ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the regular December 18th regular Anderson County Council meeting to order. I’d like to welcome each and every one of you here today and thank you for coming.

At this time I’d like to ask Councilman Wooten if he’ll lead us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance. If we’d all rise, please.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOM ALLEN)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any corrections to be made to the December 4th, 2018 council meeting? Hearing and seeing none, do we have a motion to move these forward?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may we accept the minutes as presented.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion to accept as presented. Second by Mr. Allen. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

At this time we’ll have citizens comments for agenda matters only. Have three minutes.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one is signed up to speak at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

At this time we have Item number 5, Presentation on Cleanup. Don’t have a name by that.

RUSTY BURNS: The people were not able to attend today, Mr. Dunn.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

Item number 6, third reading, 6(a), ordinance 2018-057, an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of special resource credit agreements by and between Anderson County, South Carolina, Ace Solar, LLC and Pelzer Solar I, LLC, with respect to certain economic development in the County including provision of certain special source revenue credits. Project Avocado. This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this, please step forward and state your name and district and address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson, second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries.

Moving on to Item number 6(b), 2018-058, an ordinance to amend Chapter 66, Article II, titled Sewers, in its entirety. Mr. Burns or Mr. Harmon, do you want to give this -- this will be a public hearing. Do y’all want to give a recap on this so
the people will know what the public hearing is about?

LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members of Council. What this matter involves is a complete amendment to Chapter 66, Article II, entitled Sewers. We need to do this from time to time to keep up with changing environmental regulations. And DHEC requires that, as well. The new ordinance that was in the packet is fairly substantial, but it’s what we are required to do from time to time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon. At this time we’ll be in a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter please step forward, state your name and district for the record and address the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward.

CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOM ALLEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Waters. Any further discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comments, ---
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: --- if I may. This is a very comprehensive amendment, fleshing out a lot of detail that we lacked before in our sewer ordinance that directly applies to the sewer enterprise fund. And I think it’s a great improvement for us. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

Moving on to Item number 6(c), 2018-059, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article V, Purchasing, of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina to add Section 2-655 Titled “Project Delivery Methods Authorized For Infrastructure Facilities.” We have a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter please step forward, state your name and district and address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

RAY GRAHAM: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham; second by Mr. Waters. Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries.

Moving on to Item number 6(d), 2018-060,
ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding eight million five hundred thousand dollars aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of Anderson County. Motion to move this forward?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen; second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

Moving on to Item number 7(a), second reading, 2018-062, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone plus or minus 8.75 acres from C-1N, that would be neighborhood commercial district, to C-2, highway commercial, at 83 Princeton Highway. Be in District 7. Do we have a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

Moving on to Item number 8; there are none, first readings.

This is Item number 9, R2018-63, a resolution approving the assignment of certain economic development property with respect to fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes and Economic Development Agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina and One World Technologies, Inc., pursuant to the requirements of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code; approving a termination of a Joinder Agreement and a Project Infrastructure Agreement. Mr. Nelson, do you want to ...

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of Council. TTI, this is kind of a complicated sounding and looking resolution, but TTI is simply buying back the distribution center and the property where that distribution center sits from the leasing company that they had used early on or from the beginning with that project. Lexington-Anderson is the real estate company or real estate trust company that owned and operated and held the lease for the building and property. And TTI is buying the building and property from Lexington-Anderson. And there are a number of legal name changes that have to be made to work through all of that sale of property. That’s what this resolution is about; it’s just a name change. It does not change our incentive package in any way; doesn’t change the deal in any way. It just simply changes the names of the owners of the distribution center and the property that it sits on. Thank you, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I quickly ---

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Out of curiosity, where is that warehousing complex?

BURRISS NELSON: It’s the distribution center that’s at the end of Orange Way at Exit 27. It’s the property that they built and we have an ordinance on that we passed three years ago or four years ago. It was -- I’ve forgotten the project name now. NASA was the office complex. Can’t remember the other.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.


TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Do we have a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

Moving on to Item number 10, bid approval, chairs for 911 dispatch. I’ll ask Vice Chairman Graham if he would lead us off before we get into it, then Mr. Carroll and Mr. Williamson can come up and talk about a little bit if they would.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Members of Council, citizens, this is basically in reference to purchasing chairs for 911 dispatch. I’ll ask Mark to give the final bid price, what we got the chairs for. However, just to kind of let everyone know, these chairs are very pricy, but please keep in mind these chairs are literally utilized twenty-four hours a day by people sitting in and rolling around basically doing their job functions. So it’s not your average Office Depot chair, but it is something that’s needed to continue to operate our 911 Center. So that’s the reason we’re moving forward with this.

Mark, if you could give us that final bid price on that. I just don’t have that with me.

MARK WILLIAMSON: Robert can correct me; that was thirty thousand three forty-three and change for twenty of those chairs.

TOMMY DUNN: Thirty thousand three fifty even, Mr. Carroll? Thirty thousand three fifty?

Okay.

