ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
RAY GRAHAM
BRETT SANDERS
CRAIG WOOTEN
CINDY WILSON
GRACIE FLOYD
JIMMY DAVIS

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGEAERT
TOMMY DUNN: I’d like to call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of February 5th to order. At this time I’d like for us to rise for invocation and pledge of allegiance by Ms. Wilson, please.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time moving on to Item number 3. Are there any changes or corrections to be made to the minutes of January 22nd?

Do we have a motion to move forward then?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson to move forward. Do we have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

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

Moving on now to Item number 4, citizens comments. As Mr. Harmon calls your name, you have three minutes to speak on items related to this first go-around on agenda items only. Please address the chair. Please state your name for the record when you come up to the podium. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker is Frank Pressly.

FRANK PRESSLY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Frank Pressly, District 4. Twenty years. Twenty years is how long this young lady at the end of the podium down here has been fighting the Preston case. Speaking to Item 14, you have an executive session today about it. Five councils before you have battled through this. We’re at the eleventh hour. All the money that needs to be spent has been spent. Usually when the opposition is reaching out so hard to get a settlement, it’s because they’re desperate. Let’s not cave at the eleventh hour. Thank you.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Janet Keller.

JANET KELLER: Mr. Chairman, about the closing of Dianna Street, I have ---

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns -- give me a minute -- get that mic and maybe adjust it for her where she won’t have trouble. Start that time over, Mr. Harmon. Go ahead. Take your time.

JANET KELLER: I’ve been living on 933 Lewis Street for fifteen years now. And our home faces Dianna. We’re the only ones that live on Dianna. And we have trash, people stealing stuff and coming up the road. Just yesterday I found a needle. I took a picture. I have pictures of stuff to give to y’all to
look at. I found a needle. I called the law. They came and they said there was meth in it. And I mean, this is really ridiculous. We have trashy road, eighteen wheelers coming down that little road, and they knock down the neighbor’s power line. The power line was across the road, live line, on our fence. And we have people that speed up and down that road. And they don’t care. I have a video and I have photos of me getting a stray cat out of the road with the neighbor up the road flying down the road and almost hitting me. And I mean, it’s getting to the point to where we can’t live in our own home anymore. And all we ask of y’all is to help us do something about the trash, the drugs, and everything else that’s going on over there. Because we have -- all we wanted was the road closed from our property line up to Lewis to stop all the speeding, the trash and everything else, because me and Ms. Gray are about the only two that clean that road. And the road is getting in bad shape. And I just wish y’all would help us, if you would. Would y’all like to see these pictures?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, get that for council, please.

JANET KELLER: I have all of them -- the one that’s not in plastic is the one where I found the needle yesterday. That’s down at the store. The good one probably take -- that shows (inaudible).

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, that’s time for this speaker.

Are you ready for the next speaker?

TOMMY DUNN: Time’s up for that. You want to sign in to talk? You can’t sign in after the meeting starts.

Okay, Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, I’m having a little bit of trouble reading the name of the next speaker. It looks like the last name is Smith King.

VERONICA SMITH: Thank you for letting me speak my three minutes. My name is Veronica Smith. I also live at 923 Lewis Street. I have lived at 911 Lewis Street all my life until I moved off. I moved back. Our mobile home is sitting directly on Dianna Street, as Ms. Keller stated. It has now come to the point we are finding meth needles to where we’re having to call the law -- that still have the meth inside. I’m sorry. I’m nervous. I’m not used to public speaking, so excuse me.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s all right.

VERONICA SMITH: My niece and my nephew,
they cannot physically come to my home, walk to my home
any longer, because the road is not wide enough.
There’s no side, the cars run off the road, because
it’s not for double lanes. It’s not for two cars. The
trash, we’re continuously picking up trash. The next
morning we get up, there’s trash. When we called the
county law last night and they come and got the meth
needle, the police office also noticed that there was a
soda bottle that someone had urinated in and threw it
out on our road.

We understand that the parcel that we’re asking to
be shut down goes from our property line and Ms. Gray’s
property line up to Lewis. At no way would it
interfere with the store located at 28 Bypass. That is
the main junction at 28 Bypass. That is the road
transfer trucks should be on. That’s what they should
be using. They no longer use that. They come down
Dianna. They do not take into consideration people
walking down Dianna, people coming out of their yard,
which, I mean, it’s our driveway, us coming out of our
yard, they do not even consider the stop sign located
at Dianna and Lewis Street. We are lucky if we see ten
cars a day stop at that stop sign. Other than that
they’re straight on. In the pictures you can actually
see where a man run the stop sign and come to a dead
stop in the middle of Lewis Street. That has also
caused a bad wreck. Two people was entrapped in the
vehicle at the time. They had to call out EMS and fire
squad to get them out. I am begging, please help us
make our neighborhood safe, because right now we have a
home security system, we have a dog, and unfortunately
we’ve had to arm ourselves with a 380, because while
she was at a sleep study, I had a drunk man come in the
yard at two thirty in the morning. If it had not been
for our neighbor calling the law -- unfortunately my
stupid self, I left the door unlocked. But if it had
not been for the neighbor, I can’t say. And he called
the law and luckily they was able to lock him up. But
please help us put a stop, I’m begging. Because I do
not know what else to do. Right now my hands are tied
as far as feeling safe inside my own home.

LEON HARMON: It’s time, Mr. Chairman.
VERONICA SMITH: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Harmon.
LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Randy
Smith.

