State of South Carolina  
County of Anderson  

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2019  

IN ATTENDANCE:  
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
RAY GRAHAM  
CRAIG WOOTEN  
CINDY WILSON  
JIMMY DAVIS  

ALSO PRESENT:  
RUSTY BURNS  
LEON HARMON  
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the special part of presentations and proclamations to order on October 15th council. I would like to welcome each and every one of you here. Thank y’all for coming. Appreciate and thank Honorable Representative Jay West for being here tonight, and also Judge Grant. Appreciate all them being here tonight and coming out.

At this time we’ll get started. We’ll start off with Resolution 2(a), resolutions and proclamations, be 2(a), R2019-043. Vice Chairman Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, I’d like to bring this resolution before Council. This is Resolution R2019-043.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE 10-U STARR IVA ALL-STAR SOFTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AS THE 2019 10-U SOFTBALL DISTRICT 7 CHAMPIONS AND THE 2019 10-U SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, the Starr Iva All-Star Softball team consists of 12 players, with nine players in their first year of playing on a 10-U team; and,

Whereas, on June 15-19, 2019 the 10-U Starr Iva All-stars played in the South Carolina Dixie Softball District #7 Tournament at Crescent High School. The team was undefeated, receiving the winning title of 10-U All-Star District 7 Champions and the opportunity to participate in the Dixie Softball State Championship Tournament; and,

Whereas, on July 12-17, 2019 the 10-U Starr Iva All-stars team traveled to Moncks Corner, South Carolina to play in the 2019 Dixie Softball State Championship Tournament, competing against eight teams in the 10-U division. In the final game of the tournament the Starr Iva All-stars beat their opponents and received the title of the 10-U Dixie Softball State Champions and the opportunity to participate in the Dixie World Series; and,

Whereas, this is the first 10-U Starr Iva All-star softball team to advance to the Dixie World Series; and,

Whereas, on July 26th to August 2, 2019 the Starr Iva All-star team did travel to Alexandria, Louisiana to represent South Carolina in the Dixie Youth Softball World Series. In the second game of the series the All-stars were defeated by Louisiana's win of 4-0. In Game 5, the team defeated North Carolina with a score of 15-0. In Game 8, the team defeated Alabama with a score of 14-7. And in game 11, the team faced team Louisiana again but were defeated 16-1. The team
received 3rd place in the World Series and gained a
once in a lifetime experience; and,

Whereas, The Anderson County Council wishes to
commend our stellar youth who demonstrate high levels
of dedication, sportsmanship, and teamwork required to
compete in a highly competitive environment. We are
proud of your accomplishments and would like to wish
each of you great success in your future endeavors.

RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 15th day
of October 2019.

Mr. Chairman, I’d bring this in the form of a
motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Vice Chairman Graham has
a motion on the floor. Ms. Wilson seconds it. Any
discussion? Congratulations to them. I think that’s
outstanding. All in favor of the motion. You got
anything else, Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: No.

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

Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if we could
have the All-stars come to the front and we’ve got a
presentation.

TOMMY DUNN: I’d like to ask
Representative Jay West if it’s all right to step
forward, too.

RAY GRAHAM: Yes. Absolutely.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

TOMMY DUNN: We’re going to be moving
on now to keep things going and we can be on time.
We’re going to move on to item 2(b), resolution in
support of a prescribed fire. This will be Resolution
number R2019-045, a resolution in support of a
prescribed fire.

WHEREAS, Anderson County Council recognizes that
prescribed fire provides multiple ecological, economic
and cultural benefits to the citizens of Anderson
County; and

WHEREAS, prescribed fire is a traditional land
management practice and public safety tool that
helps prevent and lessen the severity of wildfires,
reducing the loss of private property and saving
lives while acting as a preventive measure saving
taxpayers the cost and hazards to local
government’s public safety and firefighting officials
who respond to wildfires; and

WHEREAS, prescribed fire is a valuable tool used by
forest landowners and managers in reducing hazardous
fuels, reducing the risk -- excuse me. Never ends.