MARK WILLIAMSON: And that did go through the committee process, as well as the bid process, to get the price on those chairs.
TOMMY DUNN: Do you have anything else you’d like to add?
MARK WILLIAMSON: Just that those -- what we have existing, I think those chairs are ten years old. This is a replacement of those. And we did size those accordingly to dispatchers. And what we have is in need of repair. Those folks are sitting in those chairs twenty-four seven, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty-five days a year.
RAY GRAHAM: And we’re also going to repurpose the chairs we’re taking out of service and put into the backup 911 Center which will be utilized in case of an emergency or whatever, as well. So it’s not that we’re doing away with those chairs completely. We’re kind of shifting them down where they won’t be -- naturally they wouldn’t be used as much on a backup 911 system.
MARK WILLIAMSON: We’ll take the best of the twenty and repurpose those to back up 911.
CINDY WILSON: May I quickly make an addition to this? It says for November the average daily calls for service were a thousand fifty-three. So in addition to being twenty-four/seven, there is more than a thousand calls a day. That’s staggering. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
GRACIE FLOYD: I don’t know if I should address this question. Maybe if Mr. Carroll -- can you hear me?
?: No, ma’am, we can’t.
GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I have it on.
?: We can’t hear anybody except you. Can you hear me now? Mr. Carroll? Mr. Carroll, I know that you can only do what you do. But I am kind of concerned because for the last couple of purchases, we haven’t been getting that many responses. And I think there was one recently that we only got one response. Is there anything that we can do to encourage other folks to bid on these things? Because I don’t understand all these people -- you sent this out to all of these people; right?
ROBERT CARROLL: Correct.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Do we have an Anderson firm in here?
ROBERT CARROLL: Not -- no, ma’am, not on this one.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Do we have an Anderson company in town that sell these items?
ROBERT CARROLL: Not that I’m aware of.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. We have one, but I guess it’s closed down now; office supplies. But anyway, that’s concerning me, that we don’t get many responses. Now, one time back it was said that Anderson County wasn’t sending out enough -- or the other people, especially here in Anderson, didn’t get a break. What I mean by a break, they didn’t know anything about it or they were slapped down and they felt that it wasn’t fair. But we have since corrected that. But can more be done so we can get more bids?
ROBERT CARROLL: We can attempt to, Ms. Floyd, but again, in this case we had eight. One I’m working on right now. We’ve already sent it to over twenty-something vendors. They request it, but you can’t make them bid sometime. And maybe they can’t bid because they can’t meet the specs or some other reason.
GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I fully understand that you can’t make them bid. I understand that. But what I don’t understand is why they don’t bid. Do you think we need to find out from them why they won’t bid, and maybe we can fix whatever it is. Maybe it’s not the fact that the bids are higher than anybody else. Because how would they know that unless they put in a bid? Do you understand what I’m saying?
ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Well, anyway, that’s one of the things that’s been bothering me. But anything that you can do to encourage them to, you know, come up with bids.
ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: I know it would be appreciated. Maybe we need to talk to more people.
I thank you for talking with me about it.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do you have anything else, Mark?
MARK WILLIAMSON: No, sir.
CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comment. The only places that I could be aware that might offer these type items would be Office Depot or Staples. Of course, they’re a national chain. Fant’s Office Supply used to be a good supplier, but I don’t think they’re even in existence anymore. I don’t know of
anything local.

TOMMY DUNN: Keep in mind, these chairs, and I’ll let Mark, who’s got more expertise than I do, but these chairs ain’t just your -- as Vice Chairman Graham said at the start, but these chairs aren’t just every day office chairs that you might find in somebody’s office. These chairs are really somebody’s -- some dispatchers, it’s a part of their tool they use every day, having to sit in this thing, and wear and tear. If y’all remember when we first come on council, I think about ten years ago, is when we bought the last ones. These chairs are experience. But if we go cheap, they might not last long. Trying to keep our people as comfortable as possible. This is a very -- and we’ve had, unfortunately, more turnover than we care to have the last little bit, and we’re trying to help with that. But this is a very stressful job we’ve got in there. I know I couldn’t do it. I admire the ones that do do it and appreciate the job they do do and hope this will make them be able to do their job, because I know if me or my family needs emergency services, I want the dispatcher to be at his utmost to be able to get it to me.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: How many chairs are we talking about?
TOMMY DUNN: Twenty, I believe. Is that correct? Twenty.
GRACIE FLOYD: Twenty chairs?
MARK WILLIAMSON: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And we’re going to use Elite Ergonomics?
MARK WILLIAMSON: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Twenty chairs for thirty-five ... Okay. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Again, it is -- dispatch is a very important process of the public safety. So it is very important that they do have the correct tools to do their job. Also, as far as the liability standpoint, as far as lost work day case or anything else, it does have to be a chair where they can literally sit in for twelve hours a day and still function and do their job properly. Mark and Mr. Carroll, I appreciate you guys doing due diligence on getting these bids out and appreciate y’all bringing that back to us.

Mr. Chairman, I would bring this forth in the
form of a motion that we approve this.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Graham;
have a second?
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
further discussion? All in favor of the motion show
of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
carries.

