State of South Carolina

County of Anderson

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
JULY 16, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
BRETT SANDERS
CRAIG WOOTEN
CINDY WILSON
JIMMY DAVIS

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: If y’all are ready we’ll get this thing started. It’s a little after six. I’d like to call the special resolutions and proclamations meeting of July 16th of Anderson County Council to order. I’d like to welcome everyone here. And thank you for coming. At this time we’ll be moving on to resolutions and proclamations, 2019-029, 2(a):

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE HONEA PATH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ON THEIR 150th YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Whereas, the Honea Path First Baptist Church was organized on May 7, 1869 with nineteen charter members attending church meetings in the school house. On May 8, 1869, A.C. Stepp was elected as the first pastor of Honea Path First Baptist Church; and,
Whereas, on December 11, 1869 a motion was made to build a house of worship. On July 10, 1870 two lots were purchased and building began for the church. It was a simple structure made of wood, with two entrances and a steeple. This church was used for 35 years until a new church was built; and,
Whereas, the new church was built in 1905-1906 during the pastorate of Dr. J.W. Perry. The church cost $9,000 to build, and included a seating capacity in the main auditorium for 350 people. It displayed beautiful stained glass windows that were donated by families as memorials for loved ones. During the construction of the church the first parsonage was also built using the wood from the old church. The first sermon in the new church was held in January 1906; and,
Whereas, Honea Path First Baptist Church continued to renovate throughout the years adding an annex in 1940, a new educational wing in 1952, an auditorium in 1958, a new fellowship hall in 1985, a bus and picnic shelter and a playground in 1990. In 1995, the sanctuary and vestibule were renovated and redecorated; and,
Whereas, May 5, 1969, marked the centennial of the church but the congregation delayed their celebration until October 12, 1969 after Rev. Law M. Mobley became the new pastor; and,
Whereas, in 1994 the church celebrated its 125th year anniversary; and,
Whereas, Honea Path First Baptist Church has a long history of providing support and care for missions beginning in 1878 through the present. In 2001, the church was ranked in the top fifty churches in South Carolina to provide gifts to the Annie Armstrong...
Offering for Home Missions; and,
Whereas, Honea Path First Baptist Church began with
19 charter members and has grown to a membership of
902; and,
Whereas, The Anderson County Council is pleased to
congratulate the Honea Path First Baptist Church on
their 150 year anniversary. We are pleased to honor
Honea Path First Baptist Church for their contributions
to the Honea Path community and throughout Anderson
County. We salute your efforts to continue to minister
to the needs of others; and,
RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 16th day of
July, 2017 (verbatim). May I put that in the form of a
motion?
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have
a second? Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion?
CINDY WILSON: Just a real quick
point. This church is such an amazing testament to the
strong Baptist and Protestant mission work in Anderson
County. And it all apparently began with Big Creek
Baptist right on the banks of the Saluda River. So I’m
sorry we don’t have any of the Honea Path folks here
except for Chris. But if we may present this to Chris
on behalf of Honea Path First Baptist.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the
motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously for the folks here.
PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION
TOMMY DUNN: That will conclude
this part of the council meeting. We’ll reconvene back
here at 6:30 to start our regular council meeting.
(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:08 P.M.)
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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call to order the regular Anderson County Council meeting of July 16th. Like to welcome each and every one here. Thank y’all for coming tonight. At this time I’d like to ask the ones that could to rise for invocation and pledge of allegiance by Ms. Wilson.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON

TOMMY DUNN: At this time do we have a motion to accept the June 18th council meeting minutes?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second? Second Mr. Davis. Are there any corrections to be made? Hearing none all in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

At this time we’ll go into citizens comments. First go around keep comments on the agenda items only. Please state your name and district for the record and you have three minutes when Mr. Harmon calls your name. Mr. Harmon?

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

ELIZABETH FANT: July 16th, I’m from District 3, talking on 6, 7, 10 and 14. Number 6, the Ballard Road, I had to go by that way recently. That road is just torn up to smithereens. I think most of it is happening from the recovery environmental thing that’s right there. I mean, the roads are just horrible. So if you divert traffic, I don’t know how that’s going to work because that business is right there and the trucks are coming in and out whether you restrict other traffic or not.

Number 7(b), I would like for when you put things on the agenda to explain them more. This tells us nothing. There’s an ordinance to amend Section 5 -- whatever it is -- in the Code of Ordinances. That tells us nothing. So if we wanted to talk on that, we don’t know because we don’t know what it is.

Number 10, the bid on Green Pond Landing Phase II improvements. I would like to see a list of what those improvements are and how much that’s going to cost. This thing just gets bigger and bigger and takes more money.

And last, the Sheriff’s report. I don’t know how they’re doing what they’re doing, average beds -- heads in beds over there is over four hundred. And I think the capacity is really supposed to be around two hundred eighty, three hundred.

The litter crew, trash bags picked up and processed, a hundred and thirty-nine, which is real
good. I’m going to speak on that later tonight. We have a whole lot of expense in two things for the sheriff. One is numbers of photos taken was almost six thousand photos taken and processed, put somewhere secure to need and also civil papers received and served over a thousand. Do you realize how much man hours that takes for somebody to go find somebody and deliver a warrant? I was talking with Mr. Sanders right before the meeting and I was telling him about the road fee ordinance and how, as it exists or as I’ve seen it, it’s horrible. He says that’s going to be taken off there, the punitive part. But we can’t tie up our sheriff’s department with doing any other excess of paperwork just because we think we need the money. They’re already overworked. They’re already out here trying to do the best they can with what they’ve got. And I don’t want to see anything else that you all do---

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LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to Item number 5(a), third reading, 2019-019, an ordinance amending Section 55-38 of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina regarding retiree insurance so as to make the code section consistent with the Benefit Plan Document that was duly adopted with the pay study. This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to address this, please step forward, state your name and district and address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

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

Now moving on to 5(b), 2019-020, an ordinance to amend Section 66-126 of the Code of Ordinance, Anderson County, South Carolina so as to delete Summer Adjustments from the sewer ordinance. This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward, state your name and district for the record and address the chair, please. Anyone wishing to step forward to speak at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Are there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 5(c), 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 Anderson Industries, LLC, 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). This is third reading. This will be going into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward and state your name and district and address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed.