WHEREAS, prescribed fire is a valuable tool used by forest landowners and managers in reducing hazardous fuels, reducing the risk of destructive wildfires, preparing sites for both natural and artificial forest regeneration, improving access to and the appearance of land, and controlling detrimental insects and forest diseases; and

WHEREAS, prescribed fire is used to restore and maintain fire-dependent ecosystems, and to manage wildlife habitat for many species; and

WHEREAS, many rural economies depend on prescribed fire to manage habitat for game species such as white-tailed deer, wild turkey and bobwhite quail whose hunting economy is vital to South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, prescribed fire is used to manage for songbirds and other non-game wildlife species, and for fire-dependent plants, and is a vital tool to maintain aesthetically-pleasing landscapes, all of which bring in substantial tourism dollars to South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Forestry Commission is authorized by various South Carolina state laws to control wildfires, administer burning laws, and provide other forestry assistance, and the commission promotes prescribed burning as a valuable forest management tool; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina General Assembly passed the Prescribed Fire Act in 1994 (amended in 2012), defining prescribed fire thus, "Prescribed fire means a controlled fire applied to forest, brush, or grassland, vegetative fuels under specified environmental conditions and precautions which cause the fire to be confined to a predetermined area and allow accomplishment of the planned land management objectives;" and

WHEREAS, prescribed fire helps keep South Carolina's forests healthy - and those forests, in turn - provide ecological services such as clean air and clean water and contribute to the quality of life of the state's citizens and to local economies; and

WHEREAS, prescribed fire practitioners provide public health benefits by burning under carefully-planned weather conditions, reducing the unplanned smoke from wildfires, thus contributing to the air quality of South Carolina by promoting healthy forests that serve as "air shed contributors;" and

WHEREAS, prescribed fire is a traditional land management tool in the South that has been practiced
for thousands of years and is an integral part of South Carolina's cultural and natural heritage;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, in a meeting duly assembled this 15th day of October 2019, that the Anderson County Council supports the appropriate and continued use of prescribed fire in South Carolina, supports the South Carolina Forestry Commission, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Clemson University, The Nature Conservancy, the South Carolina Prescribed Fire Council and others as they strive to provide educational and technical assistance to landowners in an effort to recognize the benefits listed above, and urges Air Quality Regulators to work closely with all state agencies and landowners in a fair and balanced approach to smoke management.

I put that in the form of a motion. Second by Ms. Wilson. Are there any discussion? I’d just like to say the Forest Commission asked us to do that. A lot of counties throughout the state they’ve asked them to do this. Our pleasure to do this. And feel it’s a vital tool and I appreciate whoever wrote that. I think it come from parts of other ordinances, what not, but I think it should have been a little bit longer and a few more big words in it for me to try to get through. I put that in the form of a motion. I’ve already done that. I’m sorry. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Thank y’all very much. We’ve got a plaque here, Mr. Burns. Make sure, if you would, it gets in the right place. Nobody from Forestry could be here tonight. I want to make sure that gets handled and took care of.

We’re going to move on now to item number (c), proclamation to declare October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Very appreciative of Councilman Wooten introducing this for us. Councilman.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This proclamation:

WHEREAS, Americans with disabilities are part of our Nation's diverse tapestry, participating in all areas of our culture in pursuit of the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, over a quarter century ago, our country took a major step toward fulfilling the fundamental American promises of equal access, equal opportunity, and equal respect for all when the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was made the law of the land; and,

WHEREAS, during National Disability Employment
Awareness Month, we celebrate the ways individuals with disabilities strengthen our workforce, our communities, and our country, and we recommit to cultivating an America where all people are able to build vibrant futures for themselves and for their families; and,

WHEREAS, this October, as we observe National Disability Employment Awareness Month, let us pay tribute to all who fought for better laws, demanded better treatment, and overcame ignorance and indifference to make our Nation more perfect; and,

WHEREAS, the 2019 theme is "The Right Talent Right Now" - stemming from the Campaign for Disability Employment, which is a collaborative effort to promote positive employment outcomes for people with disabilities by encouraging employers and others to recognize the value and talent they bring to the workplace; and,

WHEREAS, the Anderson Vocational Rehabilitation Office serves the Anderson community by preparing and assisting those with disabilities to achieve and maintain competitive employment, creating relationships among individuals, community partners, agencies, non-profits and businesses.

NOW THEREFORE, the Anderson County Council, would like to bring greetings to all of you attending this celebration and do hereby proclaim the month of October as

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

in Anderson, and urge all citizens to embrace the talents and skills that individuals with disabilities bring to our workplaces and communities and to promote the right to equal employment opportunity for all people.

Proclaimed this 15th day of October, 2019. Put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Do we 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.

Fellow council members, we’ll be adjourned.