Moving on to Item number 11, Capital. Who’s
going to handle this, Mr. Burns? I think first on
capital is Economic Development Smart LED TV.
MARK WILLIAMSON: This is a TV similar to
what Mr. Burns has in his conference room to allow
for video conferencing between the two and to other
areas.
CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: I mean no offense to anyone
here, but when we purchased the other one, it was
stated that part of the use would be for economic
development to have conference calls. So this one
kind of gives me a little trouble. I don’t know how
y’all feel -- like it’s probably very badly needed.
That makes two of them within sixty days, I guess.
Just a comment.
TOMMY DUNN: And I appreciate the
comment. My thoughts on that is I can understand
perfectly, but I’ve been first hand of the Smart
Board or whatever they’ve got at the Economic
Development Office. It’s used very poorly. In fact
it’s very embarrassing when you’ve got people over
there trying to show them something, at times. And
Mr. Burns, as y’all see, has used -- we’ve used this
one here to keep from us having to go all the way
over yonder or back or if we’ve got two meetings at
one time. I think it’s money well spent to get
something on today’s technology. That’s my opinion
on this. Do we have a motion to put this on the
floor for discussion?
RAY GRAHAM: I make a motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham makes a motion to
put it on the floor. Have a second?
KEN WATERS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Now
discussion. Anybody?
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: I have seen the television
in the room in there. It’s a really nice television.
It’s huge. I think it’s the biggest one I’ve ever
seen. But I do have one thing, and if I upset you
... Any purchases above whatever the amount is, is
supposed to be brought to Council. And Council is
supposed to discuss it. We may or may not. But that
television never came before the Council. They just
went out and bought it. And it’s more like asking
for forgiveness rather than for permission. In the
past couple of years Council have lost several of its
responsibilities. We’ve had people just take an
initiative on their own deciding for us, rather than
it goes to a group. This is the same thing that
happened to the television. If we needed it, we
would have gotten it. It could have been shown that
-- how important it was to the base and how important
it was for us to get our work done; we would have
gotten it. But just to go out and buy it and say,
okay, we got it; now what you gonna do? I don’t
think it’s right; I don’t think it’s fair, and it
needs to be stopped.
At one time this was a thing that happened all
the time. But it was, it was stopped, and we got
back on what we were supposed to be doing. We nipped
it in the bud, I thought. But we’re beginning to
start up again.
Now, I don’t know how many Council people feel
this way, but I do. I do. Because it’s the law of
the Council, it’s the law of the County, and it’s the
law of the people. No representation was held during
that time to include the taxpayers by coming to
Council with it about anything. So good TV; good TV.
But let’s follow the procedure. And as far as asking
for forgiveness, I don’t forgive. I don’t forgive
it. Thank you.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: I just want to make clear.
We’re back on track. We’ve going back -- what’s done
is water under the bridge. We’ve addressed that.
This TV is going through the proper channels and
that’s what we’re today for. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you. That’s what I
was going to confirm. This is a TV that has not been
purchased and y’all are coming to us asking for
permission to purchase it. My question, and it’s
really more just clarification for everyone else, the
Smart Boards are really, I guess old technology,
something that’s kind of going out. And
realistically speaking, this TV has more capabilities
and probably more room for growth than the Smart
Board does.

MARK WILLIAMSON: That’s true. The
Smart Boards were somewhere -- six, seven year old
technology-wise. And in technology that is
equivalent to twenty years.

RAY GRAHAM: I definitely don’t think
it’s something we need to put in every conference
room in Anderson County. But I think it has been
very useful. The ones that we put in the
administrative conference room, I think it’s been
very useful on different meetings. And I also feel
like it’ll be beneficial to economic development in
their conference room. I definitely don’t think it’s
something we need to be looking at spending this type
of money on all conference rooms. But I definitely
think it’ll be beneficial on those. Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Burns, the
television in the conference room.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Was that the one that was
bought without permission?

RUSTY BURNS: That’s the one that was gone
through channels and then I brought it to Council.
Yes, that’s the very one that you’re talking about.
That is the one.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But I think it was
you who told me that the TV didn’t come to Council.
You told ---

RUSTY BURNS: It eventually came to
Council because I ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Eventually, after it was
purchased?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, I did.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. After it was
purchased.

RUSTY BURNS: I did.

GRACIE FLOYD: And that’s what I’m talking
about. We need to stop doing that.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Let’s follow the rules ---

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: --- as we wrote them
ourselves; okay? Good. Thank you.

RUSTY BURNS: One thing, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

RUSTY BURNS: I think to call this a TV is
a misnomer. Because it is much more than a
television. Can you watch television on it? Yes,
you can. But as you know when we had the sewer
presentation, you were able to see things, as opposed
to the Smart Board. The fact that we have one here and one over there, I’m pretty sure both will be in regular use, as they are now, because a lot of people use that conference room, not for administrative reasons, but for everything going on in the County. And sometimes we need something special over there.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

CRAIG WOOTEN: I think the only comment that I would make is we have economic development operating in over a hundred year old parsonage. We operate in over a hundred year old courthouse. We’re dealing with 5.5 billion dollar Hong Kong-based companies, TTI; billion dollar companies in Florida, which we’re giving massive incentives to do a business deal with them. So you know, I agree the procurement process needs to be followed and needs to be accountable, but we need to see the big picture that if Anderson is going to operate on the stage that it needs to, that we need to represent ourselves (glitch in recording).

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten. Do we have a motion? I’ve already done a motion; I’m sorry. Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor; Ms. Floyd opposes.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten. Do we have any --

CINDY WILSON: So moved.


CINDY WILSON: Quick question.

TOMMY DUNN: I don’t think we can have enough protection this day in time the way we are now. We need to do everything we can to try to protect something. Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: I was trying to understand the bid and the quotes and so forth. Being non-technical, what is HA Option?

MARK WILLIAMSON: That is an option that we don’t normally use. To put that in layman’s terms, that was an add-on by the sales team, and we didn’t need it. That allows for ---

CINDY WILSON: And we don’t need it?

MARK WILLIAMSON: We don’t need it. It won’t ?? our network so we just stopped it.

