amazing on
all levels of their education. So we’re real proud of
y’all. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.
TOM ALLEN: Yes, and I, too, would kind
of like to kind of echo what Ms. Wilson said. Having
been out to the Center not too long ago. You folks do
a fantastic job out there and you win so many awards
for everything. And as I said coming in, one of them
was nationally recognized for cooking, which is right
down my alley. So that’s a good thing, too. But I
personally want to thank and congratulate all of you
for doing such a great job out there. You really,
really do. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters.
KEN WATERS: I’d just like to say this.
I’m a product of the Career Center so this is what
you’re going to look like when you grow up. I’m
kidding. Man, I tell you what. I am so proud of you
guys because you guys are the ones that do it. It’s
the students that make it and I cannot tell you how
proud that I am of you guys and look forward to seeing
you, one of y’all sitting up here one day, really.
Thank you very much for what y’all do.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously. Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Yes, if I could, have you
guys step up front and we’re going to present you with
this resolution.
(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)
RAY GRAHAM: Who’s going to be the
spokesperson? It is definitely an honor for us to
present this to you guys. ???. With that being said,
we’d definitely like to present this to you. And ???.
???: If I could say anything
about, you know, WPPB, the Pulse, it’s that we’ve had
a really good year. And about a year ago coming up I
was chosen to be the station manager and that was
really cool, and really fun. But I realized that, you
know, it did look all fun and games from the outside
when I joined Media Broadcasting, but it’s serious.
And I knew freshman year as soon as I saw what they
were doing at the Career Center, that I wanted to be
in radio and I wanted to work with that. But, you
know, as far as everything else, I can say the people
that have been beside me, people like Daniel, and
everyone up here, Michelle, Jackson -- he’s one of the
upcoming juniors, he’s doing a lot of cool stuff. But
there are so many shows and so many, you know, so many
things that we’re doing as far as promotional and
advertisement and all that stuff. And it’s good
skills that we’re learning from Mr. Boone and Mr.
Sealy. And I know that this is a radio thing, but
can’t say enough about the film program. I’ve learned
so much there as far as cinematography and even
advertising because I used to work in advertising.
And before I keep you guys here all evening, just
thank you. For the people who came out and thank you
to everyone who supported the radio station and all
that stuff.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank y’all. Appreciate
everything you guys do.

TOMMY DUNN: As they leave the room,
we’ll move on now to 2(b) 2018-024. Ms. Cindy Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
And in addition to having stellar young people, we
have heros among us. This is a Resolution to
Recognize and Honor West Pelzer Fire Department and
its Volunteer Firefighters for their Dedicated Service
to its Residents and other Matters Related Thereto.

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council considers it
a privilege to recognize and to honor West Pelzer Fire
Department and its members for their call to duty in
safeguarding the lives of fellow citizens and their
properties in their community and for making Anderson
County a safer better place to live, work and play;
and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County’s Fire Commission
was created and established by enactment of the State
of South Carolina in 1961; the County’s Fire
Commission consisted of and overlapped with five (5)
school districts and three (3) fire stations. West
Pelzer Fire Departments is one of 28 fire departments
in Anderson County Fire System; and
WHEREAS, the West Pelzer Fire Department began service in 1963 and with the dedication of its countless volunteers and the support of the community has evolved to provide the highest level of fire and rescue services to its residents and all citizens of Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Chief’s Banquet was held on January 22, 2018 at the Civic Center. During the banquet West Pelzer Fire Department received the prestigious Courage and Life Saving Award; and

WHEREAS, West Pelzer Fire Department and its volunteer firefighters provide an instrumental and invaluable service in protecting lives and property for our citizens; they are personal and compassionate in their efforts executed courageously and fearlessly with the safety of others at the forefront of every call; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County Council recognizes that the key to success in a community is its people especially those who demonstrate qualities of vision, dedication and servant leadership; stepping forward to guide, direct and energize our community often at a considerable sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County Council and the residents of Anderson County are pleased to recognize and honor West Pelzer Fire Department and its members for their dedicated service to the community; the Anderson County Council is especially appreciative of the volunteer firefighters and their willingness to sacrifice their time and selves to protect the citizens of Anderson County.

RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 17th day of April, 2018.

May I put that in the form of a motion, please.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson, second by Mr. Waters. Any discussion? I’d just like to say the whole Council encouraged Ms. Wilson’s thing. Appreciate what all y’all do for the citizens of Anderson County and especially for the community of West Pelzer. Appreciate y’all very much. All in favor of the motion show of hands.

CINDY WILSON: Just real quickly.

TOMMY DUNN: Oh, yes. I’m sorry.

CINDY WILSON: I was just going to point out that because of our volunteer fire departments mostly volunteer fire departments in the county, our county does enjoy excellent insurance ratings and greater safety. We’re very blessed. I remember a time, I guess it was back in early 2000, in certain areas of the county, the Sheriff’s department wouldn’t
respond so we would tell the older folks if something
happens, call your fire department, they can get there
fastest. And y’all did it, so we’re very grateful.
Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Still get
called for everything, don’t we? All in favor of the
motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: May we have the West Pelzer
fire department volunteers stand in front and their
families. Thank you.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

TOMMY DUNN: That will conclude this
part of our Council meeting. We’ll be back at 6:30
for the start of our Regular Council meeting.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:19 P.M.)
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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call to order the April 17th Regular Meeting of the Anderson County Council to order. At this time I’d like to ask us to all rise for Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance with Vice Chairman Graham, please.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if we may, I’m going to ask that we have a moment of silence for Ms. McCormick. She helped initiate and start the Free Clinic in Honea Path. And just want to ask that there’s a moment of silence in her memory due to her passing this past week.

