ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROECAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to welcome each and every one of you here and I’d like to call to order the special council meeting and resolutions of November 19th to order. Again, thank y’all for coming and welcome you again.

At this time we’ll go to Resolution 2(a), R2019-044; Vice Chairman Ray Graham. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I’d like to bring in the form of a motion, Resolution R2019-044.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH GARY DEAN ADAMS AND MRS. KATHY ADAMS FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION FOR MENTORING AND COACHING STUDENTS AND ATHLETES IN THE STARR-IVA COMMUNITY FOR OVER 43 YEARS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, Coach Gary Dean Adams and Mrs. Kathy Adams have had an amazing coaching career in both Softball and Basketball. Coach Adams was the Men’s Basketball Coach, as well as, the Girl’s Fast pitch Softball Coach at Crescent High School since 1977. Mrs. Adams served as a Guidance Counselor, friend and as a fixture at Crescent High School, attending all basketball and softball games with Coach Adams. They are a shining example for many student athletes and others who have had the pleasure of playing for them, coaching with them, against them or just being in their presence; and,

Whereas, Coach Adams was hired at Crescent High School in 1977 to coach men’s basketball but was also offered the job to start the girl’s fast pitch softball team. He coached Men’s Basketball from 1977-1996 ending his basketball coaching career with a record of 258-155. He coached his teams to the AA Boys State Champions in 1983 and 1986, and the AA Boys State Runner up Champions in 1985; and,

Whereas, in 1977, Coach Adams and Mrs. Adams began building the dynasty that has come to be known as Crescent Lady Tiger Softball, the first ever ladies softball team at Crescent High School. During his career from 1977-2019, Coach Adams has an outstanding win loss record of 1043 wins and only 169 losses. He has 34 Region Championships with 33 of those being consecutive Region Championships. He and his teams hold the National Record for the most State Championships with a total of 19 of which 11 of those were Consecutive State Championships from 1987-1997. In addition to the State Championships, he has 8 State Runner up Championships; and,

Whereas, in 1991 and 2002, Coach Adams was named
the National Coach of the Year. In 1997, he was
inducted into the SCACA Hall of Fame, and the NFHS Hall
of Fame in 2002; and,
Whereas, in 1995, Coach Adams, Mrs. Adams, members
of the softball team, coaches, parents and community
members raised over $50,000.00 in an effort to build a
“Field of Dreams” at Crescent High School. All the
former teams had to travel to Iva to practice and play
on one of the Town of Iva fields. During the Opening
Ceremonies, the field was dedicated and named the Gary
D. Adams Softball Field with Coach Adams’ parents and
other family members there to share in this great
accomplishment; and
Whereas, in 2015-2016, Coach Adams was inducted
into the Crescent High School/New Deal School Hall
of Fame as an inaugural member, and in 2018, he was
inducted into the Gaston County Sports Hall of Fame
where he grew up; and,
Whereas, in 2019, after announcing his retirement,
Coach Adams made one request of the Anderson School
District 3 Board...that the field be renamed to bear
the name of his wife and lifelong supporter; so on June
10, 2019 the field was renamed the Gary and Kathy Adams
Softball Field. A new scoreboard will be erected
displaying the new name and showing the lifelong
commitment this team has made on the Starr Iva
community; and,
Whereas, Coach Gary Adams and Kathy Adams have been
fixtures in the Starr-Iva Community and on many
softball fields for over 43 years. Their influence on
the players who have been fortunate enough to play for
them will never be able to be measured. Most all
little girls who grow up playing softball in the Starr-
Iva community dream of one day playing on that “Field
of Dreams” and being part of the Tiger softball legacy
that Gary and Kathy Adams have built for this
community; and,
Whereas, the Anderson County Council is grateful to
Coach Gary Adams and Kathy Adams for being an
inspiration, and shaping the lives of many students,
and athletes. We appreciate your dedication,
leadership, and personal commitment to our youth during
your lifetime of service and many contributions to the
Starr-Iva community and Anderson County. We
congratulate you on your retirement and wish you the
best as you begin this new chapter of your life.

LET THIS BE RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled
this 19th day of November, 2019.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham;
second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? Go ahead, Ms. Wilson. I’d just like to -- I’ve known a lot of folks down in the Starr-Iva area over the years and I’ve never heard nobody say a harsh word about you and that’s something very much to say. I know you can’t measure the (audio cutting out) like you can the change made on people’s lives. Anderson County has been very fortunate to have somebody like you representing our young people. You’ll be greatly missed, but I hope you enjoy your retirement; you and your wife, both.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, personally I want to -- just the impact you’ve had on my family. You’re definitely a team. And I mean since I’ve been in the community down there -- and everybody knows what you’ve done for Linda. I mean there’s no question, she got her scholarship; she’s where she is today through the foundation that you guys have built. And when I say you guys, I truly mean that with both of y’all. From my family, I greatly appreciate the commitment that you’ve given to our community. It just -- truly appreciate what y’all have done. Love both of you; think the world of you. And it’s going to be some tough shoes to fill there, Coach. But definitely behind you and definitely looking forward to seeing what the future holds. But again, Coach Adams, Ms. Adams, the commitment that you guys have brought to that area down there, there’s no way we can even measure it. It’s just unreal what y’all have actually been able to do. And again, I just want to thank you from my family. Thank you.

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

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if we could have Coach Adams, Ms. Adams and former staff members and family, if y’all could come up for this presentation.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

APPLAUSE

MRS. ADAMS: We certainly appreciate it. We have been blessed beyond measure to have worked and taught down at Crescent High School. So the blessing goes many ways. What you’re doing tonight is recognizing us for something that we absolutely loved doing. We appreciate that very much. But we would have it no other way. That was what we felt we were called to do. Thank the good Lord we were able to do it for 43 years.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’ll
be moving on to item 2(b), Resolution R2019-053.

