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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
... I’d ask that we rise for our invocation and pledge of allegiance. Before we get into that, though, if I may ask some indulgence. Want to welcome everyone here tonight. Thank y’all for coming. At this time I’d like to ask us to bow our heads and have a moment of silence. Dr. Ronnie Booth lost his father this past week. Steve Newton lost his father this past week. Captain Ross Brown lost his father. Give a moment of silence, our thoughts for them and their families.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

TOMMY DUNN: Amen. We’ll have Councilman Davis lead us in invocation and pledge of allegiance, please.

JIMMY DAVIS: Let us all bow our heads.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY JIMMY DAVIS

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’ll move on to Item number 3, approval of minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting. Are there any corrections to be made to those minutes? Huh? I’m sorry. I should have on my glasses. I didn’t bring that far enough ahead for some reason. Sorry. The minutes for the June 4th meeting and the May 21st meeting is not -- haven’t been received yet to be voted on. Thank you, Ms. Wilson, for pointing that out.

Moving on now to citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please, for the record, state your name and district. You have three minutes. Address the chair, please. First go-around will be on items pertaining on the agenda items only, please. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one speaker signed up. Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I’m speaking mostly on the Anderson County Sheriff’s Office monthly report. I understand that over the weekend, from Sunday to Monday, I think we picked up fifty-eight inmates overnight. I don’t know how the Sheriff’s Department is able to do what they do with what we’ve got going on. Somehow another the fines and the fees, the penalties, have got to equal out where the people who are responsible for the crime or the deed or the throwing out of trash, whatever it is, are the ones that are responsible for fixing the same. According to the budget, too, just looking at like the Civic Center, money that comes into the Civic Center, that’s well and good. But when you have the fair that comes and the fair in times past has ruined the parking facilities and leaving it to where we have to then, again, spend money to fix it, we’re not being very equitable with what we charge. I don’t know what y’all are going to do with the road fee Tax, how that’s going to work out, but I did go to a meeting last night where amounts of money that are coming in on the gas tax are phenomenal and it doesn’t look like that money is equitably
getting back to counties. I have a lot of stories to tell in
the last couple of weeks about DOT and what they’re doing and
not doing, but essentially they were trimming some trees,
saplings, alongside of the road so that one driveway could see
out. There were four employees who spent five hours, did
piddling squat, and then not only that, when they left, on the
other side of the road where they did take -- I could see one
sapling that they had taken down. They also took down the
signage that was there and crumpled it up like a tin can. So
no matter what your position is in the county, whether you are
in personal business, whether you are employed by the county,
whatever it is your job -- I don’t know why this is going in
and out -- everybody needs to do their very best in the work
that they can do and not just consider it a job and banking
hours. And management needs to do a better job with people
they have to make sure that they do the job correctly.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

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Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on now next on Item number 5, discussion of housing
situation in District 2. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Friday I got
the chance to get out and look at the housing situation. This
is my new mic. I got a chance to go out and look at the
houses. After finding out that in my district, which is
District 2, I had seventy-seven dilapidated houses just in my
district. Thank you. Just in my district. The breakdown was
something like, in District 1 there were five houses needed to
go. In District 2, seventy-seven. That’s two sevens; seven
seven. District 3 had fourteen. District 4 had thirteen.
District 5 had twenty-six. District 6 had six. District 7
has three. I was heartbroken. I knew it was a lot. Because
what is now my district, if you think about it, it used to be
Anderson County’s biggest district. Long time ago I moved in
here in 1968 and going up 81 was nothing but trees. But
District 2 there are seven seven dilapidated, burned down, no
good houses. I kept getting complaints about one, so I pulled
together a crew consisting of Holt Hopkins, Barry Holcombe and
Greg Wilson. We went to -- I wanted to see the one that I
just kept getting complaints about and look at some others.
And then I got this bright idea, I want to show you. They say
pictures are better than a thousand words. I’m going to show
you a thousand words right now. I asked Mr. Greg Wilson, who
took the videos for us to look at it and go with me. And I
didn’t know Holt was going to be here tonight, but I’m very
glad that you’re here, Holt, because I want you to jump in,
please. I want you to see what I have in my district. Okay.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

GRACIE FLOYD: As we go through these --
being too long. But I want you to see what people are living around, what is in some of the communities, and tell me how you would like to live next door.

This is one. Is this the one we came up on ... I had a man who lives in this area who has been calling me asking for something to be done about the house with the burned down trailer house. Okay. This is the one that we came up on, too, Greg; is it not? Okay. Do you see the house next door? How would you like -- yeah. Yes, that’s right. There appear to be people living down in that -- in the bottom of that house right there. It appeared that somebody was in this house, too. Got the cardboard on the window. These are houses in neighborhood. I should have said neighborhoods. There’s one house we went to that when they saw us coming the person who was supposed to be at the house -- that one. Yeah, look at this one real good. She kept yelling, get out of my yard, get out of my yard. And we got out. I got a story on how this house got burned the way it was. But the man who lived in this neighborhood tells me that there are constantly people around there. They come as early as four o’clock in the morning and they take care of business down there. And I’m sure that most of you know what I’m talking about, about taking care of business. They do it in the morning. They come in with their backpacks. They come in and they sit there all day long while traffic slows down in front of the houses.

I talked with the sheriff and he looked at our list. And he said that if these houses were torn down it would help him a lot. Because he’s having a different kind of problem with them. What I’m having is neighborhood community type situations. Now, I have seventy-seven of these. Some say, oh, that’s not too bad. Did you see one that was not too bad? All of them were bad. If I had to live next door to them, I would be raising sand. And I would be jumping up and down, and you would be, too. Because we’re better than that. We have to help others who are living among trash like this. We have to work to help them have a quality life, a life where they can raise their kids. I understand that there was a man at one of those burned houses that stopped a kid going to the school bus to try to sell him some stuff to take to school with him. That’s bad.

In this year’s budget, I’ve asked for more money. I wanted a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. We had fifty thousand in there. But fifty thousand divided by seven equals -- my brain people up here says it’s about seven thousand dollars. And it takes what, ten thousand now? Huh? Seventeen. Excuse me. It takes seventeen thousand dollars to tear down one house. I know what you -- it takes seven to ten. Excuse me. Seven to ten thousand dollars to tear down one house. But the fifty thousand dollars that we put in the budget just wasn’t going to be enough. I’m hoping -- I’m
asking for a change. I’m asking for more money to be put in
the budget to help us clean up our districts. We have some
district, like 6 and 1, that aren’t doing too bad at all. But
seventy-seven in one district, that’s just too much. That’s
too much.

My request to the budget people is I want a hundred and
fifty thousand. But right now, at this point, I will take
anything other than fifty thousand dollars because fifty
thousand dollars won’t even get me started. It won’t get us
started.

And for that, Mr. Chairman, I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

Moving on to Item number 6, Ordinance third reading of the
budget. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor for
discussion? Mr. Davis?

JIMMY DAVIS: I would like to make a
motion that we move forward with the third reading of the
budget tonight, excluding the magistrate’s office.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move
this forward for third reading, excluding the magistrate’s
office, and reason for that so Mr. Graham can vote on the
budget, excluding that, and the magistrate’s office will be
voted on after the vote is taken. We’ll come back and motion
be made to add that and Mr. Graham, I’m sure, will recuse
himself. Do we have a second for that motion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Floyd. Now
discussion.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: I’d like to see if we
could have Ms. Davis to come forward and present the proposed
budget changes, if possible.

RITA DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
members of council. Mr. Neil Carney is passing out the
proposed changes that hopefully we can incorporate into the
budget on third reading tonight. Right behind him, Jana
Pressley is handing out a summary of those three pages of
changes.

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll move on. Mr.

Sanders, it’s my understanding you make this motion to amend
the original motion to add these changes?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? We
have a second to be able to open the floor for discussion?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now,
discussion.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Graham. Go
ahead, Ms. Davis.

    RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman,
with your indulgence if we could just focus on the summary
sheet. Again, it incorporates all the changes that are on the
itemized three-page full size. But we’ll just focus on this.
These are things that we’ve been talking about in our four
budget workshops that we’ve been having throughout this budget
season, starting with the revenues in the general fund. The
building and codes, they’re going to increase fees if council
raises their hand tonight starting July 1, and that will bring
in additional revenue, as well as the development standards
that we’re getting closer by doing this to our counterparts in
Pickens and Greenville and Spartanburg counties.
The Register of Deeds, a hundred fifty-five thousand.
That is actually state mandated. The general assembly came up
with those mandated fee increases. So that’s going to bring
in about an additional hundred and fifty-five thousand.
Council has discussed that there’s to be pavement for new
driveway aprons. And at one thousand three hundred and fifty
apiece, we’re thinking that’s going to bring in about three
hundred and seventy-eight thousand. This rent of TTI property
right now, of course, that’s just a guesstimate if you will,
but we will be renting out part of that property to Tri-County
Tech. So that’s where the two hundred thousand comes in. And
by virtue of those increased revenues and some of the
decreases in the expenditures that we’re going to discuss here
in a minute, you see that that’s a decrease in the usage of
fund balance of four hundred and fifty-two thousand dollars.
So in all that’s a million ten thousand five hundred and
forty-five dollars in additional revenue.
That is counterbalanced by -- we’re asking council to put
seven hundred and fifty thousand in TTI in a contingency fund.
And we will come back before you and justify those
expenditures. Most, if not all of that, would be transferred
to the facilities department as needed as we ramp up
departments are deployed to Pearman Dairy Road and those
monies are needed.
Also, in the first reading of the budget we had round two
of the wage and compensation salary increases that our
consultants recommended. And we told the employees we’re
coming back with that because keep in mind the year we’re in
now we did round one. We’re coming back with round two. So
we knew all along, council made a commitment for that, so
that’s already in the budget. If you do not receive a round
two raise right now in the budget, there’s a two percent
increase, salary increase, for the employees that we’re asking
council to raise their hand tonight to approve. And that
totals five hundred and thirty thousand.
In addition Captain Brown and the Sheriff have worked
diligently on the Sheriff’s pay plan. And we compared what we
had in the budget versus the costs for their pay plan. And
we’re coming before council asking that you approve two
hundred and sixty thousand seven hundred more so that in
October 1 that these raises can be implemented.
Okay. And the addition for round two raises, the
additions for the Sheriff’s raises, but it’s going to be
delayed a quarter so that we can balance this whole budget
out, so then that results in a five hundred and forty-three
dozen dollar savings. So that’s listed there as Item
number 4.
As Ms. Floyd so eloquently pleaded for, there’s fifty more
thousand, Ms. Floyd, right now that we’re bring before you for
consideration. Keep in mind that the treasurer, as taxes are
paid on these dilapidated structures by the owner of the land,
it goes back into that fund. So last fiscal year there was
thirty-six thousand added. This year there’s been eighteen
thousand. So we’re hoping that at least twenty more thousand
will be added by virtue of that revenue coming in and the
treasurer depositing into that building demolition account.
So hopefully if we add this fifty you’ll have about a hundred
and twenty thousand next fiscal year to spend. So that’s the
goal.
Okay. I need to hand this out to council.
TOMMY DUNN: Hold on just a minute, Ms.
Davis. I don’t want to get too far ahead. I think Ms. Floyd
might have a question.
GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Davis, what
(inaudible) we should have, instead of one thousand dollars --
I’m sorry, a hundred thousand dollars, we should be having a
hundred and twenty?
RITA DAVIS: No, ma’am, not on the
first day of the year. You’ll have a hundred the first day of
the year. But as we go through the fiscal year and taxes are
collected, it will be deposited into that account for building
and codes to use for building demolition.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And it’s dedicated
to that fund, right?
RITA DAVIS: That account. Yes, ma’am,
most definitely. That’s all it can be used for.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else got anything
up to this point?
RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. The next line
item, council asked us to look at a one percent decrease in
operating and contractual. That’s the seven-page document
that Ms. Pressley is handing out to you. That totals a
hundred and forty-six thousand five hundred and ten. The
Sheriff’s office is not included in that. His six departments
are not included in that.
CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am, Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: I’m sorry. I thought we were going to continue on the changes on the long sheet here so I didn’t speak up. I was waiting to continue on those.

TOMMY DUNN: I’m sorry. I thought she made it plain when we started out, this is everything that’s on the long sheet; it’s a summary. We’ll go back when she gets through if you’ve got a question -- you’ve got a question now?

CINDY WILSON: Since this was just handed out and I don’t have time to really focus and figure it out, so I’ll need some help. Under special appropriations District 4, to Crisis Pregnancy Center, District 5 to Crisis Pregnancy Center, and there was another one I saw. I’m not sure I’m following that. Would you, please ---

TOMMY DUNN: That’s money that they asked for, Ms. Wilson, and to make it easy me and Mr. Sanders took it out of our Districts’ special appropriations account and added it to that.

CINDY WILSON: Oh, so we’re going to have a larger recreational fund this year?

TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am. We took I think it was three thousand dollars out of District 5's special appropriations account and added to the pregnancy center. That’s where that money is going to. I’ve got three thousand dollars less; okay? Mr. Sanders added a thousand dollars, if I’m not mistaken, so he’s got that to bring it up. They requested an extra ten thousand dollars and that’s where that ---

CINDY WILSON: I know they have needs, but I’m not understanding the mechanics here.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, I don’t know how you can get much plainer after taking it away.

CINDY WILSON: Thirty-four thousand is the carry-forward total from what used to be referred to as the recreation account? Is that what I’m seeing?

TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am. This is money that’s coming out of the recreation account or whatever -- special purposes account -- out of this year’s, the budget we’re talking about tonight, we took three thousand dollars out of District 5's; we took a thousand out of District 4, to give to the pregnancy center. That’s where that money is coming from.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. So it’s special appropriations, though. So y’all gave it to special appropriations then?

TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am. We’re taking it from special appropriations and giving it to the pregnancy center.

CINDY WILSON: I guess who’s on first and what’s on second ---
TOMMY DUNN: Evidently. And I must be on the bench.
CINDY WILSON: I apologize. Okay. Let me look up 5829 so I know what I’m understanding.
RITA DAVIS: There you go. Yes, ma’am. I apologize. I might have caused that confusion by putting the word special appropriations. It should have said special projects.
CINDY WILSON: Okay.
RITA DAVIS: It’s just special projects account; yes, ma’am.
CINDY WILSON: Well, they each have a different number.
RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am, they sure do.
CINDY WILSON: Okay. So we’ll make that correction then.
RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.
CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
RITA DAVIS: It has the right account number; just the wrong name.
CINDY WILSON: Okay. Well, that helps to understand. Now I’m up with you. Thank you.
RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am. And we’ve been asked to put a freeze on new positions, excluding the Sheriff’s Office, and that’s going to be about four hundred thousand dollars. On your change sheet at the very top we’re just moving some overtime. Captain Brown asked us, remember on second reading you moved 5181 to the two departments he has. Well, the overtime didn’t get moved for animal control under Director Baker, didn’t get moved to the right department. And that’s all that’s on the change sheet. It nets to zero. There’s no impact whatsoever on the bottom line.

All right. And, you know, we talked about a road fee when we first started this budget. It’s not in this budget at all and therefore, with your indulgence, I’d like to provide for roads and bridges capital and the welcome sign that -- 85 northbound so that it would match the one going south. And so that’s four hundred forty-six eight hundred. Slight increase with salaries and fringes of an appointed official across the street.
TOMMY DUNN: Keep in mind that’s state mandated. We’ve got to write a check for it. That’s not us giving that.
RITA DAVIS: That’s right. And asking for just a little bit more on fifty-five hundred dollars. It says Parks and Recreation, but keep in mind, if we have a Bass Master classic or any tournament, any Saluda River Rally, the employees from Roads and Bridges are facilities that come to assist Matt Schell and Sharon in the Roads and Bridges
Department. That OT gets coded to their department. So that’s why you see the fifty-five hundred. We failed to put -- I failed to ask Jana to put workers’ comp or the SROs because they’re in a separate department. So that’s what that thirty-five thousand represents. Keep in mind, we get that money back. And a council member asked that we add a thousand each year to Westside Community Center and Calvary Home. We put it in Calvary Home. We failed to do it for Westside. So we’re adding -- proposing to add that thousand dollars to it. And because of the wage and comp adjustments and everything, we’re reducing the transfer-out to Family Court and Victims’ Bill of Rights. So you see that the million oh ten up above revenue, the million oh ten down below, matches.

Any questions on any of that or the legal size sheet?

Again, it’s a summary. And on you legal size sheet, line 37, that’s -- this one percent matches line 37. It ties right in; that hundred and forty-four thousand. So I know that’s a lot of numbers we just threw at you, but again it’s stuff we’ve been discussing in our budget workshops. This just reduces it into writing for your consideration.

Oh, yes, and if you don’t mind, at the very bottom of the sheet we talk about the capital. I just wanted to highlight some other fund adjustments. Those up above are all general fund. That balances out. We’re still at 2.2 months of fund balance, which is our magic number. We still have 2.2 million in there for road paving. But I did want to, for transparency purposes and accountability, Neil’s passing out the capital that we talked about. The airport up above, that fire truck has already been approved by council. It just has not been purchased. So this we’re carrying forward because it takes nine months, Neil, to build that truck? About nine months. So we’re not there yet. So that’s why you see that. And they need a building to keep it climate controlled, I understand, and an SUV, a capacity tester for maintenance. And e-911, those three items are the display monitor, a server and the UPS upgrades.

CINDY WILSON: Excuse me.

RITA DAVIS: Mr. Williams has said (inaudible) they needed those.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Under capital

but adjustment to other funds, you have a notation of provide for airport capital, four hundred and twenty-eight thousand six hundred dollars.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: What is that?

RITA DAVIS: It’s on the sheet there.