Reconvene back here at 6:30.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:19 P.M.)
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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of October the 15th to order. Welcome each and every one of you here. Thank y’all for coming out tonight. We’ll get started before Mr. Wooten -- got a little housekeeping. Ms. Floyd has called in. She’s feeling under the weather and won’t be able to be here tonight, from my understanding. Mr. Sanders, if you would let’s keep him in our thoughts and prayers, and his family. He had an accident over the weekend and has some leg trouble. He’s going to be out of commission for a little bit, so let’s keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

At this time we’ll all rise for Mr. Wooten to lead us in the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CRAIG WOOTEN

TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any -- these are two special called meetings of September the 6th and the 20th. Are there any corrections to be made to the September 6th meeting? Do we have a motion to approve that as presented?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second? Second Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to the September 20th special called meeting. Are there any corrections or changes need to be made to that?

CINDY WILSON: Yes, please.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: On page 22, line 38 and 40, apparently the transcriber couldn’t hear me very well. The only fine should be the only fly NV, which is a fly ointment, and that’s on line 38. And line 40, the fee in lieu of tax structure so -- the word so needs to be inserted before that. And I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to approve the minutes with those two corrections on them. Do we have a second? Second Mr. Davis. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on now to item number -- October 1st, 2019 meeting. Any corrections to be made to that? Anybody have any? Do I have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. At this time -- I meant to do this at the start of the meeting. I want to welcome -- I think we’ve got two students, I think, from Winthrop University here. I don’t know what kind of punishing y’all are doing to have to come and sit through this tonight, but we appreciate y’all coming. Thank y’all very much. Hope it’s interesting for you.

We’re moving on now to citizens comments, item number 4. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please restate your name and district for the record. Address the chair. You’ve got three minutes. And please keep items on agenda items this first go-round.

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

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I’m speaking on number 5. I’m not going to say much about that because I think Ms. Darby is going to cover the subject. But this is a real opportunity for Anderson County, something that will be a major resource, a major tourist attraction. Kids will like it. Adults will like it. Hunters. It just would be a wonderful thing for Anderson County if we can pull this off. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to item number 5, Ms. Darby.

ALLISON DARBY: Hello. I’m Allison Darby. I’m Educational Coordinator for the Belton Area Museum Association. And before we get to the agenda item, I would like to speak very quickly to thank each one of you for supporting our most recent educational event, Heritage Days at the Depot, held October 3rd, 4th and 5th. We had over fifteen hundred school children who came to enjoy the traditional skills and folk crafts of our ancestors. They learned an awful lot. And then on Saturday during the festival, we had over five thousand who got to enjoy it. So your support was significant in making that event happen.

Furthermore, I would like to also say a very special thank you. On Wednesday when we were hearing that the weather was going to be up to a hundred degrees, we panicked. And the first person we thought to call was Administrator Burns. And he said, I got you covered. No problem. I want you to call David Baker. And he called right away. He came down on Wednesday afternoon with his assistant, set up a
mistig station, set up misting fans all along. And if
those students outdoors had not had that on Thursday
and Friday in what I measured on Thursday a hundred and
two in the sun, they would have had a significant
problem. So the Emergency Management Services came to
our aid and we are so very thankful for that. And also
for the great help that you provided in financial
assistance, but also that Administrator Burns was so
ready to help us out. So we really do appreciate that.

And at this time I would like to introduce to you
our wonderful Executive Director of the Belton Area
Museum Association who is going to speak to you tonight
about an opportunity, as Elizabeth Fant said, that --
keeping our fingers crossed -- is going to be a
magnificent addition to Anderson County. So Abigail
Burden will now speak.

ABIGAIL BURDEN: Thank you so much for giving
us this opportunity to talk to you tonight. I want to
start quickly with just a brief history as to how we’ve
got to this point of wanting to discuss a South
Carolina Natural History Museum.

About six or seven years ago, Joe and Karen Finley
of Belton loaned the museum part of their taxidermy
collection. It is an extensive collection. They
allowed the museum to display part of their collection.
Very, very well received. People, to this day, come
into the museum asking what happened to the animals,
wanting to see them back again.

After the exhibit was over and they took their
animals back, they approached the museum about wanting
to give the collection to Belton, to the Museum, with
the stipulation that it be put on permanent display.
So it’s taken a while to get to the point we are now,
but we have now officially been gifted the entire
collection and are now looking to move forward with
creating what we would like to be titled the South
Carolina Natural History Museum.