Again, Vice Chairman Ray Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I also would like to bring this in the form of a motion. This is in reference to Resolution R2019-053.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CRAYTONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ITS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FOR FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO ITS RESIDENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, the Anderson County Council considers it a privilege to recognize and celebrate the Craytonville Fire Department and its members for fifty years of steadfast and excellent service; for their call to duty in safeguarding the lives of their fellow citizens and their properties in their community and for making Anderson County a safer, better place to live and work; and,

Whereas, the Craytonville Fire Department began operations in 1969 at a station located at the fork of Highway 20 and Trail Road in Belton, South Carolina. The station consisted of fifteen members, ten radios and three fire trucks; and,

Whereas, in 1978 the department added four new bays, and transformed the old bays into a meeting and day room for the firemen. In 1991, a fifth bay was added to house a new pumper, and in 2001 the station added a 2,500-gallon tanker to the fleet; and,

Whereas, in 2007, a rescue truck equipped with extrication tools was added to the department when the department began assisting rescue squads with extractions; and,

Whereas, in 2017 the Craytonville firemen built a substation in the community to decrease response times, allowing the department to provide the best emergency services possible; and,

Whereas, the Craytonville Fire Department through the dedication of its countless volunteers and the support of the community has evolved to provide the highest level of fire and rescue services to its residents and all citizens of Anderson County; and,

Whereas, the Craytonville Fire Department led by Chief Chris Branyon and its thirty-five volunteer firefighters provide an instrumental and invaluable commodity in protecting lives and property for our citizens; a personal compassionate service that is not taken lightly, rather executed courageously and fearlessly with safety of others at the forefront of every call; and,

Whereas, Anderson County Council recognizes that the key to success in a community is its people,
especially those who demonstrate qualities of
dedication and servant leadership; stepping forward to
guide, direct and energize the community, often at a
considerable sacrifice; and,
Whereas, Anderson County Council and the residents
of Anderson County are pleased to recognize and
celebrate the Craytonville Fire Department and its
members for fifty years of dedicated service to the
community; the Anderson County Council is especially
appreciative of the volunteer firefighters and their
willingness to sacrifice their time and self to protect
the citizens of Anderson County.

LET THIS BE RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this
19th day of November, 2019.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Do
we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.


Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Just a quick point,
if I may. Our volunteer fire departments see so much
in our county. If we were to structure our fire
departments based on tax funds, salaries and so forth,
our county would really be in serious trouble
financially. And these people come out and volunteer.
They go out all hours of the day and night and they
have their families and their businesses to attend to
and they still give an incredible, sacrificial gift to
this county. We’re so blessed. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: I’d just like to
add, too, Craytonville Fire Department has been
provided -- their members have done great things for
Anderson County Fire System, Leonard Wilson, past
chief, fire commissioner, Chief Harper, instructor,
took instructors around and taught many of the old
firefighters how to fight fire. The legacy lives on
today. Our thoughts and prayers will be with Chief
Branyon who lost his father. Hope Craytonville has
another fifty years.

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

That will conclude this portion of our council
meeting. We’ll be back here at 6:30 to start our
regular council meeting.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:19 P.M.)
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGHAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the November 19th regular Anderson County Council meeting to order.

At this time I’ll ask Ms. Floyd if she’ll lead us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

GRACIE FLOYD: Please stand. Would you please go to your higher power as I go to mine. And please, let’s pray for peace and harmony.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY GRACIE FLOYD

TOMMY DUNN: Are there any corrections or changes to be made to the special called October 30th, 2019 meeting?

CINDY WILSON: May I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: On page 30 on line 8 the word bate should be spelled B-A-I-T. And that was the only thing that I saw.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Do we have a motion to make that correction?

CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that we accept the minutes as presented with that one correction.

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

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

Are there any changes or corrections that need to be made to the November 5 regular council meeting, 2019? Have any?

CINDY WILSON: I may need to correct myself. The correction I made was for the November 5th meeting, so I apologize.

TOMMY DUNN: Make that motion and go back to the meeting ---

CINDY WILSON: Accept the minutes as presented for the special called meeting for October 30th. And retract my correction.

TOMMY DUNN: And the November 5th meeting.

CINDY WILSON: On page 30, line 8, the word bate should be spelled B-A-I-T.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second? Second Mr. Davis. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Moving on now to citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please, for the record, state
your name and district, address the chair. You have
three minutes and it’s for matters on the agenda only
at this time. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, the
first speaker is Reverend Donaldson.

EMMANUEL DONALDSON: (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next
speaker is Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant,
District 3. I didn’t know that gentleman was going to
be speaking. He speaks from the heart; can’t you tell?
And he’s right on the mark with what I wanted to follow
up with, which is Homeland Park, which I talked about
last time. And also on number 6, Keep America
Beautiful. And also on the sheriff’s report.

All these things are connected. You have a nasty
neighborhood where people throw out beer cans, diapers,
trash, nasty stuff, the people who live in that
neighborhood cannot think much of their own selves or
of their environment. Homeland Park and Slabtown are
probably the two worst in the district. The sheriff is
really whooping it up in Slabtown. And I’m hoping with
Ms. Floyd’s prodding that Homeland Park is going to get
a fair share, as well. Thank you.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.

Harmon.