It’s the vehicle ---

CINDY WILSON: Oh, okay, so that’s the
RITA DAVIS: --- fire truck and the
building and capacity tester for ---
CINDY WILSON: Okay. And of course, the
truck we’ve already ---
RITA DAVIS: Approved; that’s right.
CINDY WILSON: --- approved in this
time’s budget ---
RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am. That’s
CINDY WILSON: --- to carry forward.
RITA DAVIS: This just allows us to
already come before council.
CINDY WILSON: On the other two items,
the SUV and the aircraft rescue and firefighting truck storage
building, should we not put that aside at least for a short
while until we get the airport straightened out?
TOMMY DUNN: Well, the building’s got
to -- if you’re going to buy a fire truck, you’re going to
have to have a building to put it in. Especially weather
coming on with pumps freezing and hoses. Gotta have a climate
control thing. And I’m assuming -- now you correct if I’m
wrong -- before any of this is purchased, because this hasn’t
been purchased, it’s got to come before council anyway; isn’t
that right?
RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. And like Neil
said, as part of the grant they have to have that building.
TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. That fire truck is
bought with grant money. This other stuff, though, before any
money is spent, this is just putting a line it in for the
budget. It’s got to come back to council to vote on it, go
through committee to process like we always do.
RITA DAVIS: I think you’re right, Ms.
Wilson. There was some discussion of whether he needed a SUV
or not. But we can definitely bring that before council to
see what kind of vehicle they need out there.
CINDY WILSON: The question is do we need
an SUV out there right now? I mean they’re -- we’re in the
process of reviewing. And I would think that we should wait
until next year’s budget to buy an ---
TOMMY DUNN: But if you can understand
for just a second, we’re not buying an SUV tonight. We’re
putting a placeholder in the budget so we’ve got to approve
that SUV if not -- get it back or not.
RITA DAVIS: Correct. We’ll bring all
these back.
TOMMY DUNN: It’ll be back.
CINDY WILSON: My point is that with the
airport failing to be self-sustaining for probably at least
two years now, that is one item that we may not need right
now. And if we put a placeholder in the budget then we’ll
come back later and we’ll purchase it and, oh, it’s already in
the budget.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, I don’t know. Y’all
might have operated like that in the past, but I don’t. If it
comes back before us, we’ve got questions for it, it goes
through committees and things like that. So that’s up to
y’all.

Wait a minute. Ms. Wilson’s got the floor.

CINDY WILSON: I’m fine. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: If I’m not mistaken these
to council; correct?

TOMMY DUNN: Everything but the fire
truck. The fire truck has done been purchased with grant
money. It just ain’t got here. Like I said, when they
ordered it, it takes nine months to build one.

JIMMY DAVIS: Okay. That’s all I have.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Davis?

RITA DAVIS: And that’s all I have, sir. If there’s any questions we’ll be glad to attempt to
answer them.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: I’ve got -- y’all just
bear with me. I’ve got just a few things I want to bring up
concerning the budget. And I know council members is aware of
this but I mean, again, just bear with me and be patient if
you would.

Our current council has fought to ensure our employees are
taken care of. I know since Councilman Wooten and myself has
been on council, the entire council has fought hard. The plan
study was in place when we came on. That was enacted.
Basically it’s taken two years to get it to where it is. But
there’s no question as I look out here tonight and see the
deputies, you know, I’ve been in your seats. I’ve been in
your uniforms. And I promise you it was making a lot less
than what you’re making. And I know you guys do it for the
love of the job and for wanting to get out and being there for
the community. And I’m calling you guys out because there’s
so much of y’all here tonight in our presence. But I mean the
council members has worked hard to ensure all of our employees
in Anderson County, whether it’s Roads and Bridges, whether
it’s Sewer Department, whether it’s Personnel and Finance and
HR and Building and Codes. I mean it just goes on and on.

Every employee in Anderson County -- that’s employed through
Anderson County is a tremendous asset to us. And every one of
our council members recognizes that. We value y’all as
basically the most important of our process.
So with that being said, we have made tremendous strides in trying to ensure that y’all are compensated and we’re moving the county forward. We also, however, have got to look at and make sure that you -- because I look out across at you guys and probably ninety-five percent of you lives in Anderson County, too. Which means what? You’re a taxpayer. And so I mean we’ve also got to look at that side, as well. This budget this year has probably been -- I would say it’s definitely the most challenging budget since I’ve been on council. I know in years past there was some a lot worse than that because the economy just wasn’t where it is today. But I mean we are so fortunate to be where we are, but it has been very challenging because we’ve got so many things going on in our county.

For starters, the TTI building. I don’t know if anybody realizes it, but the Sheriff’s Department is probably going to be the biggest gain there with the TTI building because I think everybody pretty much has the vision of moving that agency out there to that facility.

Fleet Services shop, you know, we’re going to put that out there. We’re going to put some property out there for Tri-County Tech. I mean there’s a lot of ideas that’s going into place to develop that to ensure that it’s going to be a -- literally a game changer for Anderson County for the citizens to be able to go out and reach the resources they need at a one-stop shop and also upgrade some of our facilities that you guys use every day. So I mean there’s a lot of things going on in the county, but with that you have to keep in mind it comes with a great cost. And somehow we’ve got to pay that, which is who? The taxpayers. It goes back to the taxpayers on everything we do.

Again, going through, you know, this budget, we went back and forth on trying to figure out ways to reduce the budget. Trying to get -- originally when we started, Ms. Rita, I think we were looking at, if we approved it, was about four mills?

RAY GRAHAM: Three to four, yes, sir.

RAY GRAHAM: So as you can see council and the staff here at Anderson County has worked very hard to get it down where we’re not having a tax increase. Okay? My biggest concern is where we’re at on our reserve. It’s not a matter of who I support, what I support. My biggest concern is where we’re at on the reserve. County ordinance, you cannot be less than two months on hand for your reserve fund. Right now, tonight, when I talked to Ms. Rita earlier, Saturday it was around two percent. I think right now with some additional cuts, we’re around 2.1, 2.2 percent. And you know, a lot of that is projected costs as far as some savings that we’re going to have at the end of this year, this budget years. And plus what we’ve got coming in to the coming budget year. But still that’s a great concern of mine. It’s a great
concern of all of our council members. So I mean we’ve got to
kind of keep that in the back of our mind, you know, are there
any other costs that we can cut?

Going on -- I’m sorry. I’m just trying to make sure I
cover all my notes. Basically on the one percent, what we
done is with the current budget that was presented so far is
basically our goal was to put it back into the division heads’
hands and say okay, instead of county council saying, you’re
going to cut one percent out of this. We put it back in the
division heads’ hands and say, okay, you tell us where you can
cut one percent. We’re giving you a number, but you tell us
where you can make that savings at. Guys, each and every one
of y’all, and this includes my fellow council members, to sit
here and say we cannot save one percent on our budget, whether
it’s a household budget, whether it’s a business budget,
whether it’s a budget that operates a county, to say we cannot
save one percent on the operating costs, I’m sorry, that is
just -- I don’t believe that. Because I guarantee you, we can
save one percent just being conservative and continuing
fighting the battle and doing the job the best we can.

With all this being said, number one, I don’t want it to
sound like I’m against the Sheriff’s Department, because I am
not. And anybody that knows me or looks at my past history on
what I’ve fought for, for each and every one of you, knows
that that is the furthest thing from the truth. But I am
bringing forth in a motion tonight that the Sheriff’s
Department cuts their budget, their operating budget, one
percent, as well. And with that being said, I mean, keep in
mind what we have today in law enforcement and public safety
versus what we had two years ago, five years ago, ten years
ago. Just this budget along we’re looking at moving to a new
facility within this year and next year’s budget. That’s
probably going to take place. The pay plan that Ross Brown
came up with, just that in itself is going to end up costing
about two hundred and sixty thousand dollars more. But
council feels so strongly about the plan that that man has
worked so diligently on to ensure his people and the Sheriff’s
people that works for him is taken care of, not today, not
today, but for years to come. That plan alone is costing two
hundred and sixty thousand dollars this year. I support that
one hundred percent. We’ve met numerous times on this. The
Sheriff, Ross, I mean several different individuals, council
members. I mean that is supported one hundred percent. But I
still feel like, when I look back and since Sheriff McBride
has taken office, and we can look back on previous
administrations all day long, but it’s pointless. I look back
since Sheriff McBride and his command staff has taken office
and how efficient he’s been, how much smoother and better
things are running in this county, how much, when he comes to
us with a plan in place, it’s truly a plan and this is why and
this is -- and I tell him all the time, don’t come to me with
an idea, come to me with a justification and I’ll support it.
Sheriff, am I right on that? I mean that’s all I ask.
Justify what you’re wanting and I’ll be your biggest ally.
And so again, I’m coming tonight and I’m asking for a second,
if nothing else, to get the discussion on the floor for full
council on this. Because again, I mean one percent of the
Sheriff’s budget is right around fifty-two thousand dollars,
which seems like a lot of money. But do the math. One
percent, I mean you’re talking about 5.2 million dollars.
Guys, every one of y’all are adults and every one of you are
education and every one of you operates a budget every single
day at home. Just you stepping up and being efficient at what
we do every day, we can save that one percent and it would not
affect the service that you guys provide on a daily basis to
Anderson County. I’m not asking for that. I’m not asking for
you to cut the services. And I strongly believe in my heart
that between the Sheriff and his command staff, along with
everybody that works in that division, that we can do this and
it wouldn’t affect one thing other than us being conservative
and stepping up and doing our part. Because, you know, I was
laying there last night and I’m telling you, this budget, I’ve
thought long and hard on what is the best options, what’s the
fairest options. I was laying there last night and I asked my
wife, I said, you know, my whole life I’ve been in some form
of public safety. I said, what is the most important service
we provide to our citizens? And I sat there a minute, and I
said, you know, I guess it depends on what kind of situation
as an individual citizen you’re in at that moment. Because if
it’s a crime or something along that lines, I guarantee you
that man right there, you want him to be your best friend that
day. Because you want this whole crowd to be out there taking
care of your family. But I guarantee you if it’s something
with roads and bridges that’s affecting your family or your
daily life, you want that man over there to be the number one.
So it really isn’t a matter of what’s the number one priority
because, guys, it takes every single one of these operations
to make this county successful as we are today. And it takes
leaders like that to do that. And I mean we’ve already talked
and the Sheriff knows that I’m bringing this up. It’s
definitely not a jab toward him. But I’m telling you, y’all
have got an excellent leader in place and you’ve got a great
command staff. But we’ve got to continue moving forward. And
we -- you guys, this agency, has got to do their part, as
well. Because I mean it’s not fair for us, as a county
council -- or I cannot see it in my heart to go to every one
of our division heads and say, we need one percent cut from
your budget. Again, just operating budget. It has nothing to
do with salaries. In fact, y’all are getting better salaries
due to the plan that Captain Brown has put in place. Again,
we’re taking care of that. But again, we’ve got to do our
part on the other end, as well.