TOMMY DUNN: Please keep her family and friends in our thoughts and prayers, please.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RAY GRAHAM)

TOMMY DUNN: Before we go any further, there’s a couple of housekeeping notes. One, I hope Ms. Floyd gets to feeling better where she can -- she’s under the weather, just couldn’t stand up. In a little pain. Understandable that. Hope she gets to feeling better.

And, also, there was a mistake on the agenda that’s printed out. Item number 5, third reading -- I’m sorry -- Item number 6(a) 2018-010 is no public hearing. That was last week. There’s no public hearing on that.

Moving on now, approval of the minutes. Are there any changes or corrections to the April 3rd minutes?

CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: There are three minor ones. On line 31 on page 3, it needs to be added at the end of that line, of Clemson. And that goes into the experimental forest. Line 40, the name of Linda Symborski was misspelled. It is S-y-m-b-o-r-s-k-i. And there was an incorrect spelling of the name of Elliot Holman. That’s H-o-l-m-a-n on page 15, line 5. And that’s all I found.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anything at all? Ms. Wilson, you want to make a motion to accept with those corrections and changes?

CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that we accept the minutes as amended?

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion, we have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 4, Citizen Comments. As the attorney calls your name, please, again, for the
record state your name and district. You have three
minutes and keep items on the agenda items only this
first go around. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first citizen
signed up is Brady Collins.

BRADY COLLINS: Members of Council, my name
is Brady Collins. I’m in District 4, Tommy Dunn’s
District.

TOMMY DUNN: 5.

BRADY COLLINS: Oh, District 5, I’m sorry. And
I’m talking today about the District 4 we’ve
requested a rezoning change for property located at
Highway 24 and Welborn Avenue or Welborn Street. At
the direction of Council at the last meeting, we were
asked to meet with the property owners around us and
see what they would like to have at a storage facility
if we was allowed to build it. We came up with an
interest from everybody, looked at what they wanted
and stuff and came up with some changes that they
would like to be made. And everybody kind of agreed
that look, you know, if you build storage units like
this, then we could accept the storage units being
constructed there.

I then turned over that information to Mr. Jeff
Parkey at the Planning Commission, noting all the
changes they’d like to be made and so forth, you know,
the neighbors do. And you know, I think if the County
would vote to change that zoning to a C-3 that we
would have, you know, good community of storage
facility that everybody would be happy with. So I’d
like your help in doing that. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Collins.

Next, Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker
is Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: I’m speaking on number 9.
Elizabeth Fant, District 3. Trucking, the landfill
and litter issues. Think we are -- Mr. Burns, is
there something wrong with this? Keeps popping in and
out. Start over, please. Talking about landfill,
trucking issues. I think, from what I’m hearing is
that we’re finally making some headway in that behalf,
including some of the powers that be that have some of
the money constraints on the roads and how we might
fix those areas. And I’m really excited about that.
I don’t want to get too excited. I’m always afraid if
I do I’ll have to back up. But I’m anxious to hear
what Ms. Cindy Wilson has to say tonight on that part.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Daniel
Guffey.

DANIEL GUFFEY: My name is Daniel Guffey, I’m with R.W. Properties. I’m here concerning Item number 7 section (b). We’re wanting to rezone 1.39 acres from R-A to R-20. Dividing it into two sections in compliance with DHEC regulations of at least .57 acres for septic. We are wanting to install two manufactured homes. We want to build them FHA compliant to help with all resale values, that nature. I’ve got photographs of other homes surrounding the property, single wides, double wides, various things of that nature. I have photographs of homes that we have actually constructed in the past. So you can see that we’re actually trying to improve that area with new homes, new sales comparisons for appraisals, various things of that nature.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, you want to grab that and pass them out up here, let people look at it.

DANIEL GUFFEY: Thank you.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Timothy McCormick.

TIMOTHY MCCORMICK: Mr. Chairman, County Council members, I’m here representing Patten Development. It’s actually six section (a) that’s not a public hearing. So I just wanted to let you guys know that we are represented here tonight and we appreciate all the recommendations as of so far. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is John Crosby.

JOHN CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Council members. I am here from District 4 as a part of the residential group that is -- that will be affected by Mr. Collins addition to 24 and Welborn. As long as -- and I’ve spoken to several members of our community -- as long as Mr. Collins and his father agree to the security issues and all of the other concerns that we had, I believe that they can move forward on our behalf with no objections as long as those items of concern are addressed. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir. Appreciate it. Mr. Collins, if you don’t mind, Ms. Floyd--

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Collins, are you speaking ---

TOMMY DUNN: No, that’s Mr. Crosby.

GRACIE FLOYD: Crosby. I thought it was Mr. Collins. Mr. Crosby, are you speaking on behalf of all the community?

JOHN CROSBY: Yes, I’ve been asked by --
our representative -- she is unable to be here because
of an emergency in her family and she asked me to be
here.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Would you mind, Mr. Crosby, repeating your message that you’re bringing to
us tonight?