Moving on to item number 5, Resolution 5(a), R2019-
054; Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. We’ve had a lot of community meetings around
the county and we all have had lots of phone calls from
our citizens. And this is what has precipitated this
request.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION OF ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL TO
REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE DElegation TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (SCDOT) TO ADDRESS INCREASED LITTER ON
STATE-MAINTAINED ROADWAYS IN ANDERSON COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Anderson County Council recognizes that
the reduction of roadside litter benefits the citizens
of Anderson County and the State of South Carolina
environmentally and economically, while supporting
public health, quality of life, and local tourism; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County Council believes a strong
partnership between Anderson County and the South
Carolina Department of Transportation is essential to
the success of litter control efforts on the state-maintained roadways in Anderson County; and
WHEREAS, Anderson County Council is aware that the functional and aesthetic conditions of state-maintained roads drive the local and regional economies and reflect upon Anderson County as a whole;
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, in a meeting duly assembled this 19th day of November 2019, that the Anderson County Council requests the assistance of the Anderson County Legislative Delegation and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) in renewing and revitalizing the partnership between Anderson County and the State of South Carolina in litter control efforts on state-maintained roadways in Anderson County.

And may I put that in the form of a motion, please.

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

Moving on to item number 6, Keep Anderson Beautiful; Ms. Lee Harris.

LLEE HARRIS: Thank you. On behalf of the board, the volunteers and the staff at Keep Anderson County Beautiful, I want to thank you for allowing me to come just to talk for a minute about some of the updates that we’re doing. We’ve been quiet for a little while and we’ve re-emerged and doing some interesting things and we think communication is vitally important. And so I’d like to just take a minute to tell you some of the things that we’ve done in the last two months and then ask for your help with some things.

Just this morning we voted on calendars. We send letters to all the art teachers throughout Anderson -- the schools in Anderson County and ask their children to do art projects regarding recycling and litter. So we voted on that today and it’ll be sent to the printer tomorrow. We hope these calendars will be out for the children so they can give them as Christmas presents. If we have some left over we’ll share them with y’all. They’re so cute and the children have enjoyed doing those. So as I said, we just finished doing that today.

Recently we did a sign blitz. You know, these signs are just trash our county so terribly. So we’re trying to do our part with that. And we picked up 187 signs on Highways 24, 153, 81 and 252. That will be an ongoing project with our board. Not during
these cold months. We’re going to wait until it gets a
little bit warmer. But that will be an ongoing
project. And if you see that you have a problem in
your community, please call Samantha or Greg and let
them know and we’ll put that on the top priority to do
the sign removals.

We’ve also done two board cleanups. We did one on
White Street and picked up 98 bags of trash. We picked
up 28 bags of trash on Monitor Road. And our thanks to
Officer Hayes and his staff for keeping us safe on some
of those really busy and dangerous roads.

We wrote a grant recently. We will get the results
back mid-December, letting us know if we received the
grant. We requested tarps. And if we get that grant
then we’re going to distribute the tarps at the
recycling centers. So as I say, keep your fingers
crossed, say a little prayer, that we will get that
grant and can do that for our citizens.

We’ve recently delivered clean-up supplies and
recycling bins to schools that have requested them.

One thing that we realize that we are doing a lot
of work in Anderson and we needed to get into the
municipalities. So we started with Belton. And that
has turned out to be a fun, fun project with our board,
with volunteers. We went down to Belton and the square
is just hideous looking. So we got a group of citizens
in Belton, some of our board members, city employees,
especially Alan Sims who is the administrator down
there, and we’ve all gotten together and doing -- we
did some fall planting. We’re doing some spring
planting. And it’s going to look a hundred percent
better. So we’re really enjoying doing that.

We also are going to put the first recycling
structure -- sculptor, excuse me -- in Belton in the
spring. We’re going to put a huge wire tennis racket
that’s about nine and a half feet tall and it’s filled
with recyclable bottles and things. Just bringing, you
know, trash and recycling to everybody’s attention.
We’ll have an unveiling of that and a small party in
Belton. Mr. Graham, you’ll certainly be a part of
that, and all of y’all will be invited to that when we
do that in the spring.

We’ve also gotten involved with the Powdersville
area. They’re doing their very first Fun Day on May
2nd, and so we’re doing different projects with them.
They’ve asked us to help get vans for them. They’ve
asked us for trash cans. They’ve asked us for
suggestions for different entertainment that they can
have. And we have thoroughly, thoroughly enjoyed
working with them. And Mr. Davis, we appreciate your
help with that project. They were very appreciative of
your financial support with that project.

We’ve also done two Fall Festivals; one in
Pendleton and one in Iva.

So, as you can see, we’ve been pretty busy the last
two months and we’re trying, trying our hardest to help
keep Anderson County Beautiful. And we talked in one
of the meetings and it has been requested that we match
up council members with our board members. And so
they’ll be communicating with you, letting you know
what’s going on in your municipality. If you have
something going on that we need to know about, you can
call that person and talk with them, because we feel
like communication is the key to everything. And so we
certainly would appreciate any comments that you have,
any help that you have during the year. And we’re
certainly there to help you.

At this time I’d like to introduce who your
partners will be. Mr. Wooten, unfortunately, you’re
stuck with me, my friend. So we’ll be working together
and have worked together. And I appreciate the help
you’ve given me in the past. And I’d like to introduce
Ms. T.A. Snipes, if you’ll stand, please. T.A. is the
Vice Chairman of our board, and she has been paired
with Mrs. Floyd. So you and T.A. will get to be good
friends this year, Ms. Floyd. Manilla Calhoun, who is
our current secretary, she will be with Mr. Dunn.
Brenda Thompson, who is our past president, will be
with Mr. Sanders. And Mr. Sanders, you have two.
You’re a lucky man.

BRETT SANDERS: (Inaudible.)

LEE HARRIS: That’s right.

That’s right. So you’ll have two that’ll be on your
team. Ms. Wilson, you have Mike Creamer. What is
Mike’s title in the military? Colonel. Oh, you know
him? Oh, good. Correct. Isn’t he great? He is just
wonderful and he said that he would very much enjoy
working with you. And so you’ll be paired with him.
Mr. Davis, you’ll be paired with Heather Donald, who is
not able to be here today. And Mr. Graham, you’ll be
with Alan Sims. He said he would take you on as a
project. So you’re all are going to work well together.