Mr. Nelson, do you have anything you’d like to say before we put this on the floor?

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate you and council allowing me to speak. This is an expansion of an existing company, Anderson Industries, also known as Flexan, Incorporated. They’re investing in a new eight million dollar expansion at their facility over off of Old Pearman Dairy Road, and creating fifty-five new jobs with an average pay of twelve thirty-five an hour, with an annual payroll of 1.35 million dollars. This 8.5 million capital investment will be a six percent assessment ratio fee agreement. And all this comes -- the taxes in the last year were eighty-three thousand. Projected new taxes two hundred and six thousand, and over thirty years six million in total new taxes, with a community impact in the first year of 9.1 million dollars and twenty year community impact of 44 million. And this comes to council as a recommendation from staff and from the advisory board. Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion to move this forward?

BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders. Second Ms. Wilson. Now any discussion, questions, comments? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Appreciate you and your staff.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. Thank you for your support. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to Item number 6(a), ordinance’s second reading. This will be 6(a), 2019-025, an ordinance imposing a prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on Ballard Road, District 7. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second? Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out, please, that once the county has adequate funding to do roads, these measures can be reversed if we can make the road safer and more efficient. And secondly, there’s no prohibition for local 18-wheeler type deliveries. So it does not preclude businesses from accessing their properties. Thank you.

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

Moving on to Item number 6(b), 2019-026, an ordinance imposing a prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on Camelot Forest, District 7. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second? Second Mr. Davis. Discussion.

CINDY WILSON: May I?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Very quickly. This is part of that network of roads that Mr. Hopkins and Matt Hogan and the trucking companies and the community all came together to come up with a way of routing the vehicle traffic to ensure safer, more efficient turns and ingress and egress. And this is involved with the Murphy Road one, too. It’s all part of that effort to get the tankers and the other big trucks in and out safer. 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 6(c), 2019-027, an ordinance imposing a prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on Murphy Road. Do we have a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second? Second
Mr. Davis. Now discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Very quickly. Mr. Hopkins would like to say something.

HOLT HOPKINS: (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: If you can, let’s get the wording down like y’all want it. We’ve got one more reading. Have it for third reading, if that suits everybody, and get that squared away. Give everybody a chance to look at it.

CINDY WILSON: So if I may make the motion that we amend, at third reading, to address the one-way truck traffic for that leg of the road.

TOMMY DUNN: We don’t have to do that. We’ll take care of it at third reading. Be good.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, you’ll get that took care of, language and everything?

LEON HARMON: Yes, sir. I will take care of that.

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

Moving on to 6(d), 2019-028, an ordinance imposing a prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on Stoneybrook Road. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Just by way of explanation. It’s a short road that connects Highway 8 to Ballard Road. And the truckers follow their GPS now and don’t pay attention to what’s actually going on. There have been three incidents within this past several months of the trucks taking down the power pole, knocking out power for a large area. And Duke Power even asked us to close this road to the eighteen-wheel traffic. So this is what we’re doing. 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.

Now moving on to 7(a), ordinance first reading, 2019-030, an ordinance amending Ordinance 99-004 of the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance as adopted July 20, 1999 by amending certain sections of the Zoning Ordinance text specifically Chapter 70, Article 4;
Chapter 70, Article 9, Section 5.2 and 5.3; and Chapter 70, Article 10, Section 2, to reconstitute the Zoning Advisory Group.

Before we put this on the floor, Dr. Parkey, would you like to take the floor and explain this a little bit?

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This change to the ordinance addresses the problems that we’ve been having with the Zoning Advisory Group for the past several years. We worked together with the PPW Committee to devise this solution, and the Planning Commission recommended approval of it at their June meeting. But basically what this ordinance change would do is the existing Zoning Advisory Groups would no longer meet, and instead when a new voting precinct zones, council members could recommend appointments to an advisory group for that precinct. And that group would operate for a period of two years and would advise of zoning related matters. I can answer any further questions.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any questions of Dr. Parkey?

CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: When we were going through this in the Planning and Public Works Committee, I made the request that we make it three years simply because the first three years of a zoning in a new precinct, you’re going to be going more than the two years just getting all the little kinks out of the system and getting people educated on the zoning and whatever amendments to the zoning have to be made, and variances and so forth. It really does take about three years from start to finish. So I would make that suggestion. We can do it maybe at second reading, but I thought that that had followed. And when I read the body of this, I saw it had gone back to two years. Do we have any -- did the Planning Commission decide two instead of three years, Dr. Parkey?

JEFF PARKEY: What was in front of them was two.

CINDY WILSON: I wonder why it didn’t make the three years that we requested? Was it just an oversight maybe?

JEFF PARKEY: I guess it must have been, Ms. Wilson. I guess I was under the impression that we had, that we had changed it to two years. But we had changed it to three years, I guess, then. So that’s on me.

CINDY WILSON: It’s going to take every
bit of three years to get a newly zoned precinct organized and working well. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Dr. Parkey, when I read it, I read two years. And if -- we’re going to vote on the two years tonight?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. We’re thinking about two years, it’s council terms. So I think it’s something we can think about on second reading. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. How do you vote, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m going to vote no until we (inaudible).