JOHN CROSBY: Certainly. As long as all
of the concerns and issues that were brought up to Mr.
Collins and his father Saturday, I believe it was, the
4th, as long as all of those issues are addressed and
those concerns are addressed in their development and
design of that property, there would be no objections.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

JOHN CROSBY: In fact, my property is and
one other folks’ property is going to be directly
affected. My property adjoins his. And so, my
biggest concern was drainage run off. He’s assured
me, as well as Planning and Zoning, or not Planning
and Zoning, but the folks who built it, have assured
me that if there is any issue -- there should not be
any issue with the way that they do it, but if there
were, it would not necessarily be my issue.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to Item Third Reading 4(a) 2018-006 an
ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of
a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010
Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to
enlarge the park. This will be a public hearing.
Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step
forward, state your name and district and address the
Chair. Public Hearing. Anyone at all? Hearing and
seeing none, public hearing will be closed. This is
Third Reading. We’ve discussed this twice before. We
have a motion?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion -- Ms. Wilson makes
a motion to move forward. Mr. Waters seconds. Any
discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to 6(b) 2018 -- I’m sorry -- 6(a) 2018-
010 an ordinance amending the Zoning Map to rezone +/-
2.6 acres from R-A (Residential-Agricultural) to C-1R
(Rural Commercial) at the corner of Mountain View Road
and Old Greenville Highway. Public Hearing. This is
not a public hearing, as I said earlier. Anyone make
a motion?

KEN WATERS: I make a motion we move forward.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters to move forward, second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now moving on to 6(b) 2018-011 an ordinance establishing the terms and conditions upon which non-exclusive franchises may be granted to private ambulance services operating within Anderson County for non-emergency patient transport; establishing the procedures for applying for such franchises, the payment of franchise fees, the period of operation granted by such franchise, renewal procedures, and the standards applicable to such franchise, establishing appeal procedure for denial of a franchise application, discipline of a franchise, denial of renewal of a franchise or the termination or restriction of franchise rights; establishing penalties for violation of this ordinance. This is second reading. Have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Waters, second by Mr. Graham. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 7 (a) Ordinance First Reading 2018-007 an ordinance amending the Zoning Map to rezone +/- 3.3 acres from R-M7 (Multi-Family Residential) to C-3 (Commercial) along Hwy 24 and Welborn Street. Again, this is Highway 24, not the back lots that was took off last time. We have a motion?

RAY GRAHAM: Motion to move forward.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion and a second. I’ll make an amendment to the motion. I amend the motion we accept with Mr. Collins what he’s agreed to, to make sure that’s put in writing to take care of the neighborhood; do what he said he’d do. And so I’ll put that in the form of a motion. We have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any discussion on the amendment? Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair, yes. I just wanted to say I was afraid this was going to be one of those nights when we had to make a really, really
tough decision up here and one side or the other was
going to be mad. But we probably won’t have to do
that tonight. And I’m very proud of the two groups
that got together and worked this out. And I
compliment Mr. Collins on the job that you did trying
to work this out. We’ve got the documentation up here
of the things that you’re going to do. And again, I’m
very pleased that you were able to work this out with
the residents back there. I understand both sides and
it is kind of a tough decision some times. But I want
to thank you for the job that you did. That’s
all, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
amendment to the motion show of hands. All opposed
like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now back to the original motion. Any discussion?
I’d just like to add to Mr. Allen’s sentiments with
the neighborhood out there and Mr. Collins. Both Mr.
Collins, Brady and Teddy, both, for working on this
and getting resolution.
Also want to commend staff, Dr. Parkey and your
staff, for working on this and seeing this through and
putting this thing together, too.
All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 7(b) 2018-009 an
ordinance amending the Zoning Map to rezone +/- 1.39
acres from R-A (Residential-Agricultural) to R-20
(Single-Family Residential) at the corner of Hamlin
Road and Merritt Road. Do we have a motion?

KEN WATERS: ??

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters. Speak into
your mike. I don’t know if it’s on or -- here. Can
y’all hear?

KEN WATERS: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I’d
like to make a motion that we -- that this area was
zoned correctly and that we leave it zoned R-A. I
bring that in the form of motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Waters.

Have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen.

Discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, could you please
tell me, what district is this in?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters, District 6.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Waters’s district.
1 Okay. Thank you.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
3 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
4 Show the motion carries unanimously.
5 Moving on to Item number 7(c) 2018-012 an
6 ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of
7 a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010
8 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to
9 enlarge the park. Same thing we talked about a while
10 ago; another procedure of it. We have a motion to
11 move this forward?
12 TOM ALLEN: Motion.
13 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second
15 Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the
16 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
17 the motion carries unanimously.
18 Moving on to Item 7(d) 2018-014 an ordinance to
19 amend an agreement for the development of a Joint
20 County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of
21 Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the
22 park. We have a motion to move this forward?
23 RAY GRAHAM: Motion.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham, second
25 Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of the
26 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
27 the motion carries unanimously.
28 There’s no resolutions.
29 Moving on to Item number 9, Report from the
30 Cheddar Issues including Trucking, Landfill and
31 Litter. Ms. Wilson and Mr. Graham.
32 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
33 This has been a very arduous effort on behalf of the
34 citizens and many parties, including our very
35 excellent staff, our county attorney, our county solid
36 waste director, roads and bridges and Deputy
37 Administrator. We’ve been very blessed with a lot of
38 help. And I especially thank Mr. Ray Graham for
39 getting involved to help.
40 First, we’ve got some encouraging news in that the
41 Southern Environmental Law Center -- not to be
42 confused with the Southern Poverty Law Center --
43 representing Upstate Forever and the Savannah River
44 Keeper in the matter of the huge Kinder Morgan Energy
45 Partners, LP, and the Plantation Pipeline Company,
46 Inc. spill of petroleum products in the Cheddar
47 community for which our county filed a friend of the
48 court brief successfully argued before the U.S. Court
49 of Appeals for the 4th Circuit in Richmond, Virginia
50 in December last year.
The court basically ordered the case back to the U.S. District court. The long and the short of that is there is now an opportunity to possibly enforce the Clean Water Act. The spill has visibly and obviously leaked into the wetland and directly into a major creek, part of the Broadway Lake water shed. We are in hopes the community will be made whole.