CINDY WILSON: What is it?

MARK WILLIAMSON: You know, I don’t know what the HA stood for either, but the presentation of it was that that will handle more band width and more threats than you would possibly have. What we’ve narrowed down and what we actually need, this device covers. We would not need that extended higher coverage to be able to do that. So this is buying for our need, not for necessarily just what a salesman wants to sell.

CINDY WILSON: So you’ve also got that your choice is FortiGate for nineteen thousand one eighty-four and it’s an on-state contract. Does that include the installation for that?

MARK WILLIAMSON: Nineteen thousand is for the installation included.

CINDY WILSON: Okay.

MARK WILLIAMSON: And just to give some context to this, Mr. Chairman, if I could, we had a threat last night. We had a crypto virus that came in on an email that had the potential to shut down our entire network. A device similar to this actually stopped it and contained it where it needed to be. Now, the end result of that was that we had our grants file corrupted and we did -- and were able to isolate that threat to right there. But had we not had an existing device like this, it could have spread throughout our network and we could have had a Charlotte or an Atlanta last night. These threats are real and they’re out there every single day trying to creek through.

CINDY WILSON: The FortiGate is the same as Spartan Tech here?

MARK WILLIAMSON: Spartan Tech is the vendor for the FortiGate; yes, ma’am.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, all this comes in our budget; correct?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir, it comes out of capital.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more questions,
comments? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.

Moving on to Item number (c), capital, Dataworks
Plus Livescan System. Mark. I believe Mr.
Williamson.

MARK WILLIAMSON: This is a replacement
that -- for hardware and software that is actually a
machine and console located in our detention center.
What this enables us to do from that side is once
someone has been arrested and brought into the intake
portion of the jail, they’ll be fingerprinted. This
system connects with the FBI. It connects with SLED.
And this allows us to see any record that’s out there
on that particular individual should they pop up in
that system. We already have DataScan in our current
jail situation, but it has reached end of life. I
think that system has been around for ten years.
This is the upgrade to that, keeping with the same
vendor, keeping with the same technology base,
keeping with the same function.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?
CINDY WILSON: Question. This system as
proposed would prevent the terrible thing that
happened in Charleston where the FBI overlooked an
item in another county. This is comprehensive enough
to prevent such as that?

MARK WILLIAMSON: It is possible; yes. We
can link to any other system to do it in reverse to
actually see what has been charged of an individual
before that. But more importantly it speeds up the
intake time that we spend with each person. If
you’ve ever visited and seen an intake process and
seen the highlight, there are people standing in
lines to be able to be processed to put into the
jail. This expedites that process.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

MARK WILLIAMSON: Yes, ma’am. Do we have a
motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson;
second by Mr. Waters. Any more discussion? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
carries.

Moving on to Item number 12, radio ID activation
approval. Mark, I guess this is you again.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this -- no, I
have this one. This one, the Town of Honea Path
purchased a new police vehicle. They needed to have
the radio activated on that vehicle. They will be
deactivating another vehicle so there will be no net
gain in the cost. But it was an emergency situation
to get this vehicle in service, so we approved it.

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TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a

second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Allen. Now

Mr. Graham, got anything?

RAY GRAHAM: Have we have ever ones for

the cars that’s coming in?

MARK WILLIAMSON: I think we did.

RAY GRAHAM: Are we good on all ---

MARK WILLIAMSON: Yeah, we’re good on that;

yes, sir.

RAY GRAHAM: I didn’t know if we could

put them together.

MARK WILLIAMSON: Right.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Everybody good? All

in favor of the motion show of hands.

I want to appreciate and thank you for what all

you do for the county. Appreciate your expertise.

Thanks.

MARK WILLIAMSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 13,
appointments. Does anyone have any? I’ve got one

from District 5. This is will Board of Assessment
Appeals; Mr. William A. McClain, Jr. I put that in
the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson. Any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Anyone else have any appointments?

Requests by council members. Mr. Waters, do you

have any?

KEN WATERS: I don’t have any.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: None.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: I have one. This is to the

Shalom House Ministries from District 2's
recreational account. They are asking for a thousand
dollars for the Christmas and Holiday recreational
activities. And I put this in the form of a motion
that District 2 would like to allocate a thousand
dollars to the Shalom House.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Ms. Floyd
to come out of District 2's recreation account. Have
1 a second by Ms. Wilson. Now any further discussion?
2 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Motion
3 carries unanimously.
4 Mr. Graham, do you have any?
5 RAY GRAHAM:  None.
6 TOMMY DUNN:  Mr. Wooten?
7 CRAIG WOOTEN:  None at this time.
8 TOMMY DUNN:  Ms. Wilson?
9 CINDY WILSON:  None.
10 TOMMY DUNN:  District 5 has two. I’d
11 like to request twenty-five hundred dollars out of
12 District 5’s recreation account to the Parks and
13 Recreation Department. That’ll be for some work
14 being done at the Equinox Park and this will be some
15 matching stuff from the United Way of Anderson. I
16 put that in the form of a motion.
17 RAY GRAHAM:  Second.
18 TOMMY DUNN:  Second Mr. Allen. Any
19 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show
20 of hands. Show the motion carries.
21 The second out of District 5’s recreation
22 account, I have one thousand two hundred and fifty
23 dollar request for the Welcome Park to be transferred
24 into the Parks and Recreation Department. And this
25 will be helping a PARD grant and this is for some ADA
26 parking. I put that in the form of a motion.
27 CINDY WILSON:  Second.
28 TOMMY DUNN:  Second Ms. Wilson. Any
29 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show
30 of hands. Show the motion carries.
31 Does anybody have anything else?
32 Moving on to Item number 15, Administrator’s
33 Report.
34 RUSTY BURNS:  Nothing at this time.
35 TOMMY DUNN:  Moving on to Item number 16, Council Recognition. Mr. Burns, I’ll let you handle
36 this, if you would. I think we’ve got some special
37 guests here that want to come up. I’ll let you
38 handle this.
39 RUSTY BURNS:  Several groups, yes. But
40 you might, Mr. Chairman, have citizens comments
41 before if council so moved.
42 TOMMY DUNN:  There’s no problem with
43 that. We can do that. Anybody got any problems with
44 moving the agenda up? Okay. We’ll start out with
45 citizens comments. Citizens comments, you have three
46 minutes. Please address the chair and state your
47 name and district for the record. Mr. Harmon.
48 LEON HARMON:  Mr. Chairman, we have one
49 citizen signed up; Frank Pressly.
FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4.