RANDY SMITH: My name is Randy Smith and
I live beside my sister, Veronica King. I do heating
and air. And with these meth heads that are coming
down there and parking in the back down there stealing
my equipment. I do heating and air. I’ve got them on film taking hand trucks and getting my equipment, going back up Dianna Street and up Lewis Street. If something don’t happen with getting that road closed and everything, somebody is going to get hurt. That’s a lot of money I’m losing. It’s not coming out of your pockets, it’s coming out of my pocket. The next one that tries to steal is going to laying in my yard. I’ve done told the law. The law ain’t done nothing. Please help us try to close Dianna Street down. If we can do that we could stop a lot of that. I appreciate it. Y’all have a nice day.

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Dorothy Smith.

DOROTHY SMITH: Yes, sir, my name is Dorothy Smith. And I have been living over there at 911 Lewis Street since May of 1958. When my husband and I bought that house and we moved over there, that was a good place to live. I mean everybody, you know, nice and all. And the traffic and all, we didn’t have people going up and down Dianna Street and all like they are now. And they’re using that -- Dianna Street connects Lewis and 28 Bypass. Well, really, there’s no reason for anyone to be going up and down Dianna Street now because what we used to call the Mini Mart, well that is closed now. That store has been closed now for about five or maybe five and a half years. And the building and everything down there is just going down, down, down. And the -- where the gas pumps and where you pull in and all, that pavement down there is cracked and it’s coming up and all. In fact, back when we were having all the rain, where that branch runs up under that road and all there, it washed out and a big -- great big giant hole down there. And it stayed down there for, oh, about three or four months. Well, they closed that road off. And we were so glad that they did close it off. And then finally, I don’t know if the county or the county and the city got together and fixed the hole. Now it’s opened back up. And they’re using Dianna Street as a race track up and down, up and down. Motorcycles up and down. We’ve got eighteen wheelers, which they should go on down to Bojangle’s and Zaxby’s and go through -- cut through down there to where they’ll have a red light to go out down there where you go up to Walmart. But instead they try to come up there and go down Dianna Street. And an eighteen -- that little street is not wide enough for two cars to pass. And that big eighteen wheeler, it gets -- the electrical lines are hanging down low. And they get caught on the top of the eighteen wheelers.
And then whenever they do it pulls the transformer and
everything else down. We have to call Duke Power then
and get them out there to put the wires back and put
the transformer and all back up. And we would
appreciate it if you would just close that street off
completely because there’s no one living on that street
except Veronica. She’s the only one that’s living on
that street, Dianna. And she has people coming over
there all hours of the night pulling up in her yard and
her driveway and turning around. And it’s not safe,
not now, not the way the situation and all it’s in now.
LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.
DOROTHY SMITH: And the cars and traffic
can go up and down Lewis Street or either they can go
down 28.
TOMMY DUNN: That’s time. Thank you,
ma’am. We got the point.
DOROTHY SMITH: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Danny
Herrmann.
DANNY HERRMANN: I signed in on that. That
was just for my rezoning. I must have signed the sheet
wrong.
TOMMY DUNN: You can talk about it now.
Yes, sir. Anything on this agenda you can talk about;
yes, sir.
DANNY HERMAN: This is in regards to the
amended zoning that I ---
TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, but it’s on the
agenda so you can talk about it now. Yes, sir.
DANNY HERMAN: Oh okay. (Inaudible)
Excuse me. As you can see, the amenities where we’ve
located this is much nicer amenities than what they had
proposed. That’s all we’ve asking for is to get the
commission to amend the zoning that we can move the
amenities. (Inaudible).
TOMMY DUNN: That’s good. Thank you.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one else
is signed up.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
Moving on to Item number 5, trash in Anderson
County. Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: I hope that you folks have
been seeing what I have seen. Starting at the first of
the year, I was so struck by it that I asked our folks
who work with the trash, I said is this just my
district or is this all over Anderson? And they told
me that it was all over Anderson. Have you all seen an
influx of trash; really, really trash all over the
highway, seems like it’s move. Just shake your heads up and down and I’ll know. Yeah, yeah. We don’t know what’s wrong. We don’t know why. It seems like roads that were kept clean during -- right before Christmas, and I know they have been cleaned, are just trashy all over again. There’s no, there’s no rhyme or reason for it. We don’t even know who’s throwing the trash out. We do know some people who are picking it up. But it’s a mess. And we’re going to have to do something about it. I am starting a trash committee, personally, in my district. You’ll be hearing more about it. We’re beginning to talk to somebody who -- and we’re coming up with some plans to see what can be done to help. The problem is so big that it’s going to take each council member up here to monitor his or her own district to figure out what can be done; what can they do in their district to help. Because it’s going to take -- it’s not going to take one person from one district to do it all. It’s not going to happen. We’re in a new day. We don’t know why. But the trash, it seems to just be awful.

I had a death in my neighborhood and the funeral was going to be on a Friday and I was going to go up on Wednesday and Thursday and clean the trash up myself because I was so embarrassed to have people coming into my neighborhood. Well, I mentioned it to the wrong person that I was going to do that, and that didn’t fly. He told me that he’ll come home and he will straighten me out if I did that because I was going to take my rollator with me. And I was just going to do it. And he said, no way, Jose. So I called Greg Smith who happens to be sitting -- Greg, I want you to stand up, please because I want everybody to see you. Thank you, dear. Greg Smith is in charge of the litter. Let’s just put it that way. He’s in charge of much more than that, but that’s the only one I can think of now. He’s in charge of the litter thing. I called him and I said, Greg, we’ve got to do something. I can’t have these people coming to the family to visit the family during this time with our roads and the neighborhood just looks so bad. I said, I just can’t do that. And he said, Ms. Floyd, let me see what I can do. Well, Friday -- I think I called him on a Wednesday. Friday the family came -- the funeral was 1:00. When the family came, it was cleaned up. And you don’t know the sense of relief knowing that people are coming into your neighborhood and your street.