Second, the trucking and hauling and road issues in the Cheddar, Williamston and Belton areas are being collectively reviewed among others, the citizens, SCDOT, Anderson DOT, representatives of the South Carolina Trucking Association, the Petroleum Haulers Association, and local truckers and even members of our General Assembly. A recommendation regarding routing from South Carolina Highway 247 to Murphy Road has been sent to the Associations. Since all five recent turnovers and spills on Murphy Road involved loaded and speeding truckers, the county recommends that unloaded trucks traveling from Highway 247 may turn down Murphy Road going towards the tank farm, but loaded to return to Highway 247 via Belton Highway 20 and making the left hand turn onto 247 in Belton.

Mr. Holt Hopkins, Mr. Matt Hogan, Ms. Megan Young and others from our Roads and Bridges Department, along with a lot of the citizens, all of us have ridden the roads over there. I need to definitely thank them for their role in organizing the 3-29-18 meeting at the Cheddar Fire Department and in helping making determinations which will be very valuable and vital to this process.

Yesterday Mr. Kevin McLaughlin of SCDOT phoned to advise as to the following measures to further help the serious situation. Number one there will be no further reduction of speed on -- the speed limit on Big Creek Road, which is currently 45. However, enforcement is starting to take effect to the better over there. A number of -- number 2, a number of signs will be changed from advisory to the speed limit, particularly around 247, Shady Grove and Murphy Roads. The county is expected to put up flashing speed limit machines to assist in notifying drivers of their speed. A guard rail at Big Creek will be installed in August to September time period. Stop bars will be placed at each end of Big Creek Road and a clearing of the line of sight at Big Creek and Cannon Bottom has been accomplished. The county is currently engaged in making repairs and improvements to the local roads that will help.

Now we have some bad news. Anderson County does not have a new contract with the landfill. While
we’ve had a meeting of the minds regarding pricing, other issues have arisen. We are yet to enjoy the benefits of lower cost of disposal and this is the reason why. Please refer to the ongoing communications between us and South Carolina DHEC’s Ms. Julie Blalock. The satellite trucking operation and the trucking of pulp material into and out of the landfill outside of the DHEC permitted hours and the original contract hours is a violation of those agreements. The pulp material has been used as daily cover for the landfill and has created a far greater stench than the existing stinky garbage. These issues make an already difficult living situation totally unbearable. The Waste Connections Landfill Company and their lawyers believe that by re-titling adjoining land and putting in a new gate that this will make the problems go away. A hauling operation planned on the same property but with a separate entrance fails to resolve the noise issues, keeping the neighbors up at night. Aren’t we all dependent on a good night’s sleep? How can you make your living when you are sleep deprived? What are the impacts on health? We have recommended to Waste Connections to locate these trucking operations outside of the landfill permitted hours at the site nearby which was recently used for the Duke coal ash hauling operations as it is far enough away and would cause minimal neighborhood disruption. In short, we’ve reached an impasse. Look for the community citizens to review their options, the county to review ours and the company’s attorneys to continue their pressure on South Carolina DHEC. We’re certainly hoping for the best in this and do appreciate everyone’s efforts in this matter. These matters, because there are lot of them. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN:   Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Moving on, Number 10, a Report from Personnel Committee, Chairman Allen.

TOM ALLEN:   Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. Several months ago the county contracted with a Personnel Consulting Firm out of Austin, Texas by the name of Seagul Waters to come up here and take a look at our personnel processes, the way our personnel system runs and works here in the county. And we asked them to look at several areas. And they have just completed their study. And each of the Council members will be getting a copy of this so that they can thoroughly go through it. But we asked them to take a look at the job analysis and classification review, job evaluation for internal quality control, custom compensation survey, pay and benefit practices,
market comparisons -- in other words, comparing the
county here to other counties, as well as private
industry -- development of new classification for
compensation plans, pay policy review and then they
gave us some final recommendations overall and what we
need to do.

And the reason we did this is because we’re losing
employees from the county here to private industry and
to other counties and we needed to sit down and look
at our compensation package, our health package and
the various things that we offer them. How do we
promote them, how do they get pay raises, what do we
do on annual appraisal reports and that sort of thing?
So we needed to look at the entire ball game. And
this company, I’ve glanced at this, it looks like
they’ve done an outstanding job.

And again, each of the Council members will get a
copy of this document, have time to look through it
and then we’ll discuss it in detail at a later
meeting. So you should be getting them in the next
day or so. They’re getting printed. So that was all
I had there unless there’s any questions that I might
be able to answer.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it, Mr. Chairman.

TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
11, Report from Planning and Public Works Committee.

CINDY WILSON: Fortunately we have happier
news on this front. And I want to thank Mr. Allen for
filling in for one of our Council committee members
who was unable to attend. Our committee discussed
with our county tax assessor and other county advisors
the possibility of disbursing through an auction
process two of our smaller convenience -- former
convenience center sites. One with good I-85 exposure
and frontage on Harris Bridge Road in a light
industrial area. And also the former jockey lot
convenience center. The county is performing due
diligence work and our committee will come back to you
soon with our recommendations.