TOMMY DUNN: It is two. It’s two now.

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, it is two?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 7(b), 2019-031, an ordinance to amend Section 59-23 of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina. Mr. Harmon, do you mind taking this forward? Or Mr. Hopkins, you got it?

HOLT HOPKINS: (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. Hopkins. Can y’all hear him? Can you use that mic to make sure you get recorded? That one ain’t working? It’s working, okay.

HOLT HOPKINS: It is now. Anyway, if you imagine if you lived in a neighborhood that a hundred cars a day came down your road, eighty-fifth percentile means eighty-five of those hundred are doing -- going thirty-five miles an hour or less, which if -- and in this case it would be twenty-five is the speed limits. Thirty-five is the definition of ten miles over the speed limits.

What this is proposing to do -- now, think about it, if it’s a hundred cars, you’ve got fifteen that we’re not even paying attention to. They could be doing seventy miles an hour, fifteen of them. So what we’re wanting to do is raise that threshold to ninety-fifth percentile, meaning we will be counting ninety-five and only throwing out five out of a hundred. Now, we can’t plan for every single driver because we can’t prevent a hundred percent of them not going over -- I mean not doing stupid stuff. But this way we’re shrinking the number that we’re not looking at. So ninety-five percent of them, if that ninety-fifth percentile reaches over that threshold of ten miles an
1 hour over the speed limit, then they would then
2 quality, in this particular area (mic cutting out).
3 I know of two subdivisions that were, in the past
4 couple of years, that were right at like thirty-four
5 miles an hour, eighty-fifth percent. That means
6 eighty-five percent of them were driving thirty-four
7 miles an hour or less. If we had applied the ninety-
8 fifth percent, it would have been more like thirty-
9 eight or thirty-nine miles an hour over the speed
10 limit, because some of that fifteen we weren’t counting
11 were driving a whole lot faster than the speed limit.
12 Not just ten miles an hour over, but way over.
13 I hope I’ve explained it well enough. But we’re
14 recommending going to the ninety-fifth percentile
15 instead of the eighty-fifth.
16 TOMMY DUNN: And they would still have
17 to meet the criteria as far as neighborhood have to
18 vote on it, do this, do that?
19 HOLT HOPKINS: It is not changing, we’re
20 just asking to change the definition of speeding.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Hopkins, I only
23 know of one speed bump that has been put in. I
24 requested one a couple of years ago and I was told I
25 could not have it. I was told all kinds of things.
26 And we didn’t get it. But the other place got it.
27 Now, what’s changed here? Because when I requested the
28 speed bump, nobody came out to measure anything to see
29 how fast the cars were going or nothing. We were just
30 told no, we had to come up with -- they had to come up
31 with five hundred dollars themselves, the neighbors and
32 there was only about four; one, two, three -- about
33 five hours on that road and they had to come up with
34 the money themselves and the county had ... It was
35 just so many problems.
36 HOLT HOPKINS: There are several checklist
37 items that has to be -- criteria that has to be met in
38 order to qualify for a speed hump. Part of it has to
39 do with state law. If I’m thinking of the same road
40 that you are, the density on a road has to be -- all
41 the houses have to be within a hundred feet of each
42 other at least for a quarter of a mile. That
43 particular road, the houses are not -- it’s too spread-
44 out, it’s too rural in nature for us to -- legally for
45 us to be able to put speed humps on. It has to be an
46 urban street or urban road defined by state law.
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Hopkins, we didn’t get
48 into any of that. We were just told, no, the problem
49 was, it was a cut-through. And the people were coming
50 around that cut-through to avoid the traffic lights.
But they were speeding around that corner; okay? But there was no discussion about the speed ---

HOLT HOPKINS: I thought we did discuss it. But that is the reason that we never took it any further because that is -- that does not meet the urban rule.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, well, you told me they had to come up with five hundred dollars. I told them and they didn’t have five hundred dollars, so the whole thing was ---

HOLT HOPKINS: And that’s part of it, too.

GRACIE FLOYD: So that means now this thing here has not given us any kind of relaxation on the getting of the speed bump; right? We have nothing relaxed ---

HOLT HOPKINS: This will be relaxing only one criteria out of about five or six.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

HOLT HOPKINS: But this one -- it’s my opinion that this one fits more into the spirit of having a speed bump. If I lived in a neighborhood and a hundred cars drive by every day, if fifteen of them are driving forty-five miles an hour, I think that’s a speeding problem. But if only three or four, maybe five, are driving by at forty miles an hour and the rest of them are driving at a decent speed, I may not perceive that to be such a speeding problem. And that’s kind of what this is addressing. It’s not addressing that we have to have a seventy-five percent petition. Not addressing that we have to -- that the residents have to pay half of the costs, and it doesn’t address the urban definition set by state law.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: I do agree with the constituents who -- probably the fact that this (not speaking into mic).

TOMMY DUNN: I should have asked him to explain this before we got started. I figured it would be this way; yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Hopkins, is this just changing the statistical method that you’re using? I mean with a hundred cars, you can do a ninety-eight percent confidence interval and determine which car out of the next three is going to be speeding and about how fast they’re going to be going. So you’re just changing the statistical method that you’re using, is
all?

HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. Basically the eighty-fifth percentile is commonly used in setting speed limits and other things in traffic. But our -- the ninety-fifth kind of fits in our counters that we put across the road that actually measures both eighty-fifth and ninety-fifth, and that just fits our equipment basically, but it also gets closer.

BRETT SANDERS: Thank you, sir.

JIMMY DAVIS: Do we have a motion on the floor?