So what I’m doing now is I have -- I have twenty minutes to talk about it, but I’m not going to talk about all of it tonight. But you’ll hear me come in
with some snippets, a piece here and a piece there to
give you some ideas.

First of all, if you see anybody out there picking
up trash, you know they didn’t put it out there. But
what I do is I pull to the side and I get out of my car
and I stand up and yell out, thank you. Thank you. To
let them know that somebody cares. Okay. Maybe
there’s a horn blow that we can do. We see someone
picking up trash maybe we can honk the horn, thank you.
But we have to start somewhere. And I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Item number 6, there are

none.

Going on to Item number 7, second reading. 7(a),
2019-002, an ordinance consenting to the conversion by
Anderson County of certain rights of Orian Rugs, Inc.
(The “Company”) under that certain lease agreement with
Anderson County dated December 1, 1997 to a fee
agreement arrangement as provided in Title 12, Chapter
44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.

Mr. Burriss, do you want to talk on this before we
go into a public hearing?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.
Chairman, members of Council. As we discussed two
weeks ago, Bosch is streamlining their business model.
They’re wanting to clean up the legal language of the
old lease style fee agreements and convert it to
simplified fee. Good thing for both of us. It takes
away the encumbrances that they run into with their
business dealings with us being in the chain of title.
And the other thing is, it gets the County out of that
chain of title and we’re no longer listed or it appears
that the County owns that property. That’s a legal
fiction designed on purpose for the purposes of the fee
in lieu of taxes agreement. But this is a company that
has over four hundred employees operating and working
every day.

TOMMY DUNN: You mean Orian Rugs; don’t
you? I think you said Bosch.

BURRISS NELSON: I’m sorry. It is Orian
Rug.

TOMMY DUNN: Just want to make sure for
the record.

BURRISS NELSON: It is Orian Rug. I’m
sorry. Four hundred employees, annual payroll of about
thirteen million dollars. And current property taxes
that are paid, a hundred and ninety-two thousand
dollars. And the project is -- there’s not a project
at this time. But there is always the opportunity for
them to grow and to bring another capital investment
and job creation. Thank you for your time. This comes
to Council as a recommendation from the staff and the 
Advisory Committee. And I apologize for my ---

TOMMY DUNN: That’s all right, Mr. 
Nelson. At this time we’re going to be in a public 
hearing on this. Anyone wishing to speak to this 
matter, please step forward and state your name for the 
record and address the chair, please.

FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4. 
This being from 1997, which was the height of Mr. 
Preston’s reign here, people would be interested in 
knowing what this agreement was about. Mr. Burriss did 
give us a little recap there, some of which included 
the words, a fiction that was created. That suggests 
to me that something was done a little funny there. 
Did we take a lease of some property in exchange for 
the fee in lieu of? What exactly was this deal? I’d 
be interested in hearing from either the county 
administrator or Mr. Burriss about exactly what this 
deal entailed. Is this something we’re going to have 
as a discussion or just a response?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Pressly, you know we 
don’t answer questions back and forth like that right 
there. It’s not a town hall meeting. Move on.

FRANK PRESSLY: Well, we haven’t been 
provided anything in that regard. I’d be interested in 
knowing exactly what this deal involved.

TOMMY DUNN: I heard that; yes, sir.

FRANK PRESSLY: --- property or what it 
involves.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anyone at 
all? Do you want to speak on this matter, ma’am?
Okay. This is this matter here. Anyone else at all on 
this matter here? Public hearing will be closed. Do 
we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second 
Mr. Graham. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: I’m not sure I can 
precisely answer the interpretation here, but in years 
past in Georgia and also in South Carolina when there 
was an agreement, an economic development agreement, it 
was structured verbally and in writing different from 
the way it is now. And as Mr. Nelson pointed out, we 
would show up as in this Orian Rug fee in lieu of tax 
agreement as the owner or the lessor, but we’re not. 
It was a paper -- I don’t want to use the word ruse, 
but it was basically -- it comes with in lieu of. It’s
kind of a French term. It’s just a different way to do it, and we’re cleaning up records now. I don’t even know if they still do this in Georgia, but in Anderson County and in our state it’s a lot more straightforward than it used to be. We won’t be in the chain of title. It’s a tax agreement. Is there anyone else who can maybe clarify that a little better? Does that make sense?

RAY GRAHAM: That was very well said.

That’s what it amounts to.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I talked last meeting to Mr. -- not Rusty, but the economic development person, his name? Burriss, yeah, I knew that. I know you, Burriss. But I talked to Burriss Nelson about it and he explained this, you know, to me, what it was about. Because my concern was a little different. It appeared to me that every time we turn around we have one of these companies who were stabled in Anderson calling asking for more of this and more of that. Mr. Burriss explained it to me. And again I came this morning -- this afternoon, excuse me, and I went to Mr. Burns’ office because I wanted to talk with him about it. We talked today, but we talked about everything else today but this. Mr. Burns, would you explain to our county members here what you told me this was all about?

RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible)

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And I don’t think -- or what I know about it, I don’t think that this has nothing to do with what happened with the previous administration.

RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible)

GRACIE FLOYD: It has? Okay. Good.

Thank you.

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

Now going to 7(b), 2019-003, an ordinance consenting to the conversion by Anderson County of certain rights of Orian Rugs, Inc. (The “Company”) under that certain lease agreement with Anderson County dated December 1, 2003 to a fee agreement arrangement as provided in Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976.

Mr. Nelson, you got anything you want to say on this?

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

All of these agreements are based on state law and state statute. They don’t have anything to do with
local government other than we are able to enact them. But it is a method of being able to supply the incentive opportunity used in the lease. We really don’t -- the legal fiction part of it is we really do not own the property. And it states so within the ordinance itself. So it’s all in state law and it’s met state constitutional muster and been through the Supreme Court for review several time, and has stood the test of law. But that’s what it is. It just helps these folks with the incentive. This cleans it up, though, so that we don’t have to be in the chain of title and it allows -- gets us out of it just by switching to simplified fee. But thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. At this time we’ll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this, please step forward and state your name and district and address the chair, please.

FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4. Mr. Chairman, the last time I asked you if you would please ask exactly what the mechanics of this deal is, we’ve heard described what it’s about, but we’ve heard a lot of words that are fiction and verbal agreement and kind of stepping around it. What exactly is this deal? Did they give us a piece of property as a lease? They’re saying we leased it. That doesn’t mean we own it. But if we leased it then we’re paying some type of value. Are they exchanging that for their fee in lieu of agreement? What exactly is the deal? Why can that not be explained to us because we’re hearing all about that it’s legal and it’s this and it’s that. But what exactly was the deal?

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anyone at all? Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any further discussion?

CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: The value of the fee in lieu of tax agreement for the previous item was ten million dollars. And I can’t remember how many jobs, but they’ve long since fulfilled on that. The value of this particular fee in lieu of tax agreement where we are basically taking our name out of the chain of title is eight million dollars. And I’m trying to remember because I actually voted on this back in ‘03, but it seems like there were over a hundred jobs at that
1 point. But Mr. Nelson, those jobs have been filled to
2 the letter of the agreement?
3 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.
4 CINDY WILSON: So this is basically --
5 this is probably a very informal way of maybe doing a
6 quit claim on the property because we never really had
7 title to the property, but it was a legal conveyance so
8 they could get fee in lieu of taxes and go borrow
9 money. But it’s different now. It’s more
10 straightforward.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
12 in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
13 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
14 Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Appreciate it.
15 Moving on to second reading, Item 7(c), 2019-004,
16 an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances, Anderson
17 County, South Carolina, by adding section 38-184,
18 Titled Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities. Put that
19 in the form of a motion to move forward for third
20 reading. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing
21 none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Show
22 the motion carries.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Isn’t this the second
24 reading for this?
25 TOMMY DUNN: I think I said, yes, ma’am,
26 second reading.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought you said third
28 reading.
29 TOMMY DUNN: I’m sorry. I thought I
30 said second.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: No.
32 TOMMY DUNN: But it says right there
33 second reading. Second reading.
34 Ordinance 8(a), moving on to first reading, 8(a),
35 2019-005, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to
36 rezone plus or minus 108.61 acres from PD (Planned
37 Development) to PD Amendment at 2729 Highway 29 North
38 and Cox Road. This is in District 7. Dr. Parkey, do
39 you want to talk on this?
40 JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes,
41 this is a rezoning request at Cox Road and Highway 29
42 to amend the planned development statement of intent.
43 The purpose of the request is to relocate the amenity
44 area to a different spot on the side and also there’s a
45 change in the name to Rocky River Subdivision. The
46 staff recommended approval of the request. The Zoning
47 Advisory Group did not meet their January 2nd meeting
48 for a lack of quorum. So the item technically comes
49 forward as approval. The Planning Commission
50 recommended approval at their January 9th meeting.
Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone have questions for Dr. Parkey? Do we have a motion to move this on?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.

Discussion?

CINDY WILSON: May I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: I had a very pleasant conversation with the new developer of this property. And he understands that this property as currently zoned, if it were to come before us now as it was zoned with the PD in 2004, it would not pass. It is a very high density development in a low density area. And I’ve implored Mr. Herrmann to be mindful of the neighborhood, and we would like to get together with you, maybe with the neighborhood. Your neighbors probably will have some very good ideas that would make it more sellable and certainly more liveable for them.

It’s for two hundred and fifty-five houses on approximately seventy acres that can be built on. The rest he would retain as open areas as wetland and a big pond and so forth. But we need to be aware of the current trends of going to smaller homes and perhaps smaller lots. However, going to an eight-thousandth square foot lot in this area is very -- it’s very different. And we’re very concerned with the tract home builders that we’ve had in our county. We used to have a lot of good home-grown builders, and even building small homes, they were solid and very pleasant and so forth. But we have what one of my neighbors out that way referred to as a vinyl village. And it’s not a happy neighborhood to live in that way. We’re wanting to work with you, not only to give you a good profit but to give us a good neighborhood that people want to live in and perhaps they’ll want you to come back in another area of the county to build, too. We really are quite fatigued from working with DR Horton and some of the others. They have not been nice neighbors coming into the county. They’ve bullied the neighbors and made things very, very difficult. So I’ll look forward to talking with you further about this as we move along. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Abstentions?
GRACIE FLOYD: I just don’t know what we’re voting on. So you might just have to put me down because Mr. Parkey went from one thing straight to another thing and somewhere it just got all confusing there to me. For example, the abuse treatment facilities. Did he discuss that?

TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am. I did. We done voted on that.

GRACIE FLOYD: I beg your pardon?

TOMMY DUNN: We’ve done voted on that.

That’s what you asked me -- I said third reading on.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I’m aware of that.

TOMMY DUNN: He didn’t say nothing about that.

GRACIE FLOYD: Somewhere, Mr. Dunn, it got all confused in there. So because I am confused, and I am, I will not vote.

TOMMY DUNN: Abstention. Show the motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten, Mr. Graham and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd abstains.

Moving on now to Item number 9, resolutions, 9(a), R2019-002, a resolution expressing intent to cease county maintenance on and to authorize county consent to judicial abandonment and closure of a portion of Dianna Street designated as C-09-0304A. Be in District 2. Do we have a motion on this?

RAY GRAHAM: I make a motion we deny this.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr. Graham that we deny this. Do we have a second? Second by Mr. Sanders. Now discussion.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: There’s a couple of things concerning this. I definitely feel for the family that lives over there. However, pretty much all of the items you guys brought up, I think we need to truly address the issues. And the issue is not closing the road. And with that being said, we can’t close a road just because there’s trash on it. As Ms. Floyd stated earlier, there’s trash all over the county. We know -- we all identify that we have an issue there. When you go to the point about the road -- excuse me -- the large trucks, eighteen wheelers coming up and down that, to me that’s definitely something we need to pursue about limiting that thoroughfare as far as with the big trucks. And that’s something we can definitely take into consideration and possibly do on that.

As far as the drug paraphernalia on the side of the
road, the sad thing about it, it’s the times that we
live in. And you know, we can ensure that the
sheriff’s department patro...s on that. But again, you
cannot close a road just because there’s issues on that
road. The road itself is not in that bad a shape. In
fact, we’ve got many roads throughout the county that
is in worse shape than that.

Again, I sympathize with the issues that you guys
brought up. We will address with Officer McCarley to
patrol that area. He’s kind of an officer that’s
assigned to the county. We’ll try to do that. Some of
the items as far as where the people’s coming up on
your properties, and listening to y’all’s conversation,
I assume some of them is actually walking. Closing
that road is not going to prevent that either. I’m
very familiar with the area. And with that being said,
I know there’s some issues in that neighborhood. But
again, I think the answer there is to address the
problems at hand and not -- you know, closing the road
is not going to address them problems. I’m mighty
afraid that is not going to solve any of the issues you
guys have with the exception of the trucks coming up
and down through there. And actually if it’s closed
they’re not going to be able to do that. But we can do
that without closing the road. So with that being
said, that’s my take on that. And I apologize I don’t
agree with you guys on that. But I mean, we’re
definitely going to take some steps to see if we can
get you some assistance in that neighborhood.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: One possible remedy would
be to have it posted for no truck traffic going
through. And I wonder if a speed bump might be
helpful?

TOMMY DUNN: A speed bump, we have to
get the road department. We’ve got a -- I think
Council done this years ago, got a policy about speed
bumps, where they can go and how they go and whatnot,
and everything. I don’t know if that would be
applicable for that.

GRACIE FLOYD: But Mr. Chairman, ---

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m flabbergasted. I
really, really am. Because that’s my district. Wait a
minute. Wait a minute. That’s my district. You are
in my district, not Mr. Graham’s. You’re in my
district. Okay? And usually when it’s your district
you get first say because it’s your district.
But anyway since we have people up here now who know everything, maybe they know about this, but let me tell you what I know. Okay? I came out there and I looked at the street. In fact, that was my second time coming out there to look at the street. Okay? Recently; okay? I listened to what you had to say. You talked about the trash, the needle and stuff, wheelers, the power line and the especially the motor cycles. Everything that you had going down in that area goes on on my street. My neighborhood is deteriorating and it’s going down. So I know how you feel. I talked to you about that trash; I was so embarrassed to have anybody to come in my neighborhood to take a look at it. I was just so embarrassed. Talked to you about that. But just to jump up here and say I don’t agree with you -- here’s what I want to do since you’re in -- you’re my constituent. Here’s what I want to do; okay? I want to come out there again and I want to talk to you this time. The last time I didn’t get a chance to talk with you because I just came in to take a look at it to see why they wanted to close it and all of that. But can we set up a time when I can come out there and see you again and meet with you and let’s find out what we can do to solve this problem that’s going to be good for you and good for the county, as well? May I do that?

Okay. Now, if you have any concerns call me. Call me because I am your council person. You’re in my council district. The other people have other districts that they need to work in themselves, without jumping into mine. God knows I need the help, but I’m managing all right. Now, when can I come out there to talk with you? Next week sometime? Seems like I have something to do. I’ll make it work. Okay. I’ll make it work. Seems like I have something to do Monday, but I will be there. And I know the house on the corner. Whose house is that? Raise your hand, the mobile home that sits right up on Lewis Street. All right. May I come to that house? Okay, good. I’ll come to that house and I will bring the necessary people with me and we can discuss it. We can talk about it. Does that suit you? Okay, good. Good.

Anyone else? All in favor of Mr. Graham’s motion, show of hands. All opposed.

What was his motion?

Deny.

Oh, to deny. Okay. I oppose.