So I think that that’s everything that I would like
to report. And years ago I saw a sign, at all places, a Hardee’s, you know, the hamburger joint. And
it said time and attention are the most previous things
you can give someone. And I certainly do appreciate
yours. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all for what
all y’all do. Appreciate y’all. Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Lee?
LEE HARRIS: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: It’s good to see you again. It’s been a long time.
LEE HARRIS: It has, Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: But I was listening to the streets you said that you did, that you had picked up already.
LEE HARRIS: Yes. Yes. The signs; is that what you’re talking about or the streets?
GRACIE FLOYD: No. You said that you picked up some on 252?
LEE HARRIS: Yes.
GRACIE FLOYD: And you picked up some somewhere else. But I wanted to give you some streets in District 2 ---
LEE HARRIS: Okay.
GRACIE FLOYD: --- that will need your attention.
LEE HARRIS: Yes, ma’am. Wait just -- is somebody ready to write these down for me, please?
TOMMY DUNN: Lacey can write them down. Lacey can take care of it.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. We have problems for Amity Road.
LEE HARRIS: Oh, yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Now, you might want to contact the men over at Welfare Baptist Church because they sponsor that road.
LEE HARRIS: Okay.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Belhaven Road, they don’t have a sponsor on that road. But it needs one. I’m surprised that Greg hasn’t told you about these places yet. Williamston Road, that’s near the fairgrounds.
LEE HARRIS: Right. Right.
GRACIE FLOYD: They need help.
LEE HARRIS: Broadway Lake is doing a wonderful job in keeping ---
GRACIE FLOYD: They are. And we appreciate everything that they do.
LEE HARRIS: Homeland Park has done a wonderful job in the past. And there was a breakdown in communications, but they have another organization that’s going now and they say that they are keeping up with Homeland Park. But we need to put these streets in the total streets that you have already picked up, as well.
LEE HARRIS: Sure, sure. And we
appreciate those suggestions. And we are aware of the
roads. We keep up with Greg and with Mr. Hayes letting
us know, you know, the roads that do need some help.
But we’ll put those on our top priority. We will not
be doing anything in December -- well, we won’t meet
again until the end of January. We take a break until
the end of January. So we’ll put that on the top of
the agenda to -- and we’ll start with those roads since
you brought that to our attention. Is that fair
enough?
GRACIE FLOYD: I’m waiting for Greg
to give us the permission to pick up some signs, as
well, because the people -- oh, yeah, oh, yeah. The
people from the Obamacare thing. I mean, they put it
all over every place, but particularly in District 2.
And we had a time getting those signs out of there.
But as soon as Greg gives us the permission that we can
go out there and pick up those signs, we will be doing
some of that, too. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate y’all
again, all what y’all do. Look forward to working with
y’all. Keep in contact; okay?
LEE HARRIS: Thank you.
CINDY WILSON: May I quickly make a
comment?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Ms. Lee,
for re-energizing and reorganizing a venerable
organization and making it work for the whole county.
I’m sure everybody will appreciate it.
LEE HARRIS: Thank you. Well,
we’re having a good time and we’re trying. Any other
questions, concerns?
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
LEE HARRIS: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, can you
and your staff maybe pick a date out and try to get the
word out, to get signs that’s not legal up by a certain
date? If they’re not, we take a half a day off, county
employees -- I know you’ve done this before, but we
need to concentrate like Pickens done and do nothing
but go out and pick these signs up. And I think
that’ll get more attention than anything else, to get
these signs and pull them up, because if they ain’t got
a sticker on them, they ain’t been permitted, they
ain’t legal.
RUSTY BURNS: Be happy to do that,
Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Will you look at
that and do that?
RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all.

Now at this time we’ll move on to item number 7(a), Resolution R2019-055; Ms. Floyd. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. This is a situation that I’m very, very interested in and feel real good about.

This is a Resolution to Support the Atlanta to Charlotte Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan -- that’s a whole mouthful; and other matters related thereto.

But let me tell you a story, my story. A couple of years ago Appalachian Council and I and some more folks went down to Columbia, the hub of our governmental system, to talk to some people there about trying to get a railroad put up or started from Greer, because the property is already there, to Columbia. But it wasn’t popular at that time, so they kind of threw us to the side. And then about two years ago I read in the newspaper about the Atlanta-Charlotte passenger railroad. They were going to put a fast speed rail from Charlotte to Atlanta, but they didn’t have -- they were going to pass right by Anderson. They didn’t have anything in the newspaper about Anderson.

So I talked to some folks about it and it didn’t seem like we were going to be in it. We were going to be overlooked one more time. But then Steve Newton came to me and told me about a meeting that was being held in Greenville about putting that fast speed rail -- putting Anderson in the mix. And I jumped for joy. I went to Mr. Burns and I asked him how could we get involved in this? It’s coming so close to us. And can you imagine the railroad coming that close to us, that fast, and wouldn’t even stop here in Anderson.

So Mr. Burns and Leon Harmon got together and they did a resolution for us. And I’m standing behind this resolution and I am hoping that -- do I have to read the whole thing? Good. I want to read one paragraph to you. It says:

WHEREAS, the future Atlanta to Charlotte rail corridor under consideration proposes to stop in Anderson County, offering expanded business and employment opportunities to Anderson County, greater access to regional cultural and entertainment opportunities, increased visitation to our community, and greater connections among friends and families across the region.

Folks, we’re going to sign this resolution and we’re going to send it down to Columbia. And once we get it down there, and if we don’t hear anything, I
I want you to march with me all the way to Columbia and
let’s say why not? What’s wrong with us? Why not?
You’re going to bring the train right outside our area
and we -- and it won’t even stop here? But that’s what
we’re going to do; aren’t we? Because we’re not going
to let this pass us by like everything else has.