Before we get any further, though, I want to take
just a moment and show you some of these animals so you
have an idea of what it is that we’re talking about.
Things like an amazing turkey. This lion is the fifth
largest lion ever taken out of Africa. And because of
current laws and regulations, conservation to protect
the remaining lions in Africa, they can no longer be
taken out of Africa. So this will continue to be the
fifth largest lion ever taken out of Africa. Students
would have the -- students and adults alike would have
the opportunity to come face to face with a lion. Not
something you can say you can do most places in the
world safely. Not only are there land animals, but
also fish. Some wonderful things from Africa that you
go to the Greenville Zoo, you’re not going to see. As
well as native animals. Impressive collection of
various water bird -- water fowl, down to even cute
little squirrels. I personally like this one. I think
he’s cute. There’s Joe Finley talking to people at the
museum during the opening for the exhibit.

For the exhibit, they had ties in with the South
Carolina DNR. And moving forward with the museum we
would like to also include tie-ins with the South
Carolina DNR. We locally already have their support
and we’re looking to meet at the state level with them
to get their endorsement for the museum. They would
love to be able to use it as a teaching resource for
their officers.

You can see there in the background where there’s a
giraffe, zebra. These are going to be animals that
people are not going to be able to see like going to
the Greenville Zoo. You may get to see a few of them.
But Greenville Zoo is not that large and many of the
people in Belton are not going to get the opportunity
to go to Riverbanks in Columbia, to go to the National
Zoo in Washington, D.C., to go to these larger zoos to
be able to see animals. And even if they do they’re
not going to have the opportunity to come quite so
close to the animals. There’s Karen Finley, as well.
And we also at the opening had archery.

The exhibit will not only have our -- the animals
from the Finley collection, but we also have talked to
Gina Clary of Diamond Hill Mind and she has an
extensive gemstone collection, part of which she would
love to see put on display at the museum, as well. We
also had part of her collection on display for an
exhibit and this is what this is from. Students were
looking at rocks that glowed in the dark, some of the
luminescent rocks. And they were digging for gemstones
in a little wading pool. And there she is talking
about some of the -- one of her gemstones; one of her
crystals.

We also, in this museum, we’re able to call it a
Natural History Museum because it’s going to be not
only the animals, the gemstones, but also dinosaurs and
other fossils. We also have a Belton native, Dan
Horton, who is an amateur palaeontologist. And he
would love to have his collection put on display so
that other people besides himself can see it. We also
-- when we had the gemstones on display, we also had
some of his fossil collection. So it would also
include dinosaur and other fossils. These are more of
the fossils. How often can you come that close to a
dinosaur bone? Sabertooth tiger tooth. The picture
does not do justice for the gemstones, but those are
some of the largest amethyst veins -- one of the
largest amethyst veins in North America was found at
Diamond Hill Mine and these are some of the amethysts
that came out of there, as well as some of the other
gems.

I have just a few more here. You can just see the
wide range of people that are interested in seeing
these things, from the youngest child up to the parents
and grandparents were all fascinated. How often are
you going to be able to get face-to-face with a lion?

So at this point, as I said, we have received --
the collection has been gifted to us for all of the
animals. The big thing at this point, our next step,
is figuring out where we’re going to permanently
display them. The museum in the Historic Belton Depot
does not currently have the space. So we are looking
for another location in which to have that collection.

One of the stipulation to the gift of the animals
is that the collection has to stay in Belton. The
Finleys are from Belton. They had their taxidermy
business in Belton. They want it to stay in their
hometown. But as Elizabeth and Allison both mentioned,
this would be a boon, not just to Belton but to the
entire county. We’re already talked to people from
Clemson University about the feasibility of are people
going to come if we build this? And they have said
without a doubt. We’ll be getting people coming from
the upstate, from Georgia, North Carolina. This will
be a tourist attraction. And when they’re coming to
see the museum, they’re going to be coming and staying,
eating, spending money in Anderson County.

It also will be a -- we’re hoping to partner with
schools. We’re going to be meeting with the Secretary
of Education, Spearman, in the next month to get her
endorsement to see that this will be a wonderful
educational opportunity, as well. It aligns with a lot
of the science standards that the students will have
going from elementary up to high school. It also would
be a perfect opportunity for those students that may
have difficulties going and looking at animals in a
zoo, whether it be just the cost of going to a zoo.
But even those students earlier this evening were
recognizing the disability and employment amongst those
students that have sensory issues that couldn’t handle
the noise, the smells that come with going to a zoo,
that come with seeing animals live, would still have an
opportunity to see what this animal looks like without
those extra sensory issues that can be problems for
some students. They’ll also, in some cases, be able to put their hands on some of these things, which you’re not going to be able to do in most zoos.