And Mr. Chairman, I bring that in the form of a motion
that we respectfully, as we have done with the other division
heads, if this is passed, that naturally we would allow the
Sheriff and his command staff time to come back with us on
where that one percent would be cut because by all means, I
mean, I think that should be on the divisions as far as where
they would make that. But I bring that in the form of a
motion, would respectfully ask that I could get a second on
that.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr.
Graham to cut the Sheriff’s budget -- ask him to cut -- the
Sheriff to bring back a reduce in his budget of one percent.
RAY GRAHAM: Operating costs.
TOMMY DUNN: Operating costs. Do we
have a second? You can. You ain’t supposed to, but I’ll
allow it.
CINDY WILSON: This is all hitting so
fast it’s hard to absorb. But has our sheriff been able to
get the duty roster or whatever the arrangement is so that
everyone on duty is placed where they’re supposed to be? I
think you mentioned that earlier.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
CINDY WILSON: Okay. So that element has
been resolved?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?
Motion dies for lack of a second.

Now, go back to the discussion on the original amendment
by Mr. Sanders. Anymore discussion on that?
CINDY WILSON: May I?
TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: You know, we’re all trying
to find cost savings here. Could we look at the media team
and examine some of those costs and ---
TOMMY DUNN: Hang on one second, Ms.
Wilson, if you would for me. Just one second. I don’t think
that’s a part of the amendment. But we’ll talk about that
after we vote. We’ve got to vote on the amendment first.
CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you. So
we’re going to vote on the amendment ---
TOMMY DUNN: Robert’s Rules of Order,
we vote on the amendment and then we go back to full budget.
That’s when everything’s in the basket.
CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
RAY GRAHAM: I need to speak to Leon
for one second?
TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

PRIVATE DISCUSSION

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll get started back now. Any more discussion on the amendments Mr. Sanders brought forth? Hearing and seeing none, we’ll vote on the amendment now. All in favor of the amendment, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now we’ll talk to the full -- motion on the floor, the full budget with the amendments that have been adopted so far. Now, discussion for the rest -- anything else? Now would be the time, Ms. Wilson, if you’ve got something, to bring it up.

CINDY WILSON: Could we look at the media team? That was a department that was within the administrator’s office and does a lot of good stuff. But it looks like a new position was added there. And I was inquiring about it I guess about a month ago. And then I was asking Ms. Rita about it while ago. Would you explain to us what that is?

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am. I’ll be happy to.

CINDY WILSON: Because the budget increased dramatically. Thank you.

RITA DAVIS: Okay. Ms. Wilson was looking at the ---

TOMMY DUNN: Hang on just one second.

GRACIE FLOYD: Could you tell us where she is or what sheet she’s on so we can follow along?

TOMMY DUNN: She’s in the budget book on the line item of the media team.


GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Would you give us a moment or two because we’ve got all this to go through?

CINDY WILSON: It’s also on page fifteen because it was changed from being within the administration department, 5013, to going to a separate department.

RITA DAVIS: Yeah. Look at page eleven first, if you don’t mind, in the general fund.

CINDY WILSON: Eleven and fifteen. And if you’ll notice, the totals at the bottom reference the entire administrative department, including media team.

RITA DAVIS: The current year we’re in now there was one salary and full time salary line item. Council approved another position. So that was two. The budget year that’s being proposed, we created a new department because it was an 001. We got rid of all the sub object 001s.
So technology services during the course of the year, the administrator moved a vacant position from technology services into the media team. So that’s why you see three full time salaries accounted for. On page fifteen, Ms. Floyd.

TOMMY DUNN: But that position that was moved in was added to last year’s budget or the budget we’re in right now and the council, correct me if I’m wrong, Ms. Davis, voted and adopted that position. It come out -- the museum was asking for a full time graphics person. We said everybody can share that position. That’s what come ---

RITA DAVIS: That’s right.
TOMMY DUNN: Am I not correct?
RITA DAVIS: Correct.
CINDY WILSON: It’s a new one?
TOMMY DUNN: Not for this year. Not this year.

CINDY WILSON: Well, I’m referencing the new budget, which is considerably more.

TOMMY DUNN: Ma’am, I’m sorry I can’t -- what this is entailing, they took -- no position -- they took positions from here and here and combined them into one. But it’s no new positions. We approved this -- the only new position would have been in the budget we’re in right now, operating on, the council voted on last year and voted on to move that. Like I just got through saying, the museum asked for a graphics person. We said if that position could be for the county and come under the administrator, not just for the museum. We couldn’t justify just that position. So that’s what we done. In their realigning the budget and combining these, instead of like all just coming under administrator, y’all put in the budget this year a media team instead of coming under the administrator thing. There’s no new positions in this year’s budget.

RITA DAVIS: Not at all. In fact the operating budget decreased some.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else got anything?
RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: I don’t want to beat a dead horse to death, but with not getting a second on this previous, again, each and every one of you guys, I support y’all one hundred percent. And I support the pay plan that’s in the budget this year. And I think we’re making great strides with the Sheriff’s Department. But Mr. Chairman, I would ask that the Sheriff’s Department budget be separated so I can vote in full for the regular budget. With the Sheriff’s Department not taking the one percent cut in operating costs, I’d like for that to be separated.

TOMMY DUNN: You make a motion to do that? It’ll have to be -- you put that in the form of a
motion?

RAY GRAHAM: I do.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second to pull the Sheriff’s Office out of the regular budget and vote on it separately? Have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Leon, do I need to do this as a motion? Did I do this correctly? Because I tried to make sure we was doing it right.

LEON HARMON: Yes. I believe you did it correctly.

RAY GRAHAM: So it’s okay to pull the magistrates out, but it’s not okay to pull the Sheriff’s Department out and separate those two in order to show support of the rest of the budget that we’re passing tonight.

TOMMY DUNN: Y’all keep in mind, I think we just voted on pulling the magistrates out. He made the motion, in his original motion, he made the motion to pull the magistrates out.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I’m trying to make sure with the attorney I’m operating correctly.

LEON HARMON: And I believe those motions, both of them, were done correctly.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Second? No second?

Motion dies for lack of a second. Anymore discussion?

CRAIG WOOTEN: I’d just like to say from my point of view I heard somebody say one time that, you know, a budget is a statement of beliefs and it’s sort of hard to come about sometimes because it’s numbers. But whether it’s our personal budget or county budget, where we put our numbers is what we believe in. And I feel good about this budget. I’ve always said if a budget makes everybody happy, something’s wrong. If a budget makes everybody angry, something’s wrong. And there’s things in this budget I like, things I don’t like, but I believe that it says that this county believes in public safety. I think it says it believes in the lives of our workers and their compensation. For the first time I think in county history, it says that we believe in the Crisis Pregnancy Center. And I think that’s moving. And also it affects the lives of our people. We talked about houses earlier. And most importantly it says that we listen to our constituents and we don’t believe in any new taxes. We’re getting everything done this year without new taxes. So like I said, it’s -- in any budget process nobody gets total wins or total losses. But I feel this is a good one to move forward with next year.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: I’d just like to say I know everyone up here worked hard on this budget. Every one
of us did. Can you hear me now? Everyone up here worked
diligently and hard on this budget. We were able to give
round two of the raises. We got a two percent cost of living
increase for those who didn’t get the second round of raises.
We got a new fleet service building. We got a process in
place on the storm water issues that we’ve been having. We
got money going into paving. I think we have some contracts
already approved right now.

This is my first budget here and I went through, like I
said, I know a lot of others did. I met with every department
head and was able to find almost two millage points in just
things that we could adjust and bring the county up to speed
with other neighboring counties. I understand where Mr.
Graham is coming from. I don’t think a one percent cut in the
Sheriff’s Department is -- it’s trivial, I think. And I also
expect not only the Sheriff’s Department but every department
in the county to be trying to save more than one percent.
Every one should be spending the money like it’s the
taxpayer’s money and that’s what it is. And I expect everyone
to work hard. I want them to be safe. I want them to have
what they need to get their job done. But I expect them to do
it in a conservative and passionate way. I’m passionate about
being up here. I love this county. And I expect everyone
else to be the say way. And I want to thank everyone for
coming out. (End of audio) I mean, I like this budget and I
think we’re sitting here beating a dead horse. And I’m ready
to vote on it. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Brett?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: This is my twentieth year.