How did you vote, Mr.
Davis? Not to close.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: In favor, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Ms. Wilson in favor of Mr. Graham’s motion. Opposed Ms. Floyd and Mr. Wooten.

GRACIE FLOYD: I won’t worry about that. I’ll see you Monday.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item 10, report from the Finance Committee held February 1, 2019. There will be an executive session. We’ll handle all of them at one time when we do the other executive session. Chairman Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On February 1st we had our first Finance Committee meeting of the year in which we basically wanted to sort of set the tone for the budget process moving to the end of the fiscal year in June to begin July 1. And we talked about different ways we could make it methodical, that we could make it transparent, that there was two-way communication between the County Council and Division Managers, but also for them back-up to us in setting priorities and listening to each other moving forward.

Some routine items that came through the committee meeting that day is we had a bid for a two ram baler. A baler, Mr. Smith feel free to correct me if I quote it wrong, but a baler is used by the Solid Waste Department to take things like cardboard and trash and to process them. We send it out to about twenty -- fifteen to twenty folks who could possibly supply this baler. We had about four bids come back. The lowest bid was a company called Crigler for four hundred and fifty-eight thousand dollars -- four hundred and fifty-eight six hundred and two dollars. And they also gave us a trade-in on the ten to fifteen year old baler that we already had. So I wanted to make a motion that we accept that bid based on the recommendations of staff.

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

Moving on, Mr. Chairman.

CRAIG WOOTEN: The second item was a partial release of retainage and reduction of future retainage. Simply put, when we go into contracts with different companies we want to make sure they finish. It’s sort of like not paying someone to do work at your house up front for fear that they may not come back. So we withhold a certain percentage so that we adequately ensure that they finish and do a quality
job. Well, at certain points, based on commitment levels of materials and things that they’re moving forward, they will request from the county to release that retainage to allow them to move forward. And so this came as a release for ?? Corporation for Project NASA. County staff had verified that they were so into the project that they have been doing a good job and that they had committed to finishing and that we had assurances in that regard.

So I wanted to make a motion that we allow the partial release based on a recommendation from Committee for staff to release the retainage for them to finish the project.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion coming from the committee. Again, it doesn’t need a second. Is there any more discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

CRAIG WOOTEN: The next two items are combined together because I think it’s more of an informational standpoint. I don’t necessarily know that it’s a motion for a vote. But the museum store in the past has been run by the Friends of the Museum without any additional labor from museum staff. County employees were able to revamp the museum and take it over and put it in a favorable light that it could have more product and be more accessible to the public and this wouldn’t cost the county any additional money and we think would actually add to the value of the management to the museum store.

Secondly, Ms. Davis and the Finance Department came forward with different budget challenges and a proposed calendar moving forward into June. So some of the budget challenges were, you know, personnel. You know, we made the commitment last year to take care of our personnel. There’s a second half of that coming. We have pension increases that are coming. Unfortunately those come by mandate, so you know, those are things that we have to meet by law. We’ve taken over the TTI facility on 28 Bypass. There will be expansion and a timing of moving tenants into that. And we also have expended -- routine expenditures for the jail and possibly for a shop that’s coming forward. But these will be addressed in other committee meetings as they bring recommendations back to finance.

Number 7, you’ll see in your packet, transfers. You know, you can review the transfers. There’s many of them. But they were explained in committee meeting and each council member was assured of the reason for them and the timing of them. And so I’d like to make a
1 motion that the transfers move forward all together.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Coming out of committee, it
doesn’t need a second. Are there any discussion? All
3 in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
carries unanimously.
4 Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Appreciate the
5 report.
6 Moving on, are there any appointments? Are there
7 any appointments? Anybody have any?
8 Okay. Moving on to requests by council members.
9 Mr. Davis?
10 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
11 District 6 would like to appropriate from our special
12 projects fund fifteen hundred dollars to the Saluda
13 River Rally. And I make that in the form of a motion.
14 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second?
15 CINDY WILSON: Second.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
17 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
18 unanimously. Mr. Davis, do you have anything else?
19 JIMMY DAVIS: No, sir.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?
21 BRETT SANDERS: No, sir.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, if I’m allowed to do
24 it. If District 2 is allowed to, if it’s all right
25 with everybody. District 2 is going to have a Senior
26 Citizens Valentine luncheon. It’s going to be fun.
27 This will be our third one. We had a good time every
28 time we’ve had it. And we’re going to have it again
29 this year at the Civic Center on February the 14th.
30 But the only thing, it’s going to be only for District
31 2 people. Only for District 2 citizens. And I would
32 like to allocate two thousand dollars from the District
33 2's recreational account so we could pay for it for
34 them. If that’s all right for me to do that. But
35 that’s in the form of a motion.
36 CINDY WILSON: Second.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
38 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
39 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
40 unanimously.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: If anyone is interested in
42 coming to this Valentine Luncheon, we’re going to have
43 games, we have speakers, we have fun, we have prizes.
44 We have everything. And anyone who’s interested must
45 call the District -- our secretary over there and give
46 her your name and let’s say RSVP to her, if you live in
47 District 2 and you want to come. And this is for
The next thing is the recreational center. We don’t have a recreational center in Anderson County. So what happens is we’re given thirty-five thousand dollar a piece to use that money for some form of recreational activity for the people in our district; okay? And if I’m allowed to do so, for District 2, I would like to allocate two thousand dollars to the Anderson City Recreational Center so our people -- usually our seniors can go there for rec activities, as well as this fund pays for -- it pays for baseball and basketball for the kids to join these baseball and basketball clubs at the rec. These are children who -- well, they have a -- they’re children that need this kind of help to join this thing. We don’t do football. We do baseball and we do basketball. Only for District 2 children. You have to live in District 2.