So that’s it. This resolution shall take effect
and be in force immediately upon enactment. This is
what that’s about. I hope that you are -- I hope that
you feel good about this, as I do. I hope that you see
this as an opportunity, as I do. It would be good for
us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. We have
a motion by Ms. Floyd. Do we have a second?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten.

Any discussion?
CINDY WILSON: May I?
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Back in ’03, I think
Senator Ernest Hollings provided the county -- my
memory may be wrong, but it seems like it was a three
c million dollar grant to study the high speed rail
coming through the county. And I believe the
engineering firm of B.P. Barber Engineers was engaged.
Can we access that study and maybe send that along?
I’m very concerned -- you know, it would be wonderful
to have this access in our county, but there are a lot
of costs and environmental considerations. I’m not
sure we’ll get it. I did go to a seminar years ago
with the imminent guru of high speed rail. It was a
program over in Greenville. And I talked with him. I
cannot remember his name. But he told me that we would
never have the population in our region to support such
a measure. But I will vote for this tonight. But
there are caveats and it would be very helpful if we
could find that study and see if any of it could be
used to support this resolution. Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: May I answer that
question for her? Okay. Mr. Hollings -- Senator
Hollings, at that time in 2003, I don’t remember that.
I don’t even remember a study for that. Mr. Hollings
came, he worked with us, to start the bus system from
here to Clemson and Tri-County Tech so our kids could
have a way to get to school. He was instrumental in
giving us the money for that.
The rail thing has always been something that’s
going on. And since we are not the one leading this
band, I don’t think that we will have to be the ones to
worry about all the caviars (verbatim) that you talked
about. Whatever you do -- whenever you try to do something different you always have problems. You look for the problems. You try to solve the problems before you get there. But the thing is, this is good. It’s now. All we need to do right now is let them know that Anderson County is interested in being a part of this. That’s all that’s being asked of us right now. In fact, that’s not even being asked. We’re telling them. Thank you.

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

Moving on to item number 8(a). This is third reading, 2019-048, Project Santa Hat. An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and Santa’s Hat Solar, LLC to provide for payment of a Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes; authorizing the inclusion of a project site in a Multi-County Business Park; authorizing certain Special Source Revenue Credits. (Project Santa’s Hat).

Mr. Nelson, you got anything you want to say before we go into public hearing?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. This is a project that is another one of the solar projects that we’ve had over the last several months. This is a project that has regular agricultural property that paid last year a hundred four dollars in property tax and will in 2021 pay eight thousand dollars a year in property tax; 2.5 million dollar capital investment. Will not be creating any jobs, but therefore, there will be no impact on the school or the community. And this is a project that is -- of course, this is third reading. This has been announced. The company’s name is Hannah’s Santa’s Hat Solar, LLC. They weren’t very inventive in (end of audio) in project -- their company name. But it is a corporation, Pine Gate Renewables Corporation. But this comes to council as a recommendation from staff and from the Economic Development Advisory Board.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’ll be in 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. Do we have a motion on the floor? Motion Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Sanders. Discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Thank you very much, Mr. Nelson.
BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’ll move on to 9(b), 2019-055, an ordinance imposing a prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on Sullivan Road. Put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: So moved.


Any discussion? I’m just seeing if y’all are paying attention. If y’all don’t mind indulging me, we’ll go ahead and do (b) while we’re on it. We’ll go back to (a) if that’s all right. Got a motion on the floor and a second for the Sullivan Road prohibition of certain motor vehicle traffic. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: What -- whose ---

TOMMY DUNN: It’s my district.

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, that’s your district. Okay.

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

Now we’ll go back to 9(a), ordinance’s second reading, 2019-053, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone plus or minus two acres at 5351 Copeland Road from R-A, that’s residential agricultural, to C-1R, rural commercial. And that will be tax map number 222-00-14-006; District 7. Do we have a motion? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis.

Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: By our first reading there were covenants and restrictions and variances taking care of the concerns for the community. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Dr. Parkey, you got anything?

JEFF PARKEY: No, sir.

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

Mr. Burns, if you would, make sure Mr. Harmon stays awake. He didn’t catch that a while ago, so maybe he was asleep.

Moving on to item number 9(c), 2019-056, an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park, that is 2010 Park, for Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park. Mr. Nelson, you got anything you want to add to this before we ask for a motion?

BURRISS NELSON: (Inaudible.)
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor? Motion Mr. Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Nelson, you and your staff and Advisory Board.

Now, we’ll go to ordinance first reading, be 10(a), 2019-057, an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park, 2010 Park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park. This pertains to the one we just done, Project Santa’s Hat. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

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

BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, nothing more than exactly what you said. This is for the project that we just finished the reading and placing into the multi-county park agreement, giving them any state incentives that they might be able to enjoy.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have anything else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Again, thank y’all very much.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number 11, report from the Shop Committee meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Chairman Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Anderson County issued a RFP, request for pricing, for selection of a construction manager for the construction of a new fleet services facility. The county staff received and reviewed the six proposals. The top three were provided to the Council Fleet Services Ad Hoc Committee for further review. The Ad Hoc Committee held interviews for the top three proposals. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends to full county council that the council accept the proposal from J. Davis Construction.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Coming from a committee, it doesn’t need a second. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Doesn’t need a second.

CINDY WILSON: Sorry.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s all right.

Any discussion? Yes, sir, Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: I’d like to say that I had the benefit of sitting in on both of those committee meetings and I’m excited about the company that we chose, a local company, local subs. And I think they’ll do a great job for Anderson County. And I look forward to do more with them (not speaking into mic).

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: I have never had the opportunity to go to that shop. This is ITT; right?

JIMMY DAVIS: No, ma’am. It hasn’t been built yet.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we’re not talking ITT?