Let me tell you something, I wouldn’t trade my seat for nobody
in the world. I like what I do. But I want to tell you
something. I want to tell you something. Being here for
twenty years on this doing budgets, this is -- it’s on.

TOMMY DUNN: It’s on? Okay. There you
go.

GRACIE FLOYD: I told you it was on.

Being here, this is the -- and I’m an old timer, okay? This
is the best budget year that we’ve ever had here on Anderson
County. Somebody laughed. But believe me, I know what I’m
talking about. I’ve been here. I’ve seen it. I’ve seen
years like we didn’t even have a budget workshop. And how in
heck are you going to pass a budget without talking to the
people who the budget’s for first? Some things are coming out
of this budget that I didn’t even know last year’s budget;
nobody told me. Nobody said anything. I had no way of
finding out. But this is the best. Okay? And you’ve got to
be here twenty years to define it. Okay?
Sheriff’s people, officers, I never know what they call y’all. My best buddies in the whole world. A couple of years ago I called one of you to my house because somebody was at my door at two o’clock in the morning. You know, that’s not good. But I called, and he came. And this man stood in front of me with a pistol in his pocket. All right. This man -- we were talking and this man told me that he made thirty-two thousand dollars a year, he had four kids and he was on food stamps. I hit the ceiling. There was one man here we were paying eighty thousand dollars a year to sit down at a desk when he was there. He didn’t come to my house to save me. That’s when I realized that we were not doing the sheriff folks right at all. We were not doing right. But we’re doing right now. We’re doing right now. We’re on what they used to call the good foot. And we’re going to stay there. I’ve seen sheriffs come and I’ve seen sheriffs go. I’ve seen you guys come and go, too. But I don’t have nothing wrong -- nothing bad to say about you. Y’all are doing good. And you’re looking good. I think the one percent is needed because you can’t foresee a hurricane coming. You can’t foresee the whole town being ruined by floods. You can’t see all of that. And when it happens we are going to be ready because we’re going to have some of the things in place that we need. I didn’t get everything I wanted in this budget. You heard me. I wanted a hundred and fifty thousand dollars for my seventy-seven houses that need to be torn down. I didn’t get it. But I’ll get it next year. I will get it next year.

But this is a good budget. I want to thank Brett Sanders and Jimmy Davis. These are our two new council members on this year. Brett, with his expertise -- I don’t know which one that did it because we’ve got so many -- but with Brett’s expertise he showed us how -- what we needed to do to save some money that will come back to us that we were paying out needlessly. Way to go Brett. Jimmy Davis is new. He’s my still water. You know what they say about still water, don’t you? It runs deep. And he is deep. He came up with some ideas that we could do to help us not only save money but use the money that we have for -- what’s a good word? Proficiently? That’s a good word. I sat down, as I have for the past umpteen years and I met with every department head that we have here. I even met with the sheriff who was kind enough to sit down and talk with me to get the understanding that I needed. And then ole Brett tried to come up and -- I invited Brett to come sit with me while we did this. I always invited new members. I didn’t have not one person to ever show up. It’s always me by myself and Ms. Davis and Jana. I thank them both for the work that we did this year. We had a hard year, y’all? It wasn’t easy this year. It’s never been easy for me, but it was hard. Everybody who wanted to participate had a chance to do it.
Chad, I applaud your service and the position you’re in, as well as the others that they’re in, too. Let’s keep it together. Let’s keep it going. And let’s involve everybody because it takes everybody to do this job well.

Mr. Wooten, I understand it was your thing that said we were going to have workshops this year. And I thank you for that. It really opened the doors to a lot of things. And I thank you for your leadership in doing what you did.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Appreciate that.
GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair?
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.
JIMMY DAVIS: First of all I want to thank each and every person that came out tonight. It’s good for councilmen to see a full seating area, almost full anyway. But I think, and I’d like to echo Mr. Wooten’s -- his comments were true. I mean this is not a perfect budget and it never will be a perfect budget. But I think it’s good budget. And being my first one, I’ve still got a long time to learn. Ms. Floyd, I will not be here for twenty years as a councilman. I want to continue to learn on this, but as a small businessman, I’ve looked at this budget and I’ve seen some vast improvements from the starting point. And I’ll echo Ms. Floyd here. I thank Councilman Sanders for finding not only ways that we should be recouping money, but ways that we were shortchanging ourselves. And I applaud Councilman Sanders for his efforts on that.

You know, as far as the Sheriff’s Department goes, I’d like to ask Sheriff McBride if you could stand real quick. The current budget year that we’re in right now, how did your department perform as budget as to where we are right now for budget year 2018?

SHERIFF MCBRIDE: (Inaudible.)
TOMMY DUNN: Rusty, will you turn that mic on?
JIMMY DAVIS: That’s good enough news to hear twice.
SHERIFF MCBRIDE: Thank you. So I too -- I just want to say a couple of things, if I can, because I wasn’t sure if I was going to get called on to speak or not. But when I first came into office, when I was handed the keys to my office, and I won’t say who handed me the keys to my office, but he said, I know what you’re thinking, but council is not going to support you. And I’m going to tell you this, we have a council that supports us and I appreciate every single one of you in helping me take care of my employees, but our employees, as well. So I commend each and every one of you. I know you’ve got a huge task at hand. I know planning a budget for a county this size could not be easy and I’m sure it comes with a lot of headaches. Ours certainly comes with a
lot of headaches. But we are finishing this year, it looks like, and I know there’s a few POs probably out there still pending, but it looks like we’re going to have about a six percent savings in our budget this past year, which is over a million dollars. So, I, too, believe in being conservative. And I, too, am a fan of taxpayers because I am one myself, and I certainly don’t want to pay more taxes unless I have to. And I’m in School District One so I’m going to have to anyway. But you know, whether I agree or not with the one percent reduction in our operating budget, I do believe that every division head should be challenged to save throughout the fiscal year and do the best job they can to reduce their costs and be as frugal as possible. And that’s certainly what we’ve done at the Sheriff’s Office, and I’m proud to say that. And we have done that each year so far that our team has been in office. So, again, thank y’all for the support. Thank you for supporting all these men and women out here. They appreciate you. I appreciate you. I’m going to sit down.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Sheriff McBride. I just want to say as a council representative to one of the fastest growing areas in the entire state of South Carolina -- if you don’t believe me pick up about any newspaper and you’ll see how quick Powdersville is growing. Our traffic counts up there, I mean there’s been some speculation of the busyness of 153 in relation to Woodruff Road in Greenville. 153 is a busy, busy road. And I know for a fact that the ?? times are affected by the traffic that we’re experiencing in the northern part of the county. And I know there’s a cost associated with that. And I know that that cost does get passed on to the taxpayers. But we are going to continue to grow in District 6; Piedmont and Powdersville and surrounding areas. We’re going to continue to see houses built and people move in. And it’s very important to me that we have the presence up there. We’ve got some pretty neat and innovative ideas coming up for public safety in District 6. And I look forward to the challenge that we face up there. And I applaud the efforts of the Sheriff’s Department in all facets, ways and shapes of operations up there because I have seen a vast improvement over the previous sheriff’s team or whatnot.

Mr. Graham, I respect your position very much so. But I have to respectfully disagree with it. But I thank all the council members for their patience in helping me work through this budget. And I hope that we can go ahead and get this vote going and get this behind us and move forward as a county. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

Anyone else?

CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?
disparate thoughts here. The budget process is like that famous German person said years ago that you don’t want to see politics being made; it’s like making sausage. So it’s not much fun. But it has been very reassuring. And to look out across our council chambers to see such a professional group of people and to realize the proficiencies and better efficiencies that we had with our public safety, it’s just very heartening. Because at the same time y’all are improving services, we have lawlessness and crime, the drug trafficking and drug using issues in our county, as they are across the nation, are rapidly increasing. I don’t know how we get ahead of that. Perhaps we need to hire more chaplains and get more people into church. That might be a big help.

As far as the Sheriff’s Department, I do think that Mr. Davis’s request for a fuel farm up in Powdersville will end up making greater efficiency in keeping those deputies on the beat there without them having to come back and forth on what has now become horrible traffic on I-85. There may be an accident. It’s just a very difficult, complex situation there. Hopefully we’ll be able to get that put into place before too long.

And as far as the demolition goes, there are far more houses across the county in need of demolition, too. The three that are in the process now are only a small amount of what needs to take place there. I applaud our environmental people and everyone connected with that for going out and starting the process, first of all by trying to contact the owners, and either encourage them to clean up their messes or shame them into doing it. And now we have a process that we can go through between NIH that’s in place now, the Neighborhood Improvement Program where our county got a 2.9 million dollar grant and that went across the county to deal with demolitions. There’s more to be done there, too.