As I said, one of the challenges now is figuring out where it’s going to go. And then also the money to either retrofit a building if we take over an existing building or to build a new building. The first step, though, is getting the support from -- we’ve already gotten the support from the city of Belton endorsing this project. Now we’re asking for your support to endorse this project; that you see the benefit to the county of Anderson; that this would be a boon for everyone if we can make this happen.

Once we’ve got endorsements and we have a location, the next step will be the capital campaign to raise the money to make this happen. And we hope that in the next year or so we’ll be able to come back and thank you for your support and show you an amazing museum.

Thank you very much for your time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all. Appreciate it.

ABIGAIL BURDEN: Do you have any questions?

TOMMY DUNN: Anybody got any?

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: If it’s okay with council, I’d like to get with Leon and possibly do a letter of support on this and maybe present it at the next council meeting.

CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: There are a lot of families in the county that have various collections that would be willing to contribute more collections. So I guess the first thing -- did y’all make an application for accommodations tax funds this year?

ABIGAIL BURDEN: Not for this, only because we’re not -- we didn’t feel that we were to the point that we could justify asking for the money and how it would be spent in the calendar time for the accommodations. But definitely we’re hoping next year we’ll be to a point that we can.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all again.

We’re going to move on at this time to item number 6(a). This will be ordinance’s third reading, be 6(a), 2019-014, an ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 6, of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so as to clarify storage of commercial equipment in residential zones. This is only for areas in Anderson County that
are zoned. It’s already in the books. All this is
doing is putting some teeth in legislation if somebody
is violating this where they can take them to Court and
get something done about it. Thus far it’s been thrown
out. That’s what it’s all about.
At this time we’ll go into a public hearing on
this. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter please
step forward and state your name, district and address
the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none,
public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to
put this on the floor?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second
Mr. Graham. Now, any discussion? Hearing none, all in
favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to item number 6(b), 2019-049, an
ordinance authorizing the termination of a Lease
Agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina and
Project Lilac; the conveyance of certain property from
Anderson County, South Carolina to Nutra Manufacturing
LLC or its designee; the execution and delivery of an
Infrastructure Credit Agreement, by and between
Anderson County, South Carolina and Nutra Manufacturing
LLC or its designee, to provide for Special Revenue
Credits. From my understanding this is just taking the
name, Anderson County, out of it. It was an original
thing. We get out of it no money, no nothing. Cost
nothing. We’re just getting our name off the title
where they can move on. This will be a public hearing.
Anyone wishing to speak to this matter please step
forward, state your name and district and address the
chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, 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?
RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.
Discussion? Mr. Burriss, you got anything you want to
add or say to this?
BURRISS NELSON: No, sir. You covered it
exactly, that this is an opportunity for us to take our
name out of the chain of title, which is a good thing
for us and it gives them an opportunity not to have to
explain it to others in any of their business
transactions, why their company -- their property is
not in their own name. Just a simple change of those
things. But it unwinds their fee agreement, as well,
and offers -- and moves to the multi county industrial park infrastructure credit agreement. Exactly like you said.

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

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Mr. Graham, would like to have a comment.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

BURRISS NELSON: The ordinance?

TOMMY DUNN: No. This is something different. You might be leaving so we want to go ahead and take care of this housekeeping; okay?

RAY GRAHAM: I assume you’re probably getting ready to head out. I know you’ve had a long day. I just wanted to publicly thank you and your staff for all the hard work and the commitment that you’ve given city of Belton and staff at Wells Aluminum. I’ve got a lot of feedback from that and they are forever indebted to you guys for all the work that y’all have done. And I personally just wanted to thank each of your staff members for all the work that y’all done as far as getting that together. It was a great turnout. I think it really put a sense of ease to their minds and basically they’re looking at losing jobs right here at Christmastime. That’s when it’s going to be wrapping up. I know that day with y’all guys coming together and getting all those resources, it really kind of gave them a sense of ease on that. And I definitely appreciate that. Thank you so much.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Nelson, that goes, without saying, the whole council feels the same way.

BURRISS NELSON: Certainly appreciate that. But thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve our fellow citizens in our community. Thank you so much.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all.