JIMMY DAVIS: No. It will be on the same property as TTI over on ---

GRACIE FLOYD: TTI; yeah.

JIMMY DAVIS: But it will be a new facility which will consolidate multiple facilities we have in the county now into one building.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, it’s all my fault because I have not been able to, but I need to go look at this; is it TTI, ITT ---

BRETT SANDERS: TTI.

GRACIE FLOYD: I wish y’all would go ahead and name the thing because this is getting kind of crazy.

TOMMY DUNN: It’s where people work, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: What?

TOMMY DUNN: It’s a place where people work, believe it not, that’s it.

GRACIE FLOYD: No, Mr. Dunn, we’ve got to do better than that.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s just the immediate name until we can find better.

GRACIE FLOYD: We have to go with Anderson County something. But anyway, I need to get out there to see it. I almost went one day I was out, but I couldn’t get there. But the thing is this, I understand it’s a huge place. And I don’t think I’m going to be able to walk it.

RUSTY BURNS: I can take care of
that, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Are you sure?
RUSTY BURNS: I guarantee it, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now if I go out there I’ll ride on your back if I can’t get -- if you don’t have nothing there for me; okay?
RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, you and I will find a way to get around that is convenient and comfortable.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

Do you think we could go ahead and schedule that before Thanksgiving?
RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Good. Please.

Because I would like to see it.
RUSTY BURNS: Pick a day and we’ll make it happen.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

And your place has not been build yet; right?
JIMMY DAVIS: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: All right. We’ll talk. Thank you.

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

Moving on to report from the Finance Committee. I filled in for Chairman Wooten. I’ll go through this.

Item number 3, bid number 20-021, Haynie Park Wall; a bid to demolish and dispose of the existing retaining wall and replace Haynie Park Wall, twenty-three contractors. There were four responses. Staff is recommending awarding the bid to the lowest bidder, the Belk Company, LLC at the price of two hundred fourteen thousand seven hundred dollars. We will need to add seven thousand seven hundred thirty-four dollars for materials testing and inspection, fifteen hundred eighty-five dollars for asbestos testing and sixty-seven hundred dollars for tree removal around the grounds and trees and landscaping for the total project, a cost of two hundred thirty thousand seven hundred nineteen dollars. Eighty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars still remaining for the amount approved by the Park & Recreation Committee. So we are asking for an additional one hundred forty-three thousand six hundred forty-four dollars, coming from the accommodations fees. Coming from the Finance Committee it doesn’t need a second. Put it on the floor for discussion.
GRACIE FLOYD: May I start?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. This piece of thing is in District 2, that’s my district. What we’re going to do is finally, finally fix the walls up around Haynie Park. They told me -- they sent me a big ole blue print of what it could look like. And all that beautiful stuff we have to start with the wall in order to reinforce the water and to reinforce whatever else we’re going to put out there. This is just the first phase of it. I think we came up with three phases and this is the first one. Should start sometime in December, I think.

So please, folks, watch me as I watch them and make sure that I am doing what needs to be done so we can get that park up and going as the others are, while I watch Mr. Burns. Because we’re getting ready to start, at last. Thank you.

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

Moving on to item number 4, purchase of mail room postage machine. Mr. Carroll is requesting the purchase of a Pitney Bowes Postage Machine. We’ve been using it for approximately six months. Fifteen thousand dollars. This will save us three thousand dollars in financing from a third party. Funding will come from capital projects. We’re replacing one that’s worn out. This comes from the Finance Committee; doesn’t need a second. Put it on the floor for discussion. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Number 5, tabled. Mr. Wooten has asked to put on the next Finance meeting for information to discuss the debt, financing, get a report on that.

Item number 6, request for permission to transfer seventy-nine thousand nine hundred dollars from capital professional services in order to pay for All About Wildlife Control, LLC, bird management, remediation at the maintenance hangar. This was put on hold until next council meeting per recommendation from the Finance Committee. It doesn’t need a second. So we need to vote on that this council meeting. Any discussion?

JIMMY DAVIS: Putting it on hold?

TOMMY DUNN: Putting it on hold.

GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. I
thought we were putting it on hold. What are we putting on hold?

TOMMY DUNN: We’re voting to put it on hold. This is the Finance Committee’s recommendation. So the full council needs to adhere to it, is what I’m saying. We’re not voting for it. We’re voting ---

GRACIE FLOYD: To put it on hold?

TOMMY DUNN: --- on hold till the next council meeting. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 7, funding needed to complete Green Pond Phase II, requesting a hundred three thousand dollars to complete Green Pond Landing Phase II due to there being more blacktop than originally anticipated and additional concrete that’s needed for the footings. Also recommending that the concrete paving be installed in the ADA parking area rather than asphalt for better control of the ADA paving specifications, included in the additional hundred three thousand dollars. And again, this is coming from the funding from the accommodations fees. Put this in -- coming from the Finance Committee doesn’t need a second. Do we have any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 8, Dolly Cooper improvements. Seeking approval to complete a two hundred thousand dollar ADA launch redevelopment to fix the pier system at the Dolly Cooper launch site, forty thousand dollar ADA launch installation and accessible route, including surveying and design. We have a hundred thirty-five thousand two hundred thirty dollars remaining in the Water Recreational Fund; leaving a hundred four thousand seven hundred seventy dollars to come from the Pickens TTI sales proceeds. Seeking approval to complete the fifteen hundred lineal feet of trail that would provide shoreline access for a hundred fifty thousand dollars. This will be -- also be requesting, hopefully, a PARD grant from the state for seventy-five thousand dollars, leaving seventy-five thousand dollars to come from the Pickens TTI sales proceeds. This will not move forward until we come back with the PARD grant. If it’s not provided, council (mic cutting out). Again, this coming from the Finance Committee, it doesn’t need a second. I put it on the floor for discussion. Any discussion?