And I, too, applaud Mr. Sanders for coming up with what really turns out to be at least one mill of tax that does not have to go on the books by bringing into line our fee structure for the county. We were the lowest of any of the counties in the upstate for fees for building permits and so forth and the inspections. And we’re in the process of trying to get better improvements in our building codes, too, which would be a great help and avoid some of that. And to take the driveway apron costs off our taxpayers where the new developments going in will pay for their own aprons but citizens who have been paying taxes for many years, if they have to have the apron replaced, that will be done as part of our tax structure. That is a big help. And we still have a number of properties in the county that we do need to dispose of so that we can get them back on the tax rolls and off of
our maintenance budget. That should provide some funding, too. There’s so much that has to be considered, it’s hard to do it in one budget cycle. I still want to encourage our county people to look at the prospect of doing some type of zero based budgeting. There are a lot of departments that as time has gone on and missions have changed, I think it would be helpful for them to go back to the bottom line and then come back with the budget they need and build from there instead of just adding funds every year.

But by and large, this county is doing quite well. In fact, it’s kind of amusing, Mr. Davis, I believe Cindy Fox Miller sent an email around noting that Powdersville is considered in major publications to be a town of its own. So that’s very interesting.

Anyway, onward and upward, and we appreciate everyone’s hard work in this effort and hopefully next year we’ll start a little sooner and it won’t be quite as fast down to the wire. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? I’d just like to say a couple of things, if I could, right quick. I don’t like this budget. And it’s always hard -- every year I look forward to a day when we don’t have to sit here and look at cuts and things -- other counties. But we’re trying to keep our taxes low and I think we’re doing the best we can. This is the best budget I think we could come up with.

I want to thank my fellow council members for not only the hard work but also for the foresight of taking care of the employees, following through with the previous council’s commitment we didn’t have to do through step two of the pay plan and other raises. I’d like to thank Captain Ross Brown for his hard work. I know he had a lot of work to go, a lot of tweaking coming back and everything. And appreciate what you’ve done. I hope your staff does and employees do, especially being here tonight in the circumstances. Appreciate you.

I want to say it’s tough, like I say, anybody that cuts. I respect Mr. Graham’s opinion; I just disagree with it. I wish we could give the Sheriff’s Office more money. I talked to them and looked, if we’re going to cut, we’re going to cut the jail. We’re going to cut the jail asking for what they need, been out there in the positions. Captain Miller’s department, he’s already been what you call it. The Sheriff, since he’s been in office, has been a pretty good team player to work with us and try to get things done. And I hope he saves more money to put back in it. We’ve got positions we can come back in there and do it. We’ve got some stuff Mental Health would like to do. This ain’t unprecedented. Last year we had a two percent. If y’all remember, we was going to have a two mill tax increase last year. We got down to a mill. We had a two percent cut across the board. The Sheriff’s Office
wasn’t -- did not participate in that two percent. But this
ain’t unheard of in what we do. Like I said, it’s the best we
could come up with and the best we could do, in my opinion. I
do appreciate everybody’s hard work. Look forward, we’re
going to move on. Got other things to do after this budget
passes, I hope we’ve got other things to do and work forward,
and I appreciate everybody; all the county employees. Very
special to make this things up and staff.

First of all the people I want to thank, though, is the
Finance Department for working so hard and giving us the
information. And this thing is always a moving thing coming
up, more information finding out, and all the hard work
they’ve done.

Hearing that then I call for the question to vote. All in
favor of the budget show of hands. All opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Floyd,
Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor. Mr. Graham
opposes.

Now, at this time to finish up the budget, we’ll do the
Magistrates Department. Mr. Graham wants to recuse himself.
Do we have a motion to move forward with the third reading of
the budget pertaining to the Magistrates Offices, as
presented?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson;
second by Mr. Davis. Now discussion. All in favor of the
motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
carries unanimously with Mr. Graham recusing himself.

At this time we’re going to take about a ten minute break.
I know y’all are wanting to get out of here.

TOMMY DUNN: I call the meeting back to
order.

At this time we’ll be moving on to Item 7(a), 2019-022, an
ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +1- 0.59 acres
from C-2 (Highway Commercial) to S-1 (Services District) at
108 Chippewa Lane, District 7. Be second reading. Do we have
a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson --
motion by Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? Do
you have anything you need to say, Dr. Parkey?

JEFF PARKEY: No, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
CINDY WILSON: Just very quickly, while
this is a major industrial area, it’s zoned commercial mostly,
along 29. And it’s my understanding that the person who is
buying one of those properties is planning to have a trucking
operation out of there. And our staff felt like it was more
appropriate to zone it service district, which would be more
appropriate than commercial. So that’s why the necessity for doing this. Thank you.

Tommy Dunn: Thank you. Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 7(b), 2019-023, an ordinance to approve an agreement of the transfer of assets by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and Renewable Water Resources, ReWa. Mr. Burns.

Rusty Burns: (Inaudible.)

Tommy Dunn: Is this something Ms. Floyd needs to -- I can’t remember what she done last time. Is this something ---

Rusty Burns: (Inaudible.)

Tommy Dunn: Hand her her thing, Brett.

Let the record show Ms. Floyd has recused herself. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

Jimmy Davis: So moved.

Tommy Dunn: Motion Mr. Davis. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

Cindy Wilson: May I?

Tommy Dunn: Ms. Wilson.

Cindy Wilson: Very briefly, I will need to go through the contract with a fine tooth comb, of course, but the gist of this is going to be so much better for, I think, our development and residential and rural constituencies in that upper part of Anderson County. ReWa has the ability to bond out and build out in such a way that we can’t at this point. And they have a very good reputation. We already have one of their sewer plants in that area in our county. So I’m looking forward to that being a more -- a much better course for our county. Thank you.

Tommy Dunn: Thank you. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Sanders, will you get Ms. Floyd back in?

Moving on to Item number 8(a), ordinance first reading, 2019-024, an ordinance (I) authorizing pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 33 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and Project Snake, as sponsor, and one or more existing or to-be-formed or acquired subsidiaries, or affiliated or related entities and certain sponsor affiliates, to provide for a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes incentive; (2) authorizing the receipt and Administration of State Grant for the benefit of the project; and (3) other related matters. Project Snake. Mr. Nelson.

Burris Nelson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of council. This is one of our existing industries.
Been with us for twelve years. There’s an expansion of 8.5 million dollars in capital investment in building -- for the most part building, adding fifty-five full time jobs that will have an average salary of twelve dollars and thirty-five cents, adding a new annual payroll to the county of 1.3 million. This capital investment of 8.5 million will have a property tax -- new property tax added of two hundred six thousand four hundred and thirty-five dollars. And that will remain fairly constant over the thirty years of the agreement because it is all building, and there will be little depreciation as calculated under fee agreements. So at the end of thirty years that expansion will have paid six million one hundred ninety-three dollars -- one hundred ninety-three thousand dollars over that period of time. First year community impact with the jobs and the capital investment will be nine million. And a twenty-year community impact forty-four million -- 44.67 million dollars. This comes to council as a recommendation from staff and from the Economic Development Advisory Board.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to put this on the floor for discussion?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second? Second by Mr. Sanders. Now discussion.

CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Nelson and I have been on the phone today concerning some of the language in this. And there’s a discrepancy, in my opinion, between page -- the first page where it says approximate -- creation of approximately sixty-eight new full time jobs, and then a little further on it says of at least fifty-five new full time jobs. And I think it would be more appropriate to clean this up and clarify it to say at least fifty-five new full time jobs, because that’s very confusing and misleading. And we’ve discussed that. I feel that might be appropriate.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, would it be a problem for you and Mr. Nelson if we clean that up, everybody get a copy of it and make sure on second reading? Would that hurt to do it on second reading?

LEON HARMON: Yes. We could do that on second reading.

TOMMY DUNN: Is that fine we do it on second reading?

CINDY WILSON: That’s good.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

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

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your
1 support.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
3 Moving on to Item number 8(b), 2019-025, an ordinance
4 imposing a prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on
5 Ballard Road, District 7. Mr. Burns, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Hopkins?
6 Anybody?
7 HOLT HOPKINS: I’d just like to
8 point out where this is exactly. If you’re going north on 29,
9 Ballard Road turns off to the right and to the left. To the
10 right we replaced a bridge not too long ago. And council
11 voted to restrict trucks going through there. This one is on
12 the left side of the road going back toward Midway Road. And
13 I think Ms. Wilson got some calls saying that trucks from some
14 of the distribution centers were coming through there.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Any more? Do we have a
16 motion to move this forward?
17 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second? Second Mr.
19 Sanders. Motion Ms. Wilson. Now discussion. I’d just like
20 to say I’m going to vote for this tonight but I’d like to see
21 maybe at the next council meeting all of these a little bit
22 more -- I apologize, I’ve been busy with some personal stuff
23 plus the budget -- to look at this. My biggest concern is, in
talking to folks, is I don’t want to see you close a road here
for something all you’re doing is moving the problem. I’ve
26 had some complaints about that. So I’d like to make sure we
27 ain’t going to put -- you know, taking care of these folks but
28 throwing an undue burden over here on these folks. I just
29 think that’s something we need to make sure we ain’t doing.
30 CINDY WILSON: Just so you’ll know, there
31 have been a number of complaints. The turn radiiues are not
32 appropriate for the eighteen wheelers. They back up traffic
33 and tear up the shoulders. Some of them even tear up people’s
34 yards. It’s really a nightmare.
35 TOMMY DUNN: I’m sure.
36 CINDY WILSON: GPS is not good for the
37 trucking industry in spite of what they think. There have
38 been serious problems. We’ll get to one over here, I think
39 maybe the next one, the trucks have taken down three power
40 poles, three different occasions, and knocked the power out
41 for an entire area. Even Duke Power has asked to close that
42 leg of the road for eighteen wheelers. So we don’t do it
43 lightly.
44 TOMMY DUNN: I know, but I just had
45 some citizens complain about that about moving down it. I
46 just want to make sure we ain’t -- I know we all get
47 complaints about certain roads. I want to make sure when we
48 them all down here on this other road, they’re going to be
49 complaining, too. And somebody has got to get from point A to
50 point B.
CINDY WILSON: They’ve already got Welcome Road. They’ve got 29 and they’ve got Welcome Road. And 81, their major east-west corridors that are state roads that are very, very well built and these other ones are smaller county roads, they’re too narrow, they’re not built to accommodate that type of traffic. So thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Anyone else? Mr. Davis?