And this is because each of us get the same amount of money. And it wouldn’t be fair for me to take my money and spend it on everybody else’s children when you get the same thing that I get. Okay? I hope I did that well enough.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: No, that’s all I have.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion, show of hands.

GRACIE FLOYD: No, wait a minute. It’s one more. Yes, it’s one more I have to do. It was a three hundred dollar one, and another one; wasn’t it? Okay. I’m not going to do -- huh? All right. Good. No, I’m not going to do the Men at Work. Okay. Thank you.

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

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I bring this forth in the form of a motion that we -- Starr Athletic Association has requested four thousand dollars for the rec program in the Starr area for the youth. I bring this in the form of a motion that we take four thousand dollars from my recreation account and allocate it to this organization.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Motion carries. Anything else, Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: No, sir. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten, anything?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Nothing from me.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
CINDY WILSON: Just one. May I appropriate from District 7's rec account one thousand dollars for the Tenth Annual Saluda River Rally. And this is the paddling event celebrating its tenth year, spanning the river from Powdersville to Piedmont, down to Pelzer, and hopefully in years to come, all the way down to Lee Steam Plant. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Motion carries.

From District 5's rec account, we'd like to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars out of its rec account for the Sadlers Creek Friends of the Park; five hundred dollars for the Sons of Federate Veterans Convention; and seven fifty to the Hezaj Shriners Circus. Put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, what was this about?

TOMMY DUNN: I think they're requesting that money. They do every year.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, they were just passing it out. Nobody said anything about this.

RUSTY BURNS: (Inaudible)

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Would you please explain? It says six seventy-six redeemable coupons at thirteen dollars each, a thousand dollars.

??: (Inaudible)

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, we as in?

??: (Inaudible)

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So that will come -- they're not asking Council for any money; right?

??: (Inaudible)

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. When is the ---

??: (Inaudible)

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we have some time to look at this more; right?

??: (Inaudible)

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anybody else? Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to do seven hundred and fifty dollars, as well, to the Shrine Circus. I bring this in the form of a motion for needy kids in the area that this would
provide some tickets to.

   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. Anything else?

Moving on to Item number 13, committee appointments. This will be the sewer. Mr. Burns has informed me we’ve got some issues coming up with the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee needs to be appointed. We’ll appoint that tonight with Mr. Wooten as chairman, Mr. Sanders and Mr. Davis. I think both of them has got some issues coming up in their district.

Moving on to Item number 14, executive session. I make the motion we go into executive session for legal matters involving the Preston case, the Jacobs case, the Finance Committee, Pickens County TTI building, the Iva sewer for legal advise from counsel. Put that in the form of a motion. Second Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.Suit everybody to go back here?

   (EXECUTIVE SESSION)
   CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that we come out of executive session having received information regarding contractual and legal matters regarding the Pickens County TTI building and Iva sewer, and also legal matters involving Preston and Jacobs’ cases, with no votes taken.
   TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a motion to come out of executive session. Do we have a second?
   RAY GRAHAM: Second.
   TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries.

At this time, going back to the first of the Finance Committee. Mr. Wooten?
   CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir. I have three motions. I would like to move that County Council hereby instruct the county administrator to move forward with the valuation of legal remedies to address the Iva Sewer matter and provide the Council with a recommended course of action. I put that in the form of a motion.
   TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion that’s coming from the Finance Committee. Doesn’t need a second. Are there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously. Chairman Wooten?
   CRAIG WOOTEN: The second motion I’d like
to make is I move that County Council approve the
resolution reached in mediation of the Jacobs case, as
discussed in executive session, with the terms to be
included in a written settlement agreement in place.
And I put that in the form of a motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion coming from
the Finance Committee. We take a second from Ms.
Wilson on that. Ms. Wilson seconds that. Any
discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Wooten?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: I was back there with you,
but your motion just now, I don’t know what you’re
talking about.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.
GRACIE FLOYD: Why don’t you bring it down
a little bit.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Sure. I was -- this was in
regards to a mediation case of a personnel issue in one
of the county departments; that they had gone through
mediation and the mediators had come to terms of a
settlement for us to disburse to the individual.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).
Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
carries unanimously. Mr. Chairman?
CRAIG WOOTEN: The third motion I’d like
to make and I’d like to follow up with discussion is in
committee meeting we had voted to recommend to County
Council to move forward with negotiations and possible
acceptance of an offer that we had received on the TTI
building in Pickens. From a procedural standpoint, I
bring that forth as a motion from the Finance
Committee.
TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from the
Finance Committee. It doesn’t need a second. Now I
open the floor for discussion. Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Now that I’ve brought the
motion forward, I would like to inform Council that
since that meeting, county staff and members have
received additional interest in this property in
Pickens from constituents and folks inside and outside
the county. So in regards to that, from the time that
we voted to recommend when we thought we had one offer,
now we could potentially have more offers, we feel that
it’s in the best interest of the taxpayer that we allow
the other folks to come forward within the confinements
of our procurement process to make sure that
everybody’s treated equally, to make sure that we’re
getting the best value for this property for the
taxpayer. So I just wanted to, in lieu of the motion
that we made, let you know that additional information
has come forward and there could be other items that we
could discuss further.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: I just wanted to clarify.