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.
JIMMY DAVIS: This Dolly Cooper is my only park. We have what we have up there. But taking this forward is putting our foot in the sand up there and finally putting some things to rest. We’ve had to bring a lot of things up to be ADA compliant if we’re ever going to apply for (mic cutting out). But Dolly Cooper is a wonderful place. It has a bright future. So I appreciate everyone’s consideration. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make a suggestion? This might be a candidate for one of the Duke Power grants, too, at some point. We can keep that in mind.

JIMMY DAVIS: We’ve got a lot of work left to do up there.

CINDY WILSON: Well, they have been so wonderful. They’ve funded to the tune of ninety-nine thousand the Timmerman Park ADA compliant ramp for kayaks. And also Belton; they did that recently.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 9, unless there’s an objection I don’t think there’s an executive session on this. That’s what I was conferring with Mr. Harmon about, doing this in the Finance Committee. This is seeking permission to allow the administrator to negotiate a land purchase in Piedmont along the Saluda River for up to three hundred twenty-five thousand, land with all -- first ADA accessible kayak corridor in the state. Funds will come from the TTI sale, the Pickens sale. Again, coming from the Finance Committee doesn’t need a second. Put it on the floor for discussion.

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Just want to say a round of thanks for everyone that participated in this. This will be big, big news for Anderson County. We will have the first continuous leg for the Saluda River Blue Trail in the state when we buy this property, because we’ll have a put-in at Dolly Cooper that’s ADA compliant. We’ll have a take-out above the dam in Piedmont with approximately nine miles float of river and it will all be ADA compliant. And this is big, big news for Anderson County as a whole, but I love it for
my district because this will bring more than what we can expect. I know we’re going to be very surprised of the participation from the upstate and beyond for river recreation. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

CINDY WILSON: In addition to what Mr. Davis said, there will be portage around the dam and then they can put in and go down to the Timmerman Park and then portage around the hydro dam in Pelzer and they can continue on down the river to Belton, with Lee Steam in the middle. This is going to be an incredible addition to recreational opportunities in our county. It’s really exciting.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Davis, congratulations to you. I know how you … But I don’t even have a park in my area. So I know how you must have the pride, even though I started a couple of years before you, I am getting a wall. I guess I should be thankful for that. But one day. One day.

TOMMY DUNN: I’d just like to add, Mr. Davis, I want to appreciate your forethought and your thinking on this. This whole area up there to sort of realign, rethink about making maybe a nature preserve and doing a park that way and everything. I think it’s a great idea and it’ll work out very well. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. That concludes the Finance Committee report. From my understanding, Chairman Wooten, they may be requesting with the Finance Department, another meeting next week.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. Perfect.

TOMMY DUNN: If you can’t we’ll ---

BRETT SANDERS: It’s Monday at 1:30; is that correct?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Monday at 1:30. Okay. Thank you so much for filling in.

TOMMY DUNN: No problem.

CRAIG WOOTEN: My wife went out of town and I’ve been responsible for a one year old and twin six year old.

TOMMY DUNN: Bless you.

CRAIG WOOTEN: It’s pretty hard. And I’m ready for her to come home.

TOMMY DUNN: I guess you wish the meeting would last a little bit longer tonight; don’t you?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. We can go as long as y’all want.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. And if you need anything next week, we can take care of that, too.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thanks.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on. Does anyone have any appointments that I’m not aware of?

Moving on to requests by council members. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have two. The first one is Tackling the Street, I would like to appropriate from District 6 funds five hundred dollars. And I’ll make that in the form of a motion and do the second one.

CINDY WILSON: Second.


JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I wanted to kind of clarify my next. It says the Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce. But what it really is is the Powdersville Business Council, which is part of Anderson County, and they are, as Ms. Harris alluded to earlier, they are having a family festival called Rhythm on the River May 2nd of 2020, and I would like to appropriate five thousand dollars from District 6 rec fund to that cause.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion 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. Mr. Davis?

JIMMY DAVIS: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. If I could I’d like to combine two.

TOMMY DUNN: You’re more than welcome to.

BRETT SANDERS: Palmetto Knights, District 4, one thousand; and Tackling the Streets five hundred. And I put that in the form of a motion.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

Ms. Floyd, do you have any?

GRACIE FLOYD: I don’t have any.

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

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’d like to do a thousand dollars to Crescent Sharpshooters, which is a local shooting team for Crescent School District, out of my rec fund. I bring this in the form of a motion.

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

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? All in favor of Mr. Graham’s motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: That would be it.

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

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I’d like to make a motion for three thousand dollar to the Anderson YMCA for their Reindeer Run. And that’s actually, I think, become the largest recreational event in District 1. I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten. Have a second? Second Mr. Sanders. Discussion? All in favor of Mr. Wooten’s motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Anything else?

CRAIG WOOTEN: The second one, I’d like to do five hundred dollars to Tackling the Streets. Put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr. Wooten and second Ms. Wilson for five hundred dollars for Tackling the Street. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: From District 7's recreation account, if I may appropriate five hundred dollars for Reverend Donaldson’s organization Tackling the Street, in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second.

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

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

Out of District 5's recreation account, as I told Reverend Donaldson earlier this week, I'm getting low. I've promised out some. Wish I could do more. But on District 5 I ask for fifteen hundred dollars. Put that in the form of a motion. Second Ms. Wilson. Anymore discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to administrator's report.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number 16, citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please state your name and district for the record. You have three minutes. Address the chair, please. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker signed up is Ken McBride.

KEN MCBRIDE: (Mic not working.)

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. McBride. Look forward to working with you. Thank you very much for coming out tonight.

Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I'm going to continue from what I said in the last meeting. We had a bid for the worldwide web that we were going to do for Anderson County, and I mentioned that I wanted to make sure those people were bonded and a price was firm, that if they mess up -- I don't know the company -- but if they mess up that they're responsible to fix it so we don't have a five million fiasco Obamacare website.

I also want to talk about ITT and about security. I don't know that much about that department in Anderson County, but I want to make sure that we are doing our due diligence to not get our information hacked on our local website and so forth. And I'm a little bit concerned about the vulnerability of our mainframe computer, which I'm not going to say where that is. But I worry about things happening to it. We're just in a precarious position today with all kinds of people who are out to do all kinds of bad deeds. And we just need to shore up all of that because if that information system ever goes down, we're all up a creek.
LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Comments from council members. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Caught me off guard here. Just a big thank you to everybody. And welcome aboard, Mr. McBride. And I would be very curious to know with our expanding labor force and reduced unemployment if we’ve had more of our citizens to be able to come off food stamps. During the recession it was really very sad to see that so many people had to subsist on that. I think we had about a quarter of our population in this county that needed to be on that. So I’m hoping that more people have found wonderful jobs and a good way forward. Thank you.

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

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I want to thank Ms. Harris for coming out tonight. She’s always wonderful at communicating. The litter situation is an ongoing thing and it can be overwhelming at time. So being able to make it a group effort is refreshing. Thank you, Reverend Donaldson. He’s the same way. He always calls me and I enjoy talking with him. But he’s quick, he’s concise. He lets us know what he’s doing. And I appreciate the work that he does.

And then on the high speed rail, I don’t know how feasible it is, whether or not it’ll come or not, but my dad said he remembers a time when he never thought a lake or 85 would come to Anderson. So I guess it is a possibility. And I was just thinking, Senator Tim Scott is on the Transportation Committee, and he’s going to be here, I think, next week at Tri-County Tech. And if that’s the case, we need him to know that a rail coming through here, there’s no excuse not to have a stop in Anderson. And he can say it from D.C.

TOMMY DUNN: Good points, Mr. Wooten.

Anything else?

CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just want to bring one thing to light. Kind of, I guess in a sense, a shout-out to Anderson City Fire Department. They actually administered Narcan today on a call, which was the first one that they’ve done, and was actually successful with it. Narcan is basically a drug that basically when someone has overdosed, it in a sense brings them back and gives them an opportunity to get medical attention. But that
took place today. And just through Steve Kelly, I know
Scott Stoler, Greg Shore, and plus a committee that’s
together, they have went out and basically trained the
local fire departments through some federal grant and
also state grant, we’ve been able to get the Narcan
supplied to the local fire departments and also
covering the training for the local fire departments
and law enforcement agencies in Anderson County. It’s
a great program.

Just got a text here during the meeting about that.
And we had some issues as far as getting them this --
the Narcan a couple of weeks ago because they basically
was out of it. And Greg Shore stepped up, also Scott
Stoler stepped up and was able to get that to them the
next day through some other options that they had. And
with that being said, it actually proved to be very
worth its weight in gold tonight. Again, just want to
give a shout-out on that. That’s all I’ve got, Mr.
Chairman. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.
Graham. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Wooten, I’m glad
you mentioned Senator Scott. He and I are really good
friends and we got to be good friends when we worked on
that bus situation coming to Anderson. We had people
saying they didn’t want the bus; they didn’t care about
their children; they needed to -- oh, it was awful.
But Dr. -- I mean Mr. Scott worked with me and he
worked with the people here and he helped us get that
bus that we need, you know. But he’s a good person.
But I’m glad to know he’s going to be -- are you going?

CRAIG WOOTEN: (Not speaking into
mic.)

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, okay, think
about picking me up; okay? If I have to get my own
ride I can do that, too. Okay? But since you’re going
that way.

CRAIG WOOTEN: You might have to
sit between (inaudible).

GRACIE FLOYD: No, that’s okay.
I’ll get Brett to take me. Brett will take me up
there.

BRETT SANDERS: I will.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But I do want
to go because I want to see him. But the only thing I
wanted to say is that I’m checking with Mr. -- what’s
his name?

TOMMY DUNN: Burns?

GRACIE FLOYD: No, not Mr. Burns
this time. Steve Newton. I’m working with Steve
Newton about the grant that we’re trying to write. And
that grant is going to help us clean up Homeland Park.
So please pray that we get it done.
And, you know, last time I did something I have
never done before in twenty years up here. I asked for
prayer. Because seems like everything was falling down
on me the last time. And it worked. I know now we’ve
got some praying people out there because it worked.
And I thank you for your prayers. It’s getting a
little better.

And the new manager of DSS, I look forward to
meeting you. I used to work with you closer when I was
working for vocational rehab. But I hope that you find
everything that you hear, and if they don’t treat you
well, you let me know; okay? Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN:  Mr. Sanders? Mr.
Davis?

JIMMY DAVIS:  Thank you, Mr.
Chair. Just a couple of things here. Reverend
Donaldson, thank you for standing in the gap.
Appreciate your efforts. Ms. Harris, I look forward to
shaking your hand in a few minutes. And I thank you
for all that you’ve done for Anderson County and all
that you will continue to do. Mr. McBride, we welcome
you to Anderson County and if there’s anything that we
can do for you, let us know.

The high speed rail is a very interesting thing and
at one time I served on the transportation committee
for the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and now I’m
fortunate enough to serve on the GPATS Committee in
Greenville and they’re very, very instrumental in
planning this. The way I understand it, it will go
right down -- smack dab in the middle of 85. That is
the plan to kind of give everybody an idea of where
it’s going. That gives them a little bit better right-
of-way purposes they don’t have to get. But I do think
it’ll happen. It may not happen in my lifetime, but it
will happen. And I think it’ll be good. And I hope
and pray that we will get a stop in Anderson County
because there’s so much to offer here, whether it