JIMMY DAVIS: You know, I can’t say I disagree with Ballard Road. And I see some other roads on here and we’ve all got these in our districts. My question -- and there’s no question that we have some roads that there is no business for an eighteen wheeler on. We have to be careful, though, with certain commercial traffic because people still have to have garbage pickup and whatnot. My question is, how do we police it? And how do we enforce it? You know, we can have laws and resolutions and ordinances all day long, but how do we, as a county, enforce it? Putting a sign up doesn’t mean squat.

CINDY WILSON: May I answer that?

JIMMY DAVIS: Well, I’m not finished.

But you know, I’m very, very concerned about how we go about things. And Ms. Wilson, I’m not disagreeing with you that it’s a need. I’m just really concerned about how we as a governing body can take a look at things and go about it in the most effective manner.


CINDY WILSON: We have Mr. Dale McCarley, I think it’s Captain McCarley, he does a splendid job of policing. And we also have Mr. Greg Smith and Mr. Holt Hopkins who follow up calling the companies. These are not complaints of, you know, inconvenience for people. It’s a safety problem on these roads. So it’s very serious from our perspective that it’s enforced and that they are being enforced. We’re very grateful for the staff that do that. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number (c), 2019-026, an ordinance imposing a prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on Camelot Forest. District 3 and 7. 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 discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: This is part of the network of roads around the landfill and the tank farm, and we’ve had a number of tanker spills over there; other dangerous things. The good news about this and the Murphy Road one is Mr. Hopkins and a number of us had meetings -- I think you were there, too, Mr. Graham -- where we had the trucking associations to come meet with the community and try to devise safer routes for the trucks. Because, again, the roads were too narrow. The turning radiuses were non-existent, and sometimes the line of sight were making it very dangerous. So this is part of what we’ve worked on over there to make it safer for the trucking companies and also for the people who live there. Do you have anything else you would add, Mr. Hopkins?

HOLT HOPKINS: Well, again, to clarify where this road is, if you’re on Highway 20 and you turn onto Big Creek Road right there at the tank farm, Camelot turns to the right immediately once you’re on Big Creek and it goes down and meets the state road, Glenwood, I believe it is, just inside of Belton. And what’s happening -- and I need to talk about the next one on your list is Murphy. During the meeting that we had with the trucks, it was identified that tractor trailers coming into town on 247 cannot make that right turn headed toward the fuel farm. It’s just physically impossible with the buildings right there and everything. And that’s the preferred route, really, is to keep them on the main state roads. But they cannot make that turn physically. So ---

RAY GRAHAM: Which intersection was that? I didn’t hear the ---

HOLT HOPKINS: Right downtown Belton, 247 ---

RAY GRAHAM: I heard 247. I didn’t hear the other part; I’m sorry.

HOLT HOPKINS: They can’t turn right but they can turn left going back out, going on to 247. So we’ve -- in the past six months to a year we’ve been kind of playing around with it on Murphy Road and we’ve posted signs without an ordinance which doesn’t allow us to write tickets. But it was trying to notify the trucks they could turn right off of 247 onto Murphy to get to the tank farm, but coming back we had a no truck sign there, trying to keep them from coming --- at least the tankers from coming back through there, to send them downtown. Well, instead of going downtown now they’re using Camelot to come through. But the route that was identified with trucking companies there and the fuel people there was to send them back through downtown back onto 247. But all of them are not following that.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chair?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: I guess my thoughts on this, I’m kind of with the same concern that Chairman Dunn had mentioned earlier, are we moving into the next spot? I mean where is the downfall. You know there’s pros and cons on every road they turn on. Honestly, with all due respect, I know Camelot Forest is probably one of the wider roads in all those options as far as Murphy and -- I think that’s the only two as far as right there. But I guess my concern, where are we directing them to from there if we don’t allow them to use Camelot? We’ve already pretty much, I think in the mentality of not using Murphy, what is that next option? Because at the end of the day we’ve got to provide some way for them to get to and from on the direction of travel. And I guess that’s my biggest concern there.

HOLT HOPKINS: I can’t remember the name of the road, but there’s one other route that I can envision them coming that they’re not going right now. A little bit back toward town from the ball fields. I can’t remember ---
RAY GRAHAM: From the ball fields?
HOLT HOPKINS: Yeah, on the town side of the -- what’s the name of that ---
CINDY WILSON: Calhoun.
RAY GRAHAM: Calhoun Road?
HOLT HOPKINS: Yeah, yeah. That could be -- they could start going down there if ---
RAY GRAHAM: The only thing on that, and I’m very familiar with that area. I mean I grewed up there. But my only concern there would be coming onto Calhoun off of 247 because there’s a ditch and that is a very tight turn there. But again, I mean I think that’s what we need to be looking toward. At some point we might have to improve an intersection to make it useable. And I mean Calhoun Road is a very well maintained road. I think it’s actually a state road; is it not?
CINDY WILSON: No. It’s county.
RAY GRAHAM: It is a county road?
HOLT HOPKINS: It’s county.
RAY GRAHAM: But I mean you have got some housing up through there, but that will probably be one of your wider roads and might would be a better choice. But at some point we’re going to have to probably -- there’s no question we can’t do the intersection at 247 and right there in town at the square. I mean you’re talking about major bucks to redo that intersection. But we might have to widen Calhoun Road or something.
HOLT HOPKINS: Honestly, Murphy is the preferred route if we had wider shoulders. And that’s what caused all this. The tankers are coming back Murphy loaded and if they -- that road does not allow for any errors
whatsoever. If one tire gets off on the edge of that pavement
they’re into the ditch flipping over. And that happened
multiple times over the past few years. And that’s what we’re
trying to prevent, at least the loaded tankers from going back
through there.

RAY GRAHAM: Could we possibly get any
state or federal money? Because I mean this is literally
directed toward eighteen wheelers, which has got their own tax
base altogether in fees and assessments that they have to
cover. I mean because ---

HOLT HOPKINS: In about five years we
might could. I mean we could identify the funds, and it takes
that long to get something like that.

RAY GRAHAM: I mean I appreciate
everything you guys are doing on this because I mean I know
it’s -- again, I’m just like Chairman Dunn, I mean I think
we’re basically just moving the cart on down the road and
creating another issue. And that’s my biggest concern. I
definitely respect the neighborhoods as far as their concerns,
but ---

HOLT HOPKINS: If we could make
improvements to Murphy that would be the preferred route.
Because I hate sending tankers back through town.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you so much.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all.

CINDY WILSON: Well, the important thing
to remember here is there was a process that involved the
trucking companies and individual haulers, the Tanker
Association, and they worked with our staff and the
neighborhoods to come up with the routes that would be safer
and more efficient. And one thing that we can do is, with Mr.
Hopkins’ help and maybe Mr. Hogan’s and anyone else, we could
put up requests for funding through the COG for some of the
funding going forward. Because that has certainly become --
as we have grown and encouraged and facilitated more
industrial development in our county, that is a concern. So
perhaps we could get more funding. There is a traffic study,
a freight study, that’s being conducted through the COG that
should identify some of the bottlenecks in all the counties in
this region. But that might be a good time to put in for
funding there. But this is needed for the safety of the
trucks and for the people living along Camelot Forest. Thank
you.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
show of hands. Opposed. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number (d), 2019-027, an ordinance
proposing the prohibition of certain motor vehicle traffic on
Murphy Road. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we
1 have a second?
2 JIMMY DAVIS: Second
3 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
discussion? Ms. Floyd.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. -- I’d like to direct
my question to Mr. Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins, an ordinance
imposing a prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on
Murphy Road. Is this the same kind of thing that I had going
on on Diana Street?
10 HOLT HOPKINS: It’s the same question,
yes, ma’am. Same situation.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Do they have the same
problems?
14 HOLT HOPKINS: Still have trucks there
and same concern is on that road, as well, if we close that
one there’s only one or two more that everybody would go to.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I will be
watching this carefully because I had the same situation, same
problems on my street in District 2 as this one.
20 HOLT HOPKINS: I would like to point out
on this one, though, in the title it does -- we may need to
offer an amendment if this goes forward. In the title,
though, it does explain that it’s only on the southbound side
or southbound direction.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: So mine was on the east
side -- eastbound side, as well as the west side; am I
correct?
28 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma’am.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I don’t see the
difference there. But okay.
31 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the -- go
ahead. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
33 Moving on to Item (e), 2019 -- show the motion carries
unanimously.
Moving on to Item number (e), 2019-028, an ordinance
proposing a prohibition of certain motor vehicle traffic on
Stoneybrook Road. Do we have a motion to move this forward?
38 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Have a
second? Second Mr. Davis. Any discussion?
41 CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?
42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
43 CINDY WILSON: You must be in a rush
tonight. I’m sorry.
45 TOMMY DUNN: No. I’m fine. I just
never had so much discussion on a road on first reading like
this trying to get things. We’re not going to sell it. My
whole thing is, again, as Mr. Graham pointed out, Mr. Hopkins
just made my point a few minutes ago, we’ve done moved them
down to Camelot. Where you going to move them that next time?
So I want to have time to have discussed this, see the maps, go out and look at this because I do have concerns about it. Because you’re making these people happy but you’re going to make these people mad. You’ve got to be fair about it.