TOMMY DUNN: No, not yet.

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman, I’d like to make a motion for this one.

TOMMY DUNN: Got a motion Mr. Davis. Have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Now more discussion. Anyone else? First reading, anyone at all?

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, if I may, I noticed that the ninety-fifth percentile that Mr. Hopkins has been talking about is mentioned in the fourth whereas clause, but it’s not in the body of the code section here, and that needs to be put in the body of the code section, which I will put in there before second reading.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, make sure to amend that. 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 number 8, there’s no resolutions.

Number 9, Report from the Public Safety Committee held July 8th, 2019. Chairman Graham. Chairman Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First on the agenda is CJCC update. Ms. Casey, do you want to brief the council on the update on the CJCC?

CASEY COLLINS: Can you hear me? So I’ve provided a statistical overview of calendar year 2018 showing not only crime trends but also the condition in our detention facility, as well as prime rate fluctuations. It’s remained relatively stable for most of those metrics. Our detention center average population was three ninety-one for the 2018 calendar year.

I’ll also give an update on the Universal Mental Health Screening and how that is going. Right now our tool is about fifty-five percent predictive, so we’ve been able to help over a hundred individuals in the couple of months that we have been utilizing that. And then I also shared some domestic violence information
that was a request from one of our other partner agencies, and I will make that PowerPoint presentation available to you.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Miss Casey.

Moving on, we had a request from the City of Anderson Police Department to approve turning on ten 800 radios. I bring this in the form of a motion from Public Safety. They voted and approved it one hundred percent to bring before full council for requesting full council support on this.

GRACIE FLOYD: (Not speaking into mic.)

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

RAY GRAHAM: Yes, ma’am, City Police Department.

TOMMY DUNN: We’ve got a motion coming from Public Safety Committee, it doesn’t need a second. Open the floor up for discussion. I’d just like to say Chairman Graham, do you (end of audio) just like to hit the notes about what Mark Winston found about saving the money on the radios we’ve done and how to limit, I think ---

RAY GRAHAM: I can actually cover that first before we move forward with this request. We also had an update on our radio program. As each one of you knows, we pay a substantial amount of money each year for Palmetto 800 radios. And just to update full council, basically we provide the service for 800 radios for basically any public safety service in Anderson County. We do monitor as far as how much each one of them gets and basically have them -- you know, they approach us periodically as far as with a request to just find the need for additional radios. And that’s what we’re actually going through as far as with the city of Anderson.

But basically the radios are provided, the service part, through Anderson County. We currently are paying -- or excuse me -- we currently were paying forty-four dollars per radio. Mark Williamson has been, and Mr. Hawkins, has been working hard as far as with Palmetto trying to get a better rate on these radios. In a nutshell they have been going back and forth for several months now looking at different options, different things that we can do as a county to save money, but yet still provide our public safety with a radio system that basically is going to serve them in time of need.

In doing so, they have been able to negotiate the price down on this. It’s going to come with a savings of about fifty-six hundred dollars a month on radios, another approximately four thousand dollars on
infrastructure charges. Basically it’s going to end up being a little over nine thousand dollars a month in savings on radios with our current contract. With this being said, they’re also -- through Mark and Mr. Hawkins, discussions back and forth, they have also gave us an opportunity of growing our system up to one thousand more radios and basically still covered at the same cost that we’re currently paying.

So with that being said, we have an opportunity to again provide service to our public service in Anderson County. Normally the individual entities such as Anderson City Police Department, or whatever, the municipalities, they normally purchase radios and come to us to have them cut on. And it’s kind of like a cell phone in a sense. I kind of make it simple, I guess, the service requirement and basically we cover the service agreement. With this new agreement basically we can add up to a thousand more radios at the same cost that we’re currently paying for what we have on stock right now. And again we basically reduced it from forty-four dollars a month per radio to thirty-one hundred dollars. So if you see Mark Williamson and Mr. Hawkins out and about, I would definitely commend them for an excellent job on working with this and basically saving the county a substantial amount of money. That does not have to be voted on because it’s basically just a change in that contract.

TOMMY DUNN: And I’d also just like to point out for the record, we have in the past done the City Fire Department and City Police Department as well as I think Belton City and Honea Path and all on radios.

RAY GRAHAM: Absolutely. We periodically get requests for this whether it’s through council members of that current district or through the actual public safety going through our radio communications. This is just a normal routine. The reason we done this request, it’s more for identification. As much of you know, approximately a year and a half ago Mr. Hawkins and his team went through the entire list of radios. Actually we were paying for radios that wasn’t even in service. Got a more up-to-date inventory and this is nothing more than a better way for them to maintain and keep up with what’s actually out there.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any more discussion on the radio requests? Go ahead.

RAY GRAHAM: We did not -- just for everyone’s information, we did not do no extension on this contract. Without looking at the actual contract,
we’re got -- Miss Rita, about two years, year and a half, two years left on it maybe? Something like that, maybe two years.

TOMMY DUNN: Renegotiate.

RAY GRAHAM: So it really was nothing more -- they knew we were not happy with the service and what they were providing and basically Mark kind of strong-willed them into giving us a break on it with the hopes of maybe continuing another contract down the road. But we did not do no addition on it.


RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, guys, for your support on that. I’ll let Anderson City know that.

Moving on down, we got an update on the morgue. Basically AnMed -- ones that doesn’t know, Anderson County Coroner’s Office, Anderson County has been utilizing the morgue at AnMed forever; ever since I can remember, basically at no cost. Every now and then they want something special and we try to accommodate them. But I mean realistically speaking, they have been providing that at no cost to us.

With that being said, basically the area that we have been utilizing has outgrown -- I mean if you talk to the coroner or deputy coroner as far as the volume of calls that they’re having and the deaths that we’re having in Anderson County, it’s just substantially growing each month.