As the TTI site and buildings are being vacated
county departments such as fleet services, roads and
bridges, will move to appropriate spaces there. The
economic development soft landing training operation
will soon be in place there. The county operations
and departments moving to this property will vacate
other buildings as our county moves to consolidate as
much as possible. There will be additional county
holdings considered for dispersal and also from more intense maintenance. This discussion evolved into the review of the capital improvement plan. Our committee managed to work its way through approximately half of the requests. We will meet again soon to finalize our recommendation for the CIPs that become part of the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget and ongoing plans for the county. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Moving on to the Finance Committee held on April 13th, 2018. Chairman Waters.

KEN WATERS: Yes, sir. Mr. Carroll, will you come forward with -- and help us out with the bids here? The first bid we have is for a change order for Dolly Cooper Park. And Mr. Carroll, will you go over those three bids for us?

ROBERT CARROLL: All right. This is for change order for Dolly Cooper Park to the football field that you had already approved and they are asking for approval of change order number 1 for Capital Construction out of Greenville. Capital Construction is the company.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance Committee doesn’t need ---

KEN WATERS: Everything on the Finance Committee was voted unanimously.

TOMMY DUNN: --- doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

Moving on to Item number 3(b). Mr. Carroll.

ROBERT CARROLL: Electronics bid for Solid Waste. We had seven companies to respond to this and staff is recommending PowerHouse Recycling.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance Committee doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to (c), Class 2 Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Vehicle. We voted on this about two meetings ago and they put it out for bids and I guess they’re coming back with the bid now, Mr. Carroll?

ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. We put this out and received one response from Osh Kosh out of Wisconsin, three hundred fifty-eight thousand six hundred twenty-one dollars and twenty cents. Staff recommends approval.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance Committee again doesn’t need a second. Are there any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: The good news is the county’s part of this expenditure will only be about eighteen thousand. So that’s ---

ROBERT CARROLL: Five percent.

CINDY WILSON: Pardon?

ROBERT CARROLL: Five percent.

CINDY WILSON: Yeah. Five percent. So that was good news. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: This come in lower than what was expected, what we really expected. This bid did. Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to (d) bid for a Boom Mower. Mr. Carroll.

ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. This is for ATMAX Equipment one hundred forty-nine thousand seven hundred dollars. Mr. Stone and his staff has evaluated and recommends approval.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Carroll, I’m just asking to get a little information. People notice this is coming out of capital.

ROBERT CARROLL: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Going in the roads department.

ROBERT CARROLL: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance Committee doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 4(a). Who wants to handle this? Ms. Davis?

KEN WATERS: Ms. Davis, you want to take care of that one or you want me to ---

TOMMY DUNN: Help us out here.

KEN WATERS: Okay. That is for the Sheriff’s Department. That is a SAR IV 5-Plex Reader with BW 5-Plex. Mr. Miller, would you like to -- you have any input on that?

RITA DAVIS: This is out of the haz-mat funds, sir. An apparatus that attaches to the chemical detection equipment. A leaking battery, the old one. This is just a replacement for haz-mat. Seven hundred dollars.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance Committee doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item (b).
KEN WATERS: Okay. A Belkin widescreen rack-mount consoles.

TOMMY DUNN: This for the new cars?

What’s this for, Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: It’s going to be in reference to the computers we just bought a couple of months ago. And they basically done it different on the bid system. It’s just an addition to those.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right. For cars or not cars.

RITA DAVIS: Dispatch.

TOMMY DUNN: Dispatch.

RITA DAVIS: Monitors and servers. Low bid at seventy-six dollars??.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance Committee doesn’t need a second. Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Item number 5.

KEN WATERS: That are two 800 megahertz radios for Belton Police Department. Mr. Graham, you want to ---

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is just in reference to adding two eight hundred megahertz radios to our monthly fee that we’re paying on that. We’ve done this on numerous occasions. City of Belton has shown justification due to officer safety to ensure each officer has a radio. I brought this before Council.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance Committee, again, doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 6, Update on fiscal year 18 financial position. Ms. Davis, you want to say ---

KEN WATERS: Ms. Davis, you want to go over the financial position for 2018?

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. We updated it last month and pleased to report that revenues are tracking outstanding. We’re probably going to be about one point two million to the good on revenue. Also expenditures are a lot less than budgeted. So we will definitely project to finish the year with more than three months fund balance in our general fund. That’s what we aim for.

CINDY WILSON: And may I?


CINDY WILSON: I’m going to still plead with everybody for paving money.
TOMMY DUNN: I don’t think, Ms. Wilson, you got to do a whole lot of pleading if we got the money. I think everybody agrees we need paving money. Ms. Davis, anything else?

RITA DAVIS: No, sir. Not unless there’s any questions.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Item number 7, Council Vision and Priorities. I think this is just a follow-up what was requested a few meetings ago about Council wants to have input, get with the Administrator or whatnot because we’ll be -- she’s finishing up the budget now.

RITA DAVIS: Correct. Yes, sir. And glad to have your input on your priorities.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Davis, I am behind on my meetings and stuff. I’m catching up, but every year about this time I think you and I meet.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: May we have that meeting again this year, please?

RITA DAVIS: Most definitely.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I’d like to have it scheduled sometime next week. I will call you.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Because I want to sit down face to face to see what we’ve got and what we have and where we’re going.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am. At your convenience.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 8, Transfers.

KEN WATERS: If you’ll take a moment and go over the transfers. Can we vote on all these at one time or would you like to ---

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone got a problem with that?

GRACIE FLOYD: I have a problem with it because I have some things I want to go through.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Pull out which ones you want to pull out. You want every one of them one at a time? I’m asking.