Go ahead.

CINDY WILSON: I think the overriding concern is the safety, and that’s the biggest issue. Murphy, we’ve had tanker spills there. This one is the one where truckers are coming off of Highway 8 and trying to make a right hand turn onto Stoneybrook, a short road that then t-bones into Ballard that is closed to eighteen wheel traffic. And what’s happening is they’re going down there with their GPS systems thinking they’re making a shortcut and they’re taking out power lines. It’s a little road. So even Duke Power requested that we close this road for eighteen wheeler traffic. Thank you.

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

Moving on to Item number 9(a), R2019-030, an inducement resolution identifying a project to satisfy the requirements of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code, so as to allow investment expenditures incurred by a Company known to the County as Project Snake, its affiliates and related entities, to qualify as expenditures eligible for a Fee-in-Lieu of tax arrangements for Anderson County, South Carolina. This is the one we talked about just a few minutes ago. Do we have a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second? Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: ... issue that we had on the ordinance will hopefully -- will have the correction made on the resolution, too, for the next reading. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Nelson, you got anything you want to add?

BURRISS NELSON: No, sir. It’s the same project with the same 8.5 million capital investment and fifty-five jobs being created.

TOMMY DUNN: Anybody have anything else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Nelson, appreciate it.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you for your support.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any appointments tonight that I’m not aware of? Hearing and seeing none, requests by council members. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’d like to make a motion from the District 6 recreation fund for Wren Youth Association for five hundred dollars. Make that in the form of a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Davis, second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Davis?

Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: Cut your mic on, Mr. Sanders. Somebody would like to hear your lovely voice.

BRETT SANDERS: Yeah, I’d like to donate five hundred to the Wren Youth Association, and would like to put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders, second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Sanders?

BRETT SANDERS: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn, please excuse me, but I need to ask Mr. Rusty ---

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, what is the name of the Greek Festival?

RUSTY BURNS: It’s just commonly referred to as the Greek Festival.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But they have a new name now. Mr. Chairman, may I use the old name to ---

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, we know what -- I think we can do that.

GRACIE FLOYD: I don’t remember what the old name was, but anyway, thank you so much. The Greek Festival has asked for a donation for their annual celebration that they have every year. District 2 would like to donate five hundred dollars to the Greek Festival Committee to have their celebration this year. I forget the date of it. And as you can see, I forgot to bring the thing, but a donation of five hundred dollars to them.

TOMMY DUNN: Five hundred dollars out of District 2's account for the Greek Festival. Do we have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: No. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, I’d like to make a motion of two hundred and fifty dollars to the Wren Youth Association.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten makes a motion for two hundred fifty dollars to the Wren Youth Association. Have a second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson? Ms. Wilson has none.

Moving on now to Administrator’s report?

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

GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. About your -- this showed up in the thing, budget transfer.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: But it’s not like the others. This is talking about a salary, time, wage and comp, retirement, social security, social security, medicare. What is this all about?

RUSTY BURNS: That’s just miscellaneous -- Ms. Davis isn’t here, but I can get you that answer tomorrow in particular.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: I haven’t seen that, I’ll be honest with you, or I don’t remember it anyway.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, anyway, it’s not done like the other of these questions. It doesn’t say -- it says from account to account. It doesn’t say what ---

RUSTY BURNS: It’s primarily housekeeping, Ms. Floyd, but I will get you a detailed explanation on that.

TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?

Moving on to citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please state your name and district for the record. You have three minutes. And please address the chair. Mr. Harmon?

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one speaker signed up; Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. When you talk about substandard housing and things that need to be fixed, have you all looked at the house across from the annex? The roof is falling in. The sides of the building are falling off. It’s right at your front door. And as far as I know that one is not listed. It’s unoccupied. Tear it down and maybe put something up in its place. I’m not for
building a whole lot of buildings. However, I do want to talk
about one building that you all were voting on recently, which
was I believe the rent where old Bank of America where the
voting apparatus building is. I don’t know what the rent is
for that building, but y’all need to investigate perhaps
purchasing that building because that’s the best place that
that group come be in. When it was in the Bailes building it
was horrible. When you went in to vote, absentee vote, you
were in two or three different pieces of the office. The
whole office staff was not visible. Where it is now they have
a garage on the side where they can drive the voting machines
in. It’s got good parking out front, access for disabled
people. Everybody in there can be seen. It’s like a bank
teller, just like you are here. So I hope that something can
be done about that where we can be assured that that building
is going to stay there.

On the business of the Ballard Road and the Camelot Forest
and the Murphy, I would think that all of that should be top
on our list of roads to get fixed. It shouldn’t be, like,
well we need to enlarge the intersection or whatever. That’s
a no-brainer on Murphy Road. Of all the meetings that we’ve
had in the last two years about that area being a hazardous
area, you’ve got two huge facilities out there. You’ve got
the gas tanks and you’ve got the landfill within a proximity
of half a mile or maybe a mile of each other. Going to and
from that needs to be fixed. It’s not going to get any
better. It only going to get worse. If we have to look out
for funds for five years from now, we need to have done that
yesterday.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
Moving on to remarks from council members. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: I guess I should say no
more. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Nothing at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: I’m going to be real
quick. As far as the budget goes, again, when I got on
council I agreed to disagree. I truly find it a pleasure to
work with each and every one of you guys. I know we had a
difference of opinion tonight. You can rest assured I still
support the Sheriff’s Department one hundred percent. And I
still support this county one hundred percent. I hate that I
had to vote against the entire budget to prove a point that I
felt like I needed to do. But again, I definitely agree to
disagree on that. And I respect each and every one of y’all’s
opinions, as well. Great meeting tonight. Thank you so much
for your time.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
Ms. Floyd?
GRACIE FLOYD: No. I only have one thing. I need to see Holt Hopkins after the meeting. And I’d like to talk with Ms. ?? after the meeting.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Sanders?
BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis?
Just a couple of quick things, housekeeping. I just want to say I’ve always enjoyed the time I’ve had on here serving with Mr. Graham. Look forward to working with you always. As always we’ve all got different -- sometimes we have different opinions. We’ve all agreed on that. And I look forward to working with you. Got all the respect in the world for you. Just disagree with you this time. But you have your right to that opinion.
At this time I’d like to ask my fellow council members two things. We’ve got a -- this is concerning ReWa to make it go through on the time line, the public notice and whatnot, have a meeting, Mr. Harmon informed me, on June 28th, that’s on a Friday. We can do a little bit of other stuff, if we don’t have a meeting, we’re thinking not have a regular council meeting July 2nd. I think we’ve met enough and we ain’t got nothing pushing, but that’s up to y’all to not have a meeting on the 2nd. Make the meeting on the 28th. Do y’all make a motion we don’t meet ---
CINDY WILSON: You’re commending to do the complete meeting from July 2nd on June 28th?
TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Do what needs to be done.
CINDY WILSON: We wouldn’t be able to appropriate funds, though?
TOMMY DUNN: What do you mean appropriate funds?
CINDY WILSON: If we have a complete meeting with a complete agenda, like recreational accounts and things of that nature?
TOMMY DUNN: How come?
CINDY WILSON: Because, for example, some of the recreation accounts are zeroed out in this budget year so we would not be ---
TOMMY DUNN: I don’t think -- I hope there ain’t nobody standing there -- you’re right on that account. Or you could move it moving forward. We’ve got to get with Mr. Harmon about that and see how ---
CINDY WILSON: A complete meeting then. Well, I’ll make the motion that we have our July 2nd meeting rolled into the June 28th meeting.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second?
RAY GRAHAM: I’ll second that.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. June 28th is ---
TOMMY DUNN: June 28th is on a Friday, yeah.
GRACIE FLOYD: What time?
TOMMY DUNN: Probably around lunch time, Mr. Harmon says.
GRACIE FLOYD: So ---
LEON HARMON: I think the public notice for the ReWa matter is noticed for noon on the 28th.
TOMMY DUNN: Noon on the 28th; okay.
CINDY WILSON: And we also have a transfer -- set of transfers from the airport that need to be completed ---
TOMMY DUNN: They’re all on the list.
CINDY WILSON: Pardon?
TOMMY DUNN: They’re on the agenda.
CINDY WILSON: Yeah, that’s right.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Meeting be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:40 P.M.)