And with that being said, AnMed had approached the coroner’s office about possibly going through and in a sense remodeling the current morgue and basically wanted some assistance from the county. Basically the coroner being -- and the deputy coroner being good stewards of tax dollars, went back and said, well, what are we going to get? So in doing so, they went back and forth and basically what we’ve kind of came up with, the cost on the remodel is basically about one hundred and twenty-six thousand dollars. Possibly will only be a hundred and twelve. There’s about fourteen thousand dollars in there that’s got something to do as far as some of the paint that would have to be used, whether it’s epoxy. Some says we might need it; some says we won’t.

The Public Safety Committee had basically voted to do a hundred and thirty thousand. And basically where Miss Rita has suggested this money will come from would be the sale of the Pickens TTI property. But Public Safety basically comes to full council where it would request that you would support a hundred and thirty
thousand dollars toward the remodel of the coroner's
doctor. What they've done is basically come up with a
contract and they're in the process of writing this,
providing this is approved. And naturally our attorney
Leon goes through it and ensures the county is
protected.

But we're looking at doing basically a fifty year
lease on the morgue which basically ensures that if
five years down the road, twenty years down the road,
if AnMed sold it to a different healthcare provider, we
would still be protected and have the use of that
property as far as the coroner, as far as the morgue.

Also the coroner did want council to know that with
this remodeling of the facility over there that it
should well outlast our lifetime as far as growth. So
it's definitely more advanced as far as the room that
we need. We currently have room for six bodies at a
time. I think this would allow up to thirty, and with
some maneuvering of some tables and stuff it would
actually allow more than that.

And part of this difference in cost is also to
purchase some new tables to allow them a place to put
the bodies.

Again, we bring this in the form of a hundred
percent support from full Public Safety and ask y'all
support, as well.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Public Safety,
it doesn’t need a second. Now discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, we did put that
in the budget for this year; did we not?

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am, we did not. We
were not approached by the coroner during the budget
process because he did not have a figure. After we had
concluded our budget, they received a figure from
AnMed. So in order to fund this amount of money, we
are going to take the proceeds from the sale of the
Pickens TTI building to fund this, so it will not hurt
our existing budget.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: I’d just like to add, too,
we will have no additional -- the funding is up to a
hundred and thirty. As Mr. Graham mentioned, it may be
a little bit less. But there will be no increase (mic
cutting out) personnel policies (mic cutting out) and
it protects the county. And it does (mic cutting out).
It was kind of (mic cutting out).
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis, and I agree. But for council to be full aware, I think next budget year they’re going to be coming back asking for a little bit more.
RAY GRAHAM: Are you speaking on the security?
TOMMY DUNN: Uh-huh (affirmative).
RAY GRAHAM: And I agree. I don’t want to cloud the decision on this, but basically originally AnMed had requested that we provide security at the morgue to basically release the bodies or whatnot. Again, with the coroner’s office, the deputy coroner and the coroner being very frugal with tax dollars, they basically recommended that the on-call coroner or deputy coroner be the one that would release the bodies, which basically would prevent someone from having to be over there twenty-four seven. They’re also kind of governing back the times that the bodies can be released.
Now, with that being said, if we’ve got an out-of-town individual that needs to have a body released to a funeral home or something after hours, I’m not saying they will not accommodate that, but there are some set hours and guidelines as far as normal hours that they would do the releasing of the bodies. And their intentions, and I intend on holding them accountable to this, would be that they would not add no additional personnel next year either. I’m like Chairman Dunn is stating, I feel like they probably will come to us with that, but at this time I don’t think that would be justified. I think we could continue on with the same program that we’re currently using where the on-call coroner is actually the one that goes and releases the body.
TOMMY DUNN: Good enough. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to Item number 7(a).
RAY GRAHAM: Update on EMS. I’m sorry I do not have my glasses tonight. Update on EMS. Basically a couple of the things that -- and this was in the budget. Steve just wanted to kind of update council as far as where we stood. They did implement the twelve-hour unit at -- it’s right there at Arthrex at Tri County Tech, I guess extension campus or whatever you would want to call it, across from Arthrex. There is a twelve-hour unit EMS that would be stationed there. And also Three and Twenty went from a
twelve-hour truck to a twenty-four-hour truck, which it’s going to help solve some of the issues we’re having up in the Powdersville District, up in Wren, up in that area up in there where the growth is just absolutely booming. So basically it’s just some new twelve-hour units that we are implementing. This was in the budget. That is in place. Steve has already got a contract signed for the new units -- or excuse me -- updated for the new units. And basically that’s been implemented. So if you hear anything or have any problems with that, by all means feel free to let us know if we need to adjust anything or do anything with that.

Also, there’s been some discussion as far as medical control. Dr. Stoll is currently the medical control and Dr. Smith is kind of the backup. They’ve kind of shown some interest that they are possibly going to be stepping aside and let somebody else take the helm with that. We are in the process of kind of looking at some different options. They’ve assured us that they will stay in place until we get something to replace them in play there. But again, just wanted to update council on that.

Honestly, we really never have truly implemented the medical control like I guess we kind of envisioned as far as public safety. So this might be an opportunity to kind of grow that program and get it where it needs to be anyway. Definitely looking forward to what Steve and his staff comes up with on that and brings back to full council.

The last thing on Public Safety, there’s an MCI drill. Basically it’s just a multi-jurisdictional mock drill that’s probably going to be taking place October the 19th. Possibly going to be at the speedway. That has not been confirmed yet. But basically it’s just going to be some bringing all our resources together to kind of give some practice runs of different scenarios. A lot of that stuff is still being worked out. Just wanted to let council know that they are working on that. Definitely appreciate what Steve and his staff is doing with EMS and continue moving that program forward.