GRACIE FLOYD: That’s an idea. I have several of them with question marks on them. May I start now?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Speak into the mike, if you would, Ms. Floyd, so they can hear you.
GRACIE FLOYD: I’m a little perplexed on some of this stuff that’s going on, especially -- I’m talking into it and it’s on. Okay. I just need some understanding on this thing, okay.

Now this one, I can’t tell you what it is because it’s not -- it has nothing here. On division, department is planning and community development department. Now y’all want ???? as I have asked several times. But anyway. There’s one for the Council that’s not numbered. Now, Cola. Ms. Davis, help me out with Cola. Is that the insurance part of it or what?

RITA DAVIS: That was the cost of living allowance that Council ---
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But it has nothing to do with insurance, right?
RITA DAVIS: Correct.
GRACIE FLOYD: Good. Okay. All right.
Well, this one here it was signed but it says division, nothing; department, Council; and it says salaries, two thousand one hundred dollars. Reason to cover pay out of clerk to county. Now, I know we have lost about three people because it all shows up in the budget transfer. Okay, one was the Planning Department, one was the Clerk to County Council and the other was -- what was the other one?

RITA DAVIS: Human resources.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I’ll come back to that one because I don’t understand why all these payout. Okay. Whoever is signing the budget transfer things, a lot has been left out of it, like the division there’s nothing here. And it says explain in complete detail -- complete detail is capitalized and underlined -- the reason for the transfer. Reason to cover payout of assistant HR manager. You know. Now what happened to the assistant HR manager?
RITA DAVIS: She retired. So therefore we have to pay out any accrued vacation that she might have.
GRACIE FLOYD: Ten thousand two hundred and forty-two dollars worth of vacation?
RITA DAVIS: Her actual amount, yes, ma’am. That was -- her salary part of that was ninety-two hundred dollars.
GRACIE FLOYD: Nine thousand two hundred dollars? That’s the salary part?
RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am. She’s been here a long time.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Who is -- well, you
can’t do that on the floor. But a little more
information would have been helpful there, okay.
Also, I’m going through it. Here again, no division,
planning and community development. Whose division is
that, Planning and community development.

RITA DAVIS: That would be for Mr. Jeff
Parkey, Dr. Parkey.

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay. It says complete
details. Part-time intern to help with office needs.
Okay, now, what -- whom have we not replaced?

RITA DAVIS: This is a part-time
individual that’s seeking a Ph.D. at Clemson
University that will help in assessing tiny homes in
the county. Capital improvement plan, what other
counties in the state do, come back with
recommendations for possible changes. Also analyzing
the fiscal impact of zoning changes in the county.
That’s his vision for this part-time intern.

GRACIE FLOYD: So this is a part-time job
for him as he works on his doctorate, right?

RITA DAVIS: She -- it’s a lady.

GRACIE FLOYD: She works on her doctorate.

Okay. One thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.
Is that a month, quarter, weekly or ---

RITA DAVIS: That’s -- I believe it was
nine weeks to get her through May and then she’ll be
asking for through August. Her tenure will stop in
August. And we’ll put the rest of the amount as
Council approves that in the upcoming budget.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I’d like to see a
little bit more on that one, because -- I’d just like
to see a little bit more. You can give it to me at
the next meeting. Okay.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. I’m coming on
now to Parks Recreation and Tourism. It says the Bass
Master Classic and upcoming Bass Nation High School
tournaments require a great deal of time and
management. We are now one -- we are down one full
employee and needed help to bridge the gap -- I think
that’s what he means -- of seven thousand dollars.

Now, is that help -- was somebody hired?

RITA DAVIS: No, ma’am. That represents
overtime. We had, unfortunately, an individual that’s
been out on medical leave in that department. It’s
only a three-person department. So the other two
individuals have had to jump in and try to keep the
work going, in addition to a couple of the fishing
tournaments.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Do we get any money,
folding money, in our hands, for any parts of the Bass
Master whatever?
  RITA DAVIS: I would say, ma’am, we do.
  GRACIE FLOYD: That’s not trickled down.
That’s given to Anderson County for such and such.
  RITA DAVIS: The people that stay in the
hotel, motels, yes, ma’am, while they’re at these
events.
  GRACIE FLOYD: No, no, I’m talking about
Anderson County.
  RITA DAVIS: Well, that does come to
Anderson County. Our three percent accommodations tax
comes back to the county.
  GRACIE FLOYD: That’s the one where we get
the five thousand dollars out of and some folks get
two hundred and thirty something thousand dollars and
others don’t get anything but the five thousand
dollar, okay. All right. There’s another one, a
Public Works transfer of funds necessary to purchase
advertise to help increase number of large dog
adoptions. All right. Now that’s four thousand
dollars. All right. Now, could you explain this? I
mean ---
  RITA DAVIS: Dr. Sanders is having a
blitz in order to adopt out dogs and kitties and she
has some radio advertising that she would love to do
over a six month period.
  GRACIE FLOYD: But shouldn’t this come out
of her budget?
  RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am. It’s within
her budget. She’s just moving from chemical supplies
to advertising.
  GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So she won’t be
coming back asking for money for chemical supplies.
  RITA DAVIS: No, ma’am.
  GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. And also
here’s Public Works environmental enforcement, part-
time sanitation worker is needed to pick up trash cans
and litter at the Civic Center and Anderson County
parks due to the increase of our residents using our
facilities. This one I didn’t understand at three
thousand five hundred dollars because this is the case
all over the county. So why -- I mean, how -- what is
going on with the Civic Center that they can’t take
care of this particular fee?
  RITA DAVIS: Well, it’s not only the
Civic Center, it’s all the parks throughout the
county. And again, that goes back to that individual
that unfortunately was very sick. So this is pitching
in to help pick up trash.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. It says and litter at the Civic Center and Anderson County parks due to increase of our residents using our facility. Okay. Wait a minute, I have some more. Okay. Here’s one, Public Works building and codes, wasn’t enough in account to cover license decals that were needed for mobile homes. What happened that enough money wasn’t put in their budgets, knowing that they were going to have to have this one?