Ms. Floyd, please. I just wanted to clarify that this
was a meeting coming out of -- recommendation coming
out of the Finance Committee on last week, so we have
to vote on it, up or down one way or the other, to move
on to something else. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I vote
that we not vote on the recommendation that was coming
out of the Finance Committee in lieu of more, in lieu
of more bids and more people interested in the project.
I move that we just not take a vote at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: We’ve already got it on the
floor. We’ve got to take a vote, Ms. Floyd. Motion is
already on the floor.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I -- well, I
won’t do that. If we have to take a vote, I vote that
we wait until we can table this vote until we have
heard from all of the parties interested in this
building. So I vote that we table it.

TOMMY DUNN: You vote to table it; okay.
Do we have a second? Dies for lack of a second.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I? In
order to be technically correct in view of additional
information and interest, we’ll vote down our
recommendation and then have a new ---

TOMMY DUNN: Right. This ain’t hard.
And I’ll clean it up; okay? All in favor of the motion
show of hands. And this is the one if you want to
entertain more ideas, you’ll vote against this. All in
favor of the motion from the Finance Committee, show of
hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries. You
abstain, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: No. I don’t abstain. I
don’t vote yes. I don’t vote no. I don’t vote.

TOMMY DUNN: Show Mr. Davis, Mr.
Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms.
Wilson in favor.

Now, regarding the -- pertaining to this matter,
we’ve had some other exploratory information coming
from the administrator. We’ll put this back in the
Finance Committee to work with the staff as soon as
possible to come up with a procedure to move this
forward in a quick as possible solution on this to come back before full council by next council meeting, hopefully. Or to get something started. Got that? Moving on to Item -- administrator’s report. RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name you have three minutes. Please speak to items -- on anything, and address the chair. You've got three minutes.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one citizens signed up. Frank Pressly.

FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 4.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this council chamber belongs to all of us here in the gallery and people represented, the administration is represented by Mr. Burns and Mr. Harmon and then you have the Council. And all three of us are supposed to be working in conjunction with each other. And you were selected as a leader. Not as a god now; as a leader. And you’re going to hear things that oppose your views. You’re going to hear things that agree with your views. But you can’t get mad at people for expressing their views because that’s what we’re here for.

Now on January 8th you made a comment from the bench there that says, there’s a hit piece I haven’t seen in quite sometime of politics going around about me this past thing about it and I’ll share it sometime about how crooked I am, how mobbed up I am, the kickbacks that I’ve taken. Now, I don’t know if that’s true or not, but I’d be interested in hearing of any hit piece that you’ve gotten that says you’re mobbed up and taking kickbacks.

TOMMY DUNN: Look at your email address.

FRANK PRESSLY: This is the county minutes.

TOMMY DUNN: Yep.

FRANK PRESSLY: All right. But it reminds me of Mr. Preston and his salacious letters that he claimed to be getting that he was sending himself. But we’re here to all work together and you can’t get mad at us because we don’t agree with you.

I asked you specifically some questions tonight about an ordinance and you didn’t respond. And you ask us to address the chair. And if it weren’t for your colleagues helping you out, we would have gotten nothing back in the way of any kind of explanation.

I want to bring this to your attention so you know that we’re all in this together. It’s not us against you or me personal. I don’t know you from Adam’s house cat. But here is a politic group trying to do things
for our county that involve us all. Just letting you
know that.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?
LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up,
Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Remarks from council
members. Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
It’s nice to get some of our old agreements sorted out
and more clear for the future of the county in fee in
lieu of taxes. And it’s always so good to have really
healthy discussions and everyone doing their due
diligence on considerations. I appreciate being a part
of that. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Mr.
Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: None at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham?
RAY GRAHAM: None at this time. Thank
you.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do. Something
happened tonight that never happened before here on
council. Whenever there’s a problem in one of our
districts, we are usually given the lead in it.
Tonight, as I opened my mouth, the lead was just taken
away from me by somebody else who knows nothing about
my district. I’ve been here twenty years. By somebody
who’s only been here -- is it two years, maybe three?
Maybe two and a half years about my district. Okay? I
wasn’t happy about the way my people were addressed.
You just don’t, you just don’t do that. I don’t agree.
Well, that’s your prerogative. But I do differently
with my constituents and I just wish I had had the
chance to do it. Okay? But I don’t meddle in nobody
else’s district unless I have to. No, I don’t. No, I
don’t. Your people call me and I say this is her
number. Call her. They say well I’ve called her three
times and she doesn’t return my phone calls. Yes.
Yes. One thing about it, folks, Gracie Floyd don’t lie
because I don’t have to. But we’ve some folks sitting
right here that will lie through their teeth. But no,
I don’t meddling in your districts. But since the gate
has been opened, here I go.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?
BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis?
JIMMY DAVIS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it. I just want
to thank the council members tonight for getting through this meeting civilly, and I want to appreciate the citizens for coming out tonight and remind people if they’ve got questions feel free to call any council member, staff, before the meeting to find out and get their questions answered. More willing to do that. Opportunities rise, get a better in-depth thing, too, sometimes in a three minute thing. This is not, as I said earlier, is not a town hall meeting to go back and forth with time to ask questions. This is to conduct the people’s business of Anderson County.

And as far as what I was referring to, Mr. Pressly, if you’ll look on the correspondence you sent out, you sent that letter.

This meeting will be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:22 P.M.)