HA stands for high availability. Basically it’s where you have two firewalls in a system that are synchronized to act as a fail-over or a redundancy for the original system. So that’s what HA stands for.

Madam Chairwoman, as regards bidding, there is a means to narrowly construct a bid so that, as the gentleman suggested, the others are not able to meet the specs. And that’s not to say this is being done, but it’s an artful way of directing a bid to a particular party when they only have the assets or the personnel that are asked for. For example, if you ask for a left-handed cowboy who speaks Chinese and Pashto, there may only be one person in one company that does that. The other twenty cannot meet the specifications. Sometimes there are time limits asking them to be able to respond within a couple of hours and companies who are from out-of-town can’t meet that specification. So what we need to do is we need to not be so specific in our bidding that we exclude everyone else, because you’ll really kind of find it a stretch of the imagination when you have twenty companies who are in a business and none of them can qualify. That does raise a red flag.

This is the end of the year. And in our next meeting, we’re going to have an important election regarding our leadership. And I hope that all of you think very carefully about the path that we are leading. The path that we’re on, we’ve been on for several years now. And I think that there is a time that comes when we need fresh ideas, a fresh perspective and things that will allow this county to move along and not be stuck in a rut.

Thank you. Y’all have a Merry Christmas.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one else is signed up.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

At this time we’ll go back to Mr. Burns, if you would, for council recognition.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we have had some requests from some citizens’ groups to have a special place on the agenda. This is a very bitter sweet moment for me and I know it is for a lot of other people. But with that said, Ken, if you and your group would like to come up, please.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Medlin, be Ann Medlin.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Waters, could you (mic not on.)

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, if you would, or
you can use mine, get a microphone where everything can be recorded.

ANN MEDLIN: Tommy is our leader here.

Let me let him ...

TOMMY FORREST: My name is Tommy Forrest.

I’m the Anderson County Coordinator for the Quilts of Valor Foundation, and a very proud resident of the Joe Brown Senior Center. And for that I thank Mr. Burns and Council. We love our new home. We’re very proud of it. Our organization here in Anderson makes quilts and awards them to veterans. And we have two distinguished veterans with us today that we want to honor with the Quilts of Valor.

(Inaudible) made right here in Anderson. Ann Medlin made both of them.

ANN MEDLIN: No, I -- let me say this about this quilt. I’ve known Tom for a while. And we’ve been through a few rough things together, along with Tommy. And when I saw this quilt -- I mean, when I saw this panel on this quilt, the first thing that popped in my mind was Tom Allen, because he fits all of these. And you probably can’t see this out there but it says courageous, responsible, soldier, patriot, leader, fearless, role model, guide, mentor, friend and hero. And I thought, you know, every one of those things fits Tom Allen.

TOM ALLEN: (Inaudible.)

ANN MEDLIN: Now you can put that in front of her and show her that.

And I know that Ken was -- actually he was deployed the first time he ran for County Council, and so he was on active duty then.

We appreciate so much what these men have done for our County. But our part is we want to honor them for their service to our Country.

APPLAUSE

ANN MEDLIN: And we want you guys to use these quilts. You know, they’re not just something to put out there and look at. And Tommy is going to tell you -- say a little bit more here.

TOMMY FORREST: Your Quilts of Valor carries a three-part message from our hearts. First, we honor you for your service, for your willingness to lay down your life for your country. Second, we thank you for your service. Your sacrifice and your valor in serving our nation. Last, we hope your quilt provides healing, peace and comfort. Please know you are forever in our thoughts and in our hearts.

APPLAUSE
TOMMY FORREST: The group here in Anderson has produced in four years a little over a thousand quilts. And this year these two quilts have put us over the four hundred mark for this year. The foundation ---

APPLAUSE

TOMMY FORREST: The foundation, as of this morning, was -- since 2005, two hundred seven thousand seven hundred ten quilts. And this morning we added twenty. These two make twenty-two that we’ve added to that total today.

TOM ALLEN: I want to say just a quick word and thank Ann and Tommy for this. And I want to tell a story about Ann. This was at one of our retired military officers association meetings, what, about not quite a year ago, I guess. It’s been several months back. But they did a presentation over there to Bob Fant. Bob was in the Navy. He was captured. He was in the Hanoi Hilton, a beautiful resort area in Viet Nam, and all during that time you wore his bracelet. Ann wore his bracelet as a POW that entire time. I’m going to get through this, Ann. But that night was something. She had the bracelet on that night that she presented the quilt to Bob. And it was extremely moving. And I want to thank all of you for that. Thank you.