RITA DAVIS: It’s a hundred and fifty dollars.

GRACIE FLOYD: I know that’s a little bit now, but it seems like their budget request would have been fulfilled for something like that.

RITA DAVIS: They just needed more printing, ma’am, for more mobile homes in the county.

GRACIE FLOYD: Do we have more mobile homes in the county now?

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Here’s one. No division, just Planning. To cover payout of the guy that left. Unexpected travel reimbursement for using personal car for county related travel. That’s public works. That’s dues -- that comes out of dues and subscriptions, but they didn’t have enough money in their travel budget, either?

RITA DAVIS: Correct. They drove their own vehicle to a conference. That’s getting reimbursed for travel.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, qell I know that it came out of their own budget.

Okay. Here’s one that I wrote something here. It says here, staff now uses cell phones to communicate with each other across our three hundred and thirty-seven acre complex. We had to abandon our handheld radios several years ago when FCC rules changed drastically, reduced their range. This is -- is this money here, let’s see, one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars, paying them back for using their own phones, personal phones?

RITA DAVIS: We pay Verizon.

GRACIE FLOYD: I beg your pardon?

RITA DAVIS: We pay Verizon. The county pays their cell phone so that they contact each other when they’re out, you know, doing repairs, cutting grass, etcetera.

GRACIE FLOYD: So they use their own private phone.

RITA DAVIS: Verizon provides the phone, a county-owned phone.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And we pay Verizon?
RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I remember once I had a phone that the county gave me because I don’t ask for travel, I just ask for the phone to be done. And the whole thing broke loose in here when folks said that I needed to turn that phone in because why should they have to pay for my phone? I don’t understand the difference here.

Okay. Here’s another one. This is five thousand nine hundred and thirty dollars, Civic Center can no longer get county jail inmates to assist with setting up for large events which requires us to build risers. We have had to hire temporary help which is charged to professional services. Ms. Davis, how come we can’t get the use of the facilities from the detention center, inmates like we used to get? What happened?

RITA DAVIS: Well, my understanding is that the inmate has to be found guilty, they can’t just be sitting there waiting to go to court. And so those numbers are dwindling while they’re waiting at the detention center. So Captain Vaughn can’t send them to help us until it’s been adjudicated and the judge says guilty. Then we can put them to work.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Were we doing that at one time before the judge sentenced them?

RITA DAVIS: I can’t speak for that, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, all right. Well, I just wondered because they have always, in the eighteen years I have been here, we have always used the inmates at the detention center.

Mr. Burns, can you add anything to that for me, please?

RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, there are fewer inmates than we’ve had in the past. As a matter of fact, Ms. Davis and I will be meeting tomorrow with persons from the jail to see if we can increase the number of inmates we get. The other issue is it’s now required more closer supervision of the inmates than was allowed in the past. And so our meeting, I believe, Rita, if I’m not mistaken, is tomorrow?

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.

Fellow Council members, I thank you for indulging me with that because as I looked at the transfers, it seemed like a lot of money going in and out, in and out. And when we do our budgeting these are some of the things that we need to be budgeting for if we’re not meeting the goals. And I sure do thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from the Finance Committee doesn’t need a second on these transfers. Got now discussion. Have any? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

At this time, thank you for that report, Mr. Chairman.

Moving on to Item number 13, Executive Session.

We have somebody make a motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice concerning sewer matter and legal advice on the East-West Parkway completion and Toxaway Mill cleaning.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we go into Executive Session at this time to discuss the two items on the agenda.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. We’ll go behind the Council.

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

CINDY WILSON: ... on the agenda without action taken.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

We have a motion?

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: I’d like to bring forth in form of a motion to approve resolution to Thoratap issue from insulation of a county-owned sewer line in 1995 on former ?? property near Highway 8 and I-85 as discussed in Executive Session.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a second?

KEN WATERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Graham, second by Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Ms. Wilson, you have a motion?

CINDY WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. May I make the motion to approve resolution of claims raised by Moats Construction Company for the East-West Park project and the Toxaway Mill cleanup project based on
pre-litigation mediation to allow these projects to
move forward to completion as discussed in Executive
Session.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.

We have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.

Thank y’all. We’ll ?? that part. If I’m not
missing, there’s no appointments, right? No requests
by Council members?

Moving on Administrator’s Report. Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Citizens Comments. As Mr.
Harmon calls your name, please, you have three
minutes. Address the Chair, please. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, one citizen
is signed up. Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.

A number of things seen to be moving along a lot
better than they used to. Mr. Burns, what’s wrong
with this thing? Start over, please. I’m beginning
to see some real things come together with the
Council. Some hard work especially on the committees.
I want us all to remember, though, that no matter much
planning and so forth that goes on, the reason that we
are where we are and why we come to hear the meetings
is that we want Anderson County to shine. We want
Anderson County to be a place where people want to
live, want to play, can get good jobs. There are a
lot of events going on starting at April the first and
from now on, there will just be oodles of them.
Everything from PAWS had a big adoption Saturday, the
Chili Festival, Master Gardner plant sale, on a
Saturday there are four or five things to choose from.
We just need to realize that these things are
bountiful to a lot of people, but there are other
people that really don’t get to participate in these
because either of transportation or lack of money or
what other needs.