Moving on to item number 7, and this will be second reading of ordinances; 7(a), 2019-050, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone plus or minus 49.44 acres on Garrison Road from R-20 single family residential to R-A residential agriculture, tax map number 066-011-017 and 66-00-11-005. Do we have a motion to move that forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis.

Discussion? Dr. Parkey, you got anything you’d like to add or need to add?

JEFF PARKEY: No, sir.

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

Moving on to 7(b), 2019-051, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone plus or minus 5.72 acres at 1150 Garrison Road from R-20 single family residential to R-A residential agriculture, tax map number 066-00-11-020. 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? Dr. Parkey, do you have anything?

JEFF PARKEY: No, sir.

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

Moving on to item number 7(c), 2019-052, an ordinance to amend the zoning map plus or minus 5 acres at 1140 Garrison Road from R-20 single family residential to R-A residential agriculture. Tax map number is 066-00-11-021. 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 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on now to item 8(a), ordinance first reading, 2019-054, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article V of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so as to add Section 2-613 regarding policy related to minority businesses in the procurement process and other matters related thereto. I think we’ve been asked to do this for some government agency. I’ll let Mr. Burns speak to that.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we already do this in our procurement policies in Anderson County. This is a request that we make this part of an ordinance so we will have it going forward. And it’s really just a formality because as I said before, we already do this.
TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move this forward?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Any discussion?
CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comment. Even on our bids that go out, it spells out that there’s preferential treatment, from what I remember, in reading those materials. That they’re invited to bid. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 9(a), R2019-046, a resolution expressing intent to cease maintenance on and to authorize county consent to judicial abandonment of Woodson Drive, designed as C-05-0056 (verbatim), District 4. Do we have a motion to move this forward?
JIMMY DAVIS: 0059.
TOMMY DUNN: 0059. Sorry about that. Thank you. 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. Discussion? I’d just like to add for the record, Mr. Sanders -- this is Mr. Sanders’ district. He wants this done. He’s got no objection to this. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 10, road acceptance into the county inventory. Oaks at Shiloh Creek Subdivision, be District 6, Cane Hill Drive, Monocacy Way, Picketts Mill Drive, Vicksburg Drive. Is there any reason we can’t do all of these at one time? Do we have a motion to get this on the floor?
JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis. Do we have a second?
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Discussion?
JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Hogan? These roads aren’t that old. How old are they? They’re good?
Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion.
show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 11. Are there any appointments to be made?

Requests by council members. Mr. Davis, do you have any?

JIMMY DAVIS: I have nothing at this time, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham, do you have any?

RAY GRAHAM: Several meetings back I requested seven hundred and fifty dollars to Big Water Marina for their celebration of July the 4th fireworks. Due to some paperwork issues, they basically failed to put Cancer Association of Anderson on it. I just want to amend that and include Cancer Association of Anderson and Big Water Marina for that seven hundred and fifty dollar partnership for the fireworks show. Mr. Burns, will it be easier to take that other one off and just do this one or just amend it? Take it off?

RUSTY BURNS: I would remove the other one and do this fresh.

RAY GRAHAM: I would ask support from council that we remove the one a few months back and put it back into my recreational fund. And in return I’ve got two for tonight. One of them is for seven hundred and fifty dollars to Cancer Association of Anderson and Big Water Marina on a partnership with July the 4th fireworks show.

The second one is for Iva Recreation Association, five thousand dollars for a batting cage baseball and softball for their recreational program.

I bring this in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: If it’s all right we’re going to take that off first and put it back in your account. We’ll do that one first.

CINDY WILSON: I’ll make the motion that we take it out and put it back into the District 3 recreation account.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham will second that. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now Mr. Graham has got a motion on the floor to reappropriate that money back to the Cancer Association and to the ---
RAY GRAHAM: Five thousand dollars to Iva Recreation.
TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?
CINDY WILSON: Second.

Anything else, Mr. Graham?
RAY GRAHAM: No.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
CINDY WILSON: (No audible response).
TOMMY DUNN: I’d like to appropriate out of District 5's special appropriation account fifteen hundred dollars for the Bridge Recovery. They’ve got some worthwhile programs. They’ve run into an issue with a fire hydrant over there, having to put in. So I will put that in the form of a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.