Mr. Chairman, that’s all we have as far as Public Safety.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Chairman Graham.

Moving on now to the Finance Committee meeting held July 12, 2019. Chairman Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, sir. If the finance staff would step forward, I guess what I want to do is give a general overview of these two items and
then let staff speak to some specifics to them and/or answer questions.

   Basically with Green Pond Landing, we’re looking at a project that would allow for disability access, changing the parking lot that would also allow for more lake dock use and entry and exit (mic cutting out). At first, I was like, well this is a lot of money and, you know, we’ve done a lot of money out here. But here’s a clarification that I didn’t know until I got into the Finance Committee meeting.

   Out of a proposed amount of about eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars, approximately six hundred and fifty of it comes from a settlement from a PCB lawsuit. So that was a lawsuit that’s been going on probably the majority of my lifetime, and in regards to companies way back when who had polluted some of the rivers that enter into the lake.

   Out of that settlement the Judge awarded us six hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The requirements for that money is that we spend that money to enhance recreation on the lake. So this is our number one recreational lake venue. So the money is not out there forever. We need to use it within a reasonable time frame. So six hundred and fifty thousand dollars of that money came from that PCB settlement.

   Now the remaining balance of that money comes from what we call accommodations tax. And the clarification I’d like to make there is that is a tax on folks who stay in a hotel when they come into Anderson. It’s an extra fee that is collected. So it’s reasonable to assume that the majority of that money is being paid by out-of-county individuals.

   So when you look at this project and our ability to enhance disability access at Green Pond Landing, ability to make the landing bigger and more accessible for a better venue and being our number one recreation on the lake, we’re being able to use money from a lawsuit settlement coming from a company and we’re able to couple that money with an ATAX amount that is the majority spent by -- or paid for by out-of-county residents. So that’s the logic behind this project.

   Now there’s only one bidder that came back even we sent it out to like ten or twenty folks, and part of that is construction companies are wide open right now. Not a lot of them are (mic cut out) on certain projects. This one is unique in that fact that there’s rock in place in the parking lot where we need to expand so they would need to use some explosives to move that rock to make the parking lot work correctly. Not a lot of construction companies can do that. So
that was the rationale why there may not be as many
bidders as we would like.

But the bid that’s in front of us, Belk Company, is
the winning bid. And if anybody has any questions I
think Miss Rita is here to answer on the specifics of
the numbers.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from the
Finance Committee; doesn’t need a second. Any more
discussion or questions?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Wooten, as the
chairman, could you tell me, are we almost through with
the work out there? Okay. How much longer?

CRAIG WOOTEN: For the current work?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

CRAIG WOOTEN: I don’t know what the
update is. I do know that -- well, the question I had
to clarify was that no other ATAX project was being
held up in everybody else’s district. But this current
work that we’re bidding has not started yet.

Mr. Burns, do you know from the past years’ work
what percentage complete we are?

RUSTY BURNS: This will complete -- after
this project will complete all of the money that we
have. Any other work that we do in the future would
have to come from accommodations tax and/or grants, as
most of it has come for on this project. But right now
we don’t have money to proceed further on anything else
after this money is expended.

GRACIE FLOYD: Anything else on Green
Pond? That’s what you mean; right?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am. At this point
in time we have no outstanding grants that we’re going
to access or any pledges of accommodations tax money.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Because I’m still
interested in getting the -- getting a project done for
Broadway Lake.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: We put that on the back
burner for a long time. But Mr. Burns, do you foresee
it being concluded the next fiscal year, maybe?

RUSTY BURNS: I would love for it to take
place, Ms. Floyd, and I would like for us to get
together and discuss that in further detail so we could
most out smartly with that project.

GRACIE FLOYD: With the Broadway Lake
project?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am. With you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Cross your heart.
RUSTY BURNS: I’m ready. The money is sitting there.
GRACIE FLOYD: Cross your heart.
TOMMY DUNN: Anything else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on next, Mr. Chairman.
CRAIG WOOTEN: The second discussion that we had that ultimately ended up in a recommendation was what we call capitalization threshold. And what I, in my mind, had to differentiate here and as part of my explanation, is the difference between inventory and assets on the books. So if you think about it, at the end of each year we have auditors that come in and make sure we’re doing things correctly in the county, that we’re accounting for the money correctly, we’re accounting for the things that we buy correctly.

From the book side, if something has a useful life over two (mic cut out) reasonably a new car would be over two years and it was over a certain amount of money, then we would capitalize it. And we would carry that asset on our books and the auditors would look at those assets and make sure that we have recorded it correctly. Where our current ordinance had us capitalizing anything that was over a thousand dollars, and that was pretty relevant probably at the time (mic cut out). But guidance from financial institutions on how counties can be effectively run and guidance from how counties are doing things around us, a more applicable number is five thousand dollars. And so when you have a five thousand dollar threshold for an asset like a car or I don’t know of a computer that’s over five thousand dollars, but something that you use in the office, you would put that on the books and you depreciate it over the useful life. (Mic cut out) sure that we keep track of all of our items in our departments so we can be responsible for them.