Today, Figs Beanery did a ten percent donation to
the Salvation Army. Came and whatever they collected
today they gave ten percent of their till to the
Salvation Army. Whenever Meals on Wheels does their
spaghetti dinner, ??, things like that, I always try
to go to those because they are good organizations
that use that money to help other people.
So just want us to be mindful that that is a reason why we all should be working for good government and spending the money from our taxpayers wisely. Thank you.

LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Now comments from Council members. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: I have none at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I have several.

First of all, I want to talk about the trash.

Last week or week before last, whenever it was, we received a letter from a man that was in my district. He talked about how dirty District 2 was and he also talked about how it was no use trying to get in touch with me because I wouldn’t do anything. But I had a talk with him. First of all, my -- he was correct, my district is dirty, but it’s not any dirtier than the rest of them. You may think so, but on those back roads, we all have problems.

Secondly, he never tried to call me. Only thing he did was he sent a letter that I never got, but we did get things worked out. It turns out that he didn’t never -- he didn’t even know me and somebody told him -- somebody told him that I would not do anything, okay? But that’s that.

I’ve talked to Greg Smith about the signs. The signs are taking over District 2. I don’t know what it’s doing in your district, but in my district it is taking over. I think that we need to come up with a stronger sign ordinance. It makes no sense that we have these things on the books but we don’t do anything about it. If I lived in a town like that, I would take advantage of the situation, too, to advertise all of my businesses and everything else.

Especially the one that says we buy old houses or ugly houses. I’m sick of seeing that sign with the phone numbers on there. But I was told that they have tried to contact that person. But I’m going to work with Leon and we are going to present something for Council to do a little better on our sign ordinances. Either we’re going to do it or we’re not going to do it.

The zoning thing, I dodged a bullet because there was a -- people coming wanting to zone the area near Anderson College to put up more apartment complexes. I don’t know where all these people are coming from, but you know, I’m a little put out that people from
out of town can come up here and squeeze little
apartment houses and things in one little empty lot
and we sit there and shake their hands for coming to
Anderson. Everything turned out all right.
Everything turned out all right with us, but that’s
one thing I’m going to be looking really carefully on.
I have lights down here, but I don’t know what’s
wrong with the lights. Maybe I have to go back and
see what I meant on that.
But anyway, District 2 is hard and we are working
hard to clean up what we can. As long as we live on
God’s earth, we’re going to have trashy people living
with us. By the way, there is a bill in the House of
Representative to mandate that people clean up their
property. It says that you have to clean up your
property. If you refuse to do so, County will clean
it up and charge you on the tax end of it. And I was
really flabbergasted and very surprised to see three
of our state people vote against it. There were three
people that represent us in Columbia that voted
against this bill. I think that we need to call our
folks and ask them have they lost their minds.
That’s all I have to say. And thank you.

TOMMY DUNN:       Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM:       Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Just wanted to make one mention on the -- I think all
Council got the information on the Facebook media.
You know, personally sometime I think Facebook is
probably from the Devil, but it does bring forth a lot
of good response. And just want to commend our staff.
I think this falls up under Teresa. Just wanted to
commend our staff on the work on this. The great
thing about it, laying all jokes aside, is it does
readily give information out to our citizens, and to
me that’s worth its weight in gold. I mean, it’s
basically is being used as a tool to benefit and
keeping them informed of daily operations, whether
it’s a change in schedules or you know, whether the
emails -- I mean, whatever the case might be.
Weather. I know the Sheriff’s Department, EMS,
Emergency Services, pretty much just about every one
of our divisions in Anderson County is utilizing some
form of Facebook now. And I would definitely
encourage the citizens to tie into that and kind of
keep up to date as far as what’s going on with the
county. It’s definitely an easy way to disburse that
information quickly. So again, just wanted to thank
the County staff that’s manning the Facebook page.
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The great county cleanup is this weekend. Of course, it will continue on. My community will be at Midway, and then we have one in the Pelzer area later on and Williamston, too. And then a great thank you to all that are working so hard for our citizens, especially over in Cheddar. I don’t know how those people have tolerated living over there, but I really truly appreciate everyone’s efforts over there. I think we’re going to make some improvements yet. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Couple quick things. Again, I want to reiterate what Ms. Wilson said about the litter pickup Saturday. Starts 8 o’clock. There’s lunch. Every little bit helps. Something to do. Get out and make our county looking good and taking pride in it. We appreciate it. I want to thank Lieutenant David Baker and his staff for all their work Sunday during the storm. Keeping people abreast and all that. Fine outstanding job.

Want to remind Council members about the Human Relations Council. The Council is putting on the Cory White thing at the Civic Center Monday night at 6 o’clock. Want to appreciate the staff and all the hard work. Had a lot of good comments from the citizens out in the community about the high school fishing tournament at Green Pond this past weekend. Also want to thank Ms. Davis and her staff for all the hard work. She’s got a lot of thing, excellent presentation tonight, but also finishing up the budget and getting it ready for us. Appreciate that. Also want to commend Council for tonight we done something -- I meant to say something earlier -- got in the role about passing -- going down the row about our agenda. But one of the economic things that we done tonight on the business council was to help a local businessman out here in Anderson County down on South Main, Mr. Ferguson. He was here tonight and I think that’ll go great way and help our town out, our community out, to do that and put them in a business park and go a long ways and hopefully start something good with that. I know he’s very appreciative of that.

Appreciate everybody. Meeting will be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.)