Secondly, -- Ms. Lacey, how much money has Mr. Sanders got? He gave me authorization to spend it tonight, so I want to make sure I get it all. I’ll leave him a dollar in there. Mr. Sanders agreed also for fifteen hundred dollars to the Bridge Center Recovery. So I put that in the form of a motion out of District 4's special account.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. She’s just as guilty as I am now. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank y’all very much.

Moving on to item number 13, administrator’s report.
RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns.

Now, moving on to item number 14, citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name you’ve got three minutes. Please address the chair, state your name and district for the record.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one speaker signed up. Elizabeth Fant.
ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
3. Two separate things. I’m not sure why we keep adding roads into our roads that we’re responsible for when we are so low on funds. I don’t know why that benefits us or who it benefits, but I just want that question answered from somebody.

The main thing I want to talk about is the monthly sheriff’s report, the back page. If you’ll look at that you’ll see that the average daily population is a hundred and seventy percent which means a hundred percent would be how many we’re supposed to have. Seventy percent is that much more than we’re supposed to have. So we’re almost at double capacity that our jail will accommodate.

I would like to suggest, and I don’t know the procedure of who is responsible for this, but I would like to suggest that we get another magistrate, one that will do night court. Some of those people that are sitting in jail have been there for over two years or up to two years. So the amount that we’re paying for detention center people, meals, housing, space and all of that, if we could move those people quicker through the system, either get them down to Columbia if that’s where they need to be, or out or bonded or doing public service, we need to do that. In my mind there is no reason why we should be -- will be penalized and will be at the point of having to build a new jail when some of what we need to do is just to move these people through. I don’t know what it takes, where it comes from. Does it come from Columbia? Does it come from you all to decide to get a new magistrate? But the funds to have a new magistrate would way offset the cost of a jail.

Now, the jail does need updates. Not to say that a building built in the 1950s is going to hold out like it should. But I don’t want to see us go to millions and millions of dollars poured into a facility when what we really need to be doing is moving those people on, getting them rehabilitated, getting them mental health if that’s what they need, and not having so many bodies that are just in the jail.

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

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

JIMMY DAVIS: I have nothing, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham?
RAY GRAHAM: I have nothing, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: We’ve gone so quickly
tonight I feel obligated to speak till eight thirty, but I don’t have anything at this time.


CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comment.

There is a massive effort going on between the county and all parties related to jails, incarceration, trials, everything, right now. There’s an effort to put together a mental health court. There’s an effort to put together a facility at Patrick Harris where those type people can go and have rehabilitation and so forth. The solicitor, the public defender, we have an incredible county employee, Ms. Casey Collins, who does all the statistical work. And she’s been pulling together statistics that have been very helpful in that effort to try to add some kind of shape and common sense to what the increased numbers of arrest and so forth are. So there is a lot going on. And a lot of these meetings have been public. So people are invited to come to those meetings. I’ve not heard of one within the last month. I think they had the last meeting maybe in July or August. But anyway, there’s a lot going on. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Appreciate everybody. Just to address a couple of things. Our ordinance claims when they build roads to a certain criteria that meets our standards, we’ve got to accept them in our subdivisions. Those people pay taxes, too, and that’s the reason those roads are coming in. We can’t deny them just because they got a new house and new subdivision. If they meet our standards and ordinances we take them in after a year. And they’ve got to stand behind that for a year. That’s where that comes up.

As far as the jail issue, I just want to make it very -- we’ve been on this for probably going on a year and a half or better. We had a big meeting here in council where federal folks come in and they made the statement that really rings out in my mind, if we build a jail big enough to hold twenty-five hundred people, we’ll fill it up. That’s not the answer. Ms. Fant’s talking about it -- we’ve got a lady -- we’ve got a criminal coordinating committee that’s been working. They meet all the time. Ms. Collins is constantly across the road talking with magistrates trying to get it through the system. But unfortunately to get through this, county council don’t have the club that makes things happen. We’ve doing all we can do. Council sure don’t appoint magistrates. That’ll be two state senators who appoints magistrates and makes that happen. Wish we did have more things to get this up.
But we do have to do something another. We’re working on it. We’ve got meetings coming up. And I can tell you, I was just out there at the jail Thursday. Invited. I wasn’t ... But anyway, a jail is coming, folks. I’m just going to tell you right now, get prepared for it. From what the federal people are telling us and the state thing, we’ve got all this thing to get through and do it right and that will be coming down the pike. I can assure you on that.

Appreciate everybody. Council meeting adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:08 P.M.)