KEN WATERS: I promise you this will be in the Lazyboy tonight. It means a lot to me. Thank you very much.

ANN MEDLIN: I want to thank Rusty for lining this up. I wanted to wrap Tom and I knew when he was retiring this year. I talked with Rusty and I said, we’ve got to wrap Tom Allen before the year is out. And then Ken wasn’t going to be returning, and so I said, well, we’ve got to get both of them. So thank you Rusty and thank you, Council, for letting us have this opportunity to do this.

We love what we do. This is our passion in life; to wrap as many veterans as we can. And thank you for giving us the opportunity to get two more of them.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: I want to thank y’all for what all y’all have done for the veterans and what y’all do for citizens of Anderson County. We very much appreciate it.

Mr. Burns?

RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, get the mic.

MALE VOICE: Mr. Allen, it’s been my
honor and privilege to be part of the air show committee for the past. And this County Council and our County have been great supporters of that air show. But any operation needs a champion and you have been our champion for the air show. Anything we’ve ever needed, basically it’s what do you need and when do you need it? And it has appeared. The entire County, every department that I can think of, has been involved in this. And you have been the leader of that and the champion of the very successful air shows. It’s been a privilege to do that for the County. We want to thank you for everything that you’ve done.

In honor of that, we have something for you sent down from Canada from the Snowbirds. It’s honoring you for all you’ve done for the air shows and the Snowbirds when they’re here. In many respects they actually feel like Anderson is their home. They’ve been like family and treated like family. So that’s from the Snowbirds to you for all you’ve done in the years. Actually it says, Presented to Anderson County Councilman Tom Allen in appreciation for his contribution and support for the Anderson Regional Airport. Our sincere thanks, Anderson Regional Air Show Committee, December 18, 2018.

There is one other thing; one other thing. Those of you that attended the air show, you may have seen the pyrotechnic displays that we had. We had calls from all over the County thinking there was explosions, there were plane crashes, something really had gone one. But the pyrotechnics were part of the air show and we were real happy to bring that to the air show. What many of you don’t know is that that was Mr. Allen’s brain child. So in honor of that, I reached out to the A-10 Pilots that flew the A-10’s that actually were part of that demonstration. And they sent this.

TOM ALLEN: Oh, my. Oh!!

MALE VOICE: You should put that anywhere you want, but the A-10's from the Air Force and the explosion at the bottoms, that was your brain child and your idea.

TOM ALLEN: I just want to thank these two gentlemen. You know, they’ve given me these things, but these guys are the workhorses that make the air show go, and especially Butch. And I’m very, very proud of the work that you and Bill have done. Hopefully we can keep this thing going. And the airport, again, I’ll always support it as a critical aspect to Anderson County here. It’s a doorway to
Anderson County. I was out there last night at a
meeting and there’s a great big beautiful jet sitting
out there. That was TTI, you know, getting ready to
take off. And we have those kind of planes coming
in. Anderson is really on a roll right now and this
airport is going to be critical. And thank you guys
for all the work that you do on getting the air show
together and really pulling the yeoman’s weight when
it comes to it. Thank you so much.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll be moving on now to

CINDY WILSON: I’ll try to say this without
chooking up. But thank you to both of these good
gentlemen at the far end; Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen.
I’ve already spoken to your successors and
recommended that they keep y’all on speed dial. But
thank y’all and have a wonderful Merry Christmas.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yeah. I would like to echo
some of those same sentiments. And I know when you
first come on, you don’t know people that well until
you get to work with them. And I’m always a big
believer in politics or business. It’s always
personal. And you guys have always shared wisdom
with me, been very kind with me, and it didn’t mean
that we didn’t have our differences or our discussion
topics, but I was very proud to work with you and
what we did. And I really appreciate that. And I
wish y’all all the best. And I mean that in
sincerity. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.

Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

One thing I want to mention to Mr. Hopkins in the
open meeting, I did get a letter of appreciation on
River Road. I just want to, again, thank you and
your staff of Roads and Bridges for taking care of
that issue that was out there. The citizens was very
pleased on that. And I definitely your guys doing
that.

As far as, again, with Ken and Tom, it seems like
it was just yesterday, but really it was two years
ago Craig and myself came onboard. I guess we was
the young bucks in the group. You know, getting to
know each and every one of you guys, and Tom and Ken,
working with both of you guys. One thing I can
honestly say, you always came to the meetings
prepared. You was always willing to share your
knowledge and your expertise that you’ve gathered
over the years and I can’t tell you enough how much I
appreciate it. Enjoyed the opportunity of getting to
know you. The friendship and also working with you
guys as far as Council members. Definitely wish you
the best of luck. Hope to see you around. And
again, thank you so much for everything you guys have
done for Anderson County.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have something here.
I talked to some folks shopping -- well, I wasn’t
really shopping this weekend because of other
problems. But people are telling me that they don’t
understand when they come to Council meetings that
they are encouraged to come but when they get here
they don’t understand what we’re talking about. Some
of the wording is so esoterica that they don’t know.
And they feel like there’s no sense in coming because
nothing is explained. And I was thanked for
encouraging the Council to explain to people what
they’re talking about.