Well, that would go to departmental policy, that you keep inventory of the items that your workers are given for use and then you would take inventory of that each year. But what this would allow is an ease of financial statements relevant to guidelines and what folks are doing around us and would work well with the auditors. And it came as a full recommendation from the Finance Committee to take the capitalization from one thousand to five thousand.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance Committee, it doesn’t need a second. Move on to discussion. Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Craig.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: You did a good job. Okay.
But Craig when I read the thing, I didn’t know what you
were talking about. I mean what the committee was
doing or what you were talking about. And I’m not a
dummy. I am not the dullest knife in the drawer. But
I thought about the thing, here I am with a degree in
accounting and understanding, but I didn’t understand
nothing about that. So I called Ms. ...
TOMMY DUNN: Davis.
GRACIE FLOYD: Davis. Thank you. I
called Ms. Davis and I asked her to please shed some
light on this because I’m afraid that others might not
understand it either. So if you don’t mind, may I call
her up?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes.
GRACIE FLOYD: So she can explain in
laymen’s terms what we’re talking about here? But when
you said the thing about the automobile you didn’t put
an example in the books. But when you said that just
now, okay, the light went on. But I wanted to see just
what else she could share with us.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Sure.
GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am. Like you said,
he did a wonderful job explaining that. But in
laymen’s words in the accounting world, that computer
that Chris is sitting behind there, let’s say it cost
twelve hundred dollars. I have to capitalize that. I
put it on a listing. We use software. It’s
depreciated over multiple years based on its useful
life.
However, this here, you know, may cost less than a
thousand. So it’s shown as an expense. When we issue
our financial statements, that’s shown as an asset in
the accounting world. And so that’s what we’re talking
about. We like five hundred and five million dollars
worth of capital assets in Anderson County last June;
June 30, 2018, in our audited financials. So you can
imagine, a thousand dollars compared to five hundred
and five million is minuscule. It’s taxpayer dollars
and we’re (mic cut out) I don’t mean that. But I mean
in the accounting world when you have to put it on our
asset listing. You have to depreciate it. When you
dispose of it, you have to do a form and account for
it. If you transfer it from one department to another,
you know, that’s a lot of bookkeeping and it’s really
not efficient in that Government Finance Officers’
Association world. They’re the people in Chicago that
tell us how to do governmental accounting.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I knew that.

RITA DAVIS: That’s why we -- Mr. Dunn I think mentioned at a meeting that let’s please look at that. And the second bullet on this page says no entity should ever look at capitalizing anything more than five thousand dollars. So that’s counting municipalities, water district, etcetera. So you can imagine when they look at a county our size, you should not be tracking. Now that does not mean -- and Mr. Wooten, if you don’t mind -- that does not mean the second item in here that was in your agenda packet, control over items that are not capitalized, I would like council’s blessing and approval that the entity (mic cutting out) responsible for sensitive items; your weapons, your laptops, your computers. We’re already tracking that and other sensitive items, grant items, that you formally say, yes, you will keep an inventory, you will account to finance every year that that inventory is complete. And so that was why I asked that a best practice that you help us and you say affirmatively that you want us to control items that are not capitalized that are still sensitive.

GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Davis, did we call that by another name a couple of years ago?

RITA DAVIS: I’m not certain, ma’am.

Well, we used to call capital assets fixed assets.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

RITA DAVIS: But they changed that term.

Same thing.

GRACIE FLOYD: Same thing. I understand.

RITA DAVIS: All right. When did they change that?

GRACIE FLOYD: About five years ago, I think.

GRACIE FLOYD: We’re getting old, you know that? Because I know (mic cut out) but this capital -- but I surely do thank you. And Mr. Wooten, I appreciate your indulgence.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, ma’am. Any time.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I’m through.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

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

If there’s no objection we’re going to take about a five, ten minute break.

BREAK

TOMMY DUNN: At this time council will be back in session.

Moving on, we need a motion to go into executive
session concerning contractual matters involving the
Voter Registration and Elections Office, on our
machines. Motion Mr. Sanders; second by Mr. Graham.
All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the
motion carries unanimously. We’ll move right back here
in the back.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to come
out of executive session?
CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make
the motion that we come out of executive session,
having received information regarding a proposed
contract for Voter Registration and Elections, with no
action taken.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Ms. Wilson
to come out of executive session. Do we have a second?
JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. All in
favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously. Do we have a
motion to entertain on the floor?
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, after
listening to the information that we received today, I
would like to make a motion that we wait until maybe
two weeks from now to study it more and to give our
attorney time to study it more before we vote on this.
TOMMY DUNN: Wait till next council
meeting? We have a motion by Ms. Floyd. 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. Show the motion carries
unanimously.
We’ll be moving on now to the next item on the
agenda. Does anyone have any appointments I’m not
aware of?
We’ll be moving on now to requests by council
members. Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
have several for District 7’s recreation account. Five
thousand dollars for the Williamston Caroline Community
Center; six hundred dollars for the Anderson Jets; one
thousand dollars for Widows Watchmen; and two thousand
dollars for the Honea Path Recreation Program to send
these young people on a competition. And I put that in
the form of a motion.
TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Ms.
Wilson. Do we have a second. Second Mr. Sanders. Any
discussion? All in favor of Ms. Wilson’s motion show
of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir. I’d like to put a few of them in the same motion. I’d like to do five thousand dollars to the Anderson YMCA for their Midnight Flight; one thousand dollars for the Anderson Arts Center and their work with New Foundations; two hundred fifty dollars to Reverend Emmanuel and Tackling the Streets; a hundred dollars to Lights of Hope; and one thousand dollars to Widows Watchmen. I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.

Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Is that all, Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I’d like to bring this in the form of a motion. If it’s okay I’ll do all of them at one time.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

RAY GRAHAM: I’d like to do five hundred dollars to Anderson Jets Track Club; one thousand dollars to Belton Area Museum Association; seven hundred fifty dollars to Big Water Marina; one thousand dollars to Crescent High School Anglers Association for the youth group; seven hundred fifty dollars to Homeland Park Fire Department; and two thousand dollars to Leverette-Thomas American Legion Post 44. I bring this in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr. Graham. Have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.


Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I would like to do two hundred dollars to the Anderson Lights of Hope; a thousand dollars to the Welfare Children’s Unit; and two hundred dollars for Tackling the Streets. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Ms. Floyd. Have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
Moving on, Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

I’d also like to put this in the form of one motion.

Anderson Area YMCA, five hundred; Anderson Jets Track Club, two hundred; Thomas American Legion Post, two hundred; Townville Recreation Department, six thousand; Town of Honea Path Recreation Department, two hundred; Anderson Arts Center, two hundred; Tackling the Streets, one thousand; Widows Watchmen Ministries, five hundred.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Sanders. Have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

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

Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to appropriate five hundred dollars to Tackling the Street. I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Davis. Have a second? 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?

JIMMY DAVIS: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: I’d like to put a motion in to put two hundred dollars to the Town of Honea Path Recreation Department; two hundred dollars to the Anderson County Arts Center; five hundred dollars to Widows Watchmen Ministries; and four thousand dollars to Tackling the Streets. Put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else on that?

If not we’re going to move on to Administrator’s report.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Moving on to Item number 15, citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please address -- state your name and district for the record, address the chair, and you have three minutes.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one citizen signed up; Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. A little bit of housekeeping on the agenda stuff. Pages from Mr. Carroll’s office, he needs to change the bottom as to who are the new council people. It was a real sore thumb when our former administrator’s name stayed on these kinds of documents for over three years before they got corrected.

I’ve got a little show and tell tonight. Can anybody see what I’ve got down here?

JIMMY DAVIS: How did you get that through security?

ELIZABETH FANT: This one is Budweiser with the Statue of Liberty and it also has a thing on parks where they are contributing to national parks. It’s obscene. It says cocaine on it. These are probably fifty (not speaking into mic) picked up one day. I’ve got probably twenty of these alcohol -- individual alcohol bottles. If this is any indication of where we’re headed, where we are, we are doomed.

I do want to, however, salute our litter department. I called them one day. There were five wild boar, one of them (mic cut out) all together dead on the side of the road. They came and they took care of that for me. He’s aware of all this stuff. I pick up six miles of highway a week. There was another place where there was a bunch of papers that were all thrown out. Looked like somebody’s mail, and I called on that. He came and got those. He found the address. The names and addresses were right on there. And we discovered that it was an empty house and somebody had gone behind at the mailbox and stolen all the mail looking for checks and so forth.

Our litter department just is jam-up. There’s not a time when I don’t call them, and that was like four or five calls in the last week, that they don’t come out and take care of this. Not this stuff, but we’ve got to do a better job on littering. We’ve got to do a better job on fining people. It is amazing to me to find all these lottery scratch-off tickets. Somebody paid probably about fifty dollars just on these that one day. And it’s every week. Now, they’re spending money on that, but they can’t spending it on probably feeding their children at home.

Somehow another we’ve got to make a big difference in this county. This is a bad example.

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on now to comments from council members.
Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: I have no comments at this time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Mr. Sanders?

BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd. I’m sorry. Ms. Floyd has got a thing we need to go back on.

GRACIE FLOYD: I do apologize, but this was in my packet of information. I need to put some money back in my account for overpayment. I think Ms. Davis’s department highlighted what I needed to do. I need to release these funds back to the recreation account in the amount of three hundred forty-one dollars for the Games for the Rehab Center and the Senior Citizens Valentine luncheon. I got a real good deal; better deal than I thought, because I’m putting back eight hundred sixty-six dollars and thirty-four cents. And the Valentines Day luncheon was a blast.

We had a good time.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we need to vote on that, Ms. Floyd? Are you putting that in a motion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, sir. I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: We need 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.

Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Anything else?

GRACIE FLOYD: No. I’m through. Thank you so much.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Not at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir. I’m still looking through this proposed contract with the State Election Commission and it just needs to be pointed out that that is a state authority. It’s set up by state law; state authority. And the county provides the home or office for our Elections -- Registration and Elections Commission and so forth and we pay for all of that. But there is a new contract that they gave us to look at tonight that is not apparently in the best interest of Anderson County. It’s very open-ended. I looked through as quickly as I can. It seems to me
that the vendor may not even be very confident in its
own product and we’re to be paying whatever they say we
owe them. And that’s troubling. So I think folks need
to know the reason this has been delayed.
   The second part of the second terms of the
agreement, it says, State Election Commission will
coordinate with vendor for the timely delivery of
allotted voting system components to all counties
beginning the week of July 22, 2019, and for the
subsequent implementation of the new system in all
counties to be used in all elections no later than
January 1, 2020. Well, they’ve delayed it because
we’ve not signed their agreement. And I’m not sure if
we’ve ever signed such an agreement in the past. I
think that would be nice to know. Anyway, we’ve got a
lot to learn about this, and I’m sure we’ll be in good
hands with Mr. Harmon reviewing all of this and helping
the council through the deliberations here. Thank you.
   TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Couple of quick
things. I want to remind everybody, there will be a
town hall meeting July 23, 6:30 at the Belton Honea-
Path School; is that right? High school. Make sure
y’all come out. We’ll be talking about anything the
citizens want to talk about. We’ll be talking about
car thieves, too, and explaining about it. Hope we
have a good turnout.
   I know staff has had the company on our computer
program that we’ve been talking about for several years
and put money in the budget for and had the second
company come to town this week and putting their spiel
out. So hope we’re getting closer to getting something
done on this. Something to vote on. Appreciate the
hard work staff and committees have done to work on
this, and the administrator, for his part.
   And lastly, but not least, council wishes to wish
Ms. Davis a happy birthday. Got you a card here. Hope
you have a good one.
   If nothing else, meeting will be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 P.M.)