So in the next year coming up, I’m hoping we can
do a better job than that. I know a lot of us up
here have used cheat sheets where everything is
written down for them. Maybe we can do the same
thing for our constituents who will take the time to
come up here to listen to us. Maybe we can give them
a sheet where the things are explained to what we’re
talking about. For example, okay, an ordinance
authorizing the execution and delivery of special
resource credit agreements by and between Anderson
County, South Carolina and some more folks, with
respects to certain economic development in the
County including provision of certain special source
reserve credit. I mean, do you understand what that
is? But yet you sit there and you watch us vote on
it. Sometimes I don’t even know what it is. And I
know for a fact sometimes several of us don’t know
what they’re talking about. But anyway, I’m hoping
that we can get that better.

About the television, I have been on Council for
a long time. And I am not one to sit quiet and not
say anything. Nor am I one who will go along to get
along. Isn’t that right, Ann? Ann and I used to
work together a long, long, long time ago. And she’s
one of my best people. I just enjoy her so much.
But anyway, I’m not one to go along just to get
along. I know that after I talk sometimes, somebody
will come behind me and just trash me. But that’s
all right, too. That’s all right, too. But the
thing is -- I want to impress upon you is when
something is going on in Anderson, we -- on Council,
we need to talk about it. We need to say something
about it. The television is a good one. It’s the
best I’ve ever seen. And I don’t know what else to
call it, so I’ll just call it a television. But
procedure should have been followed.
And I want to tell you, if you’re going to shop
downtown over the Christmas holidays, would you send
me your receipt, please? They have a thing over at
the park over there that if you bring a receipt to
them from a shop downtown, the children can go
skating for one dollar. I think that’s still on. I
am going to pay the one dollar. It won’t come out of
the Council thing. But if you could just send me
some receipts from downtown, I sure would appreciate
it. Our secretary is Lacey. Lacey, raise your hand.
That’s Lacey. If you will just send them to her, she
will get them to me.
I’m wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year. We have some new members coming on, but
I’m going to miss you. I am going to miss you.
Yeah. He never votes for what I want him to vote on,
but he picks on me all the time. And before God and
man, I will say, I love you and I hope you get the
best of everything.
And folks, have a merry one. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, I want you and
your staff, appreciate the job y’all have done this
year.
TOM ALLEN: You’ve not going to let us
talk?
TOMMY DUNN: I’m going to get y’all two.
I’m saving y’all for last. A little bit different.
TOM ALLEN: All right, man.
TOMMY DUNN: I want to appreciate the job
y’all have done this year. Hoping y’all have a safe
holiday. I know we’ll be out -- some people will be
at home in warm beds. Some of the County staff is
out doing their job, and we appreciate each and every
one of y’all, what all y’all do for the County to
make life better for the citizens of Anderson County.
Appreciate all the hard work that the staff, Mr.
Burns has done for making betterment for the citizens
of Anderson County. Even sometimes y’all have to put
up with undue ridicule, but I do appreciate the job
and the majority of the citizens of Anderson County
do.
At this time, Mr. Allen, we have been through a
TOMMY DUNN: Some of the craziness that went on with some council members that me and you would have to deal with it and go on through it. And I want you to know of the meetings that we had, I thoroughly enjoyed your friendship, your togetherness being a colleague on Council. We haven’t agreed always a hundred percent, but you’ve always been good to talk to. You’ve led the charge for animal rights in the County, the air show, a lot of other things. And I’ve always known you to be very thoughtful and look at all the sides and try to come up with. Like I said, just being able to talk through things with you before a meeting and after a meeting have been very, very good for me, and I’m going to miss that very much. Like I said, what all we went through, it’s hard to believe, it looks like you’re going to leave us and we still ain’t going to have no resolution to it. But that’s life. But I want you to know I expect to still talk to you and still have a conversation with you. Your guidance has been a very good credit and been a very blessing for the citizens of Anderson County. And I appreciate very much your hard work and what all you’ve done for the citizens of Anderson County. My heart is one percent breaking. I wish you hadn’t left us, but I understand perfectly why. And like I said, wish you nothing but the best, you and your family. Hope you get to travel and see a lot of stuff. Going to miss you. Okay.

Mr. Waters, only the citizens will ever know what all you’ve done for them in Anderson County. You have left your vacation more than once to come back and make sure a budget would pass. You have, as Ms. Medlin mentioned beforehand, when you first run for office you was serving this country overseas. You come back and your family and friends helped you come back. You’ve been a stout supporter. I’m going to very much miss your friendship that we’ve had on Council. Not just as a Council person; just us as friends. I’m going to miss the conversations we had. And I know I’ll probably call you after a Council meeting. You’ve got me through a lot of hard meetings before with some pretty rough stuff going on. I’ve enjoyed getting to know you. You’ve got an
outstanding family. And I hate to lose you, but I understand. And I think you’ve going to be all right. But I really do want you to know, like I said, we’ve had some tough times, too, but I really appreciate what all you’ve done. Like I said, coming back from vacation, driving back, to get some budgets is a forethought in my mind. I really do appreciate what all you’ve done.

Saying that, Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Well, thank you, Mr. Dunn. I know probably when I walk out these doors, I’m going to say to myself, why didn’t I say that before I left. But I want to start up here and I want to thank all the council members that I’ve had the pleasure of serving with.

Ms. Floyd, you know I love you, too; right, hon? And you better invite me to your soul dinner next year too; okay?

As I said, we maybe didn’t always agree on everything but we honestly could all have conversations up here and nobody hit anybody over the head with a book or anything. We’ve had some really great discussions. I’ve enjoyed working with all these folks. And I think we have a super Council. We’ve got a group of good people and we’ve got good people coming in taking my place and Ken’s place. So I think you’re going to be in pretty good hands.

I certainly want to thank Rusty Burns, Mr. Burns there, who I didn’t know from Adam when I first got on Council. I could have tripped over him on the street and wouldn’t have known him. He’s just been a superb individual. And nobody will ever know -- Tommy kind of alluded to it -- when we first came on Council, let me tell you, it was a little rough the first couple of years. It’s a lot easier getting off Council than it was getting on Council, I’ll tell you.

Rusty did some things that nobody will ever understand and he’ll never talk about to keep this place floating during some very, very difficult times ten years ago. And I give you all the credit in the world and congratulate you for the work you did.

Leon has been superb. I really enjoy working with Leon, our august attorney, esquire, et cetera, who is a super individual.

All the other folks, too, that we have here like Robert Carroll sitting in the back row trying to stay out of trouble there, I’ve enjoyed working with him. And if he ever gets a coaching job at Clemson, I’ll understand why.
Also, Ann, I didn’t get to mention this before, but Ann, I want to thank you for all the work you did at the animal shelter. You were certainly a staunch individual out there and kept a lot of things going through, again, some very difficult times, as you well know.

But so many of the staff here, the County staff has just been excellent. There’s not a bad thing to say about anybody; and I mean that. They work hard. They do a great job. They’re extremely cooperative. And they have been a tremendous help to me. And let me tell you, a lot of people think, coming out of the military, hey, you’ll be great to be on Council. No, I’m going to take the opposite opinion of that, a hundred and eighty degree divergence from that. When you’re in the military, you know who has the rank. You know who the officers are. You know what the orders are for the day. You know what the mission is. You know what the job is. You know which side the bullets are coming from.

When you walk into politics, you don’t know any of that stuff. You get hit from all sides. And I tell you, it’s one heck of a steep learning curve sometimes. And again, Tommy, you and I stumbled through that first couple of years big time, I know.

So I just want to thank everybody, though, for all the help. It is indeed bitter sweet, as the old saying goes. And other than that I look forward to still seeing everyone. I hope Tommy Seigler will let me in the door from time to time downstairs. Other than that, I wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters.
KEN WATERS: Thank you, sir. You know, you look back and it’s almost like standing in a forest. You standing and you can just reach out and you can just touch a tree ever which way you turn. You look at the airport, you look at the animal shelter, you look at the civic center and you just look at the jobs that’s come to Anderson County.

When I first came on council, you know, you look back, the unemployment rate was thirteen, fourteen percent. And then I’m not a look-back person. I have trouble. And so right now I’m having to look back and just see some of the things that we’ve done. One of the hardest things to do is -- Kirk, you have a hard time gathering a story with this up here, I’m sure, because the work is not done up here. This is where everything is finalized. All the work is done
with the employees; Holt, Mr. Carroll. And stuff
don’t just happen with a snap of fingers. And the
friendships, you know, we’re leaving Council, but we
still have friends up here. That, you know, we just
happen to represent the people that’s elected us.
And that’s been a privilege and I thank everyone for
doing that, you know.
But walking away from this and looking back at
all the positive things that’s happened in the last
eight years and, you know, just as Mr. Dunn said,
this has been great. I mean just looking back at
where Anderson County was and where it is today, the
records we’ve broke, the billions of dollars that
we’ve brought in capital investments. You know, and
the programs that’s gotten started. And the
building. Man, let me tell you something, you want
to talk about the growth, you walk through -- drive
through Powdersville up there, man, somebody will be
made at you, it’s growing so fast up there.
You know, and I can’t tell you the friendships;
the employees. I’m going to mention Matt Schell. I
love that kid. Man, he’s just a big ole three
hundred pounder, plus or whatever, you know, that
guy, all you’ve got to do is just light his fuse and
he’s gone. And looking at all the stuff that he’s
done. I got a text this morning from Mr. Crowder,
you know. Just the pleasures that I’ve had with the
people. You know, it’s time for me to go. I’m going
to enjoy my life and the friends that I’ve made.
It’s just touching. But it’s time for me to go and
enjoy my life. I met people from other parts of the
county. And to look at how we’ve pulled together and
worked together as one. And that’s what we’re
supposed to do. There’s no selfishness up here.
Everybody is up here to represent their people. I’m
just really impressed with that.
You know, just like I said, I’ll bounce around
ever once in a while. I’ve got new challenges ahead
of me. I’ll be taking those. I really appreciate
the friendships and being able to work with everyone
and looking back at it. I leave satisfied, you know,
at what we’ve done. You know, we’ve accomplished a
lot.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate y’all. And
again, Mr. Burns, appreciate the hard work the staff
has done and look forward to it.
In closing, if we could, Mr. Wooten, can I impose
on you to say grace over our food we’re fixing to
eat.
If we’ll all rise, please.

CRAIG WOOTEN: If we could bow together.

Thank you, dear Heavenly Father. Thank you for this Christmas season. Thank you for this time of reconciliation and peace and the ability to celebrate your Son Jesus. I pray that you bless this food, God, as we socialize together. And that we can love each other and recognize this time of year. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

TOMMY DUNN: Amen. Meeting will be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:13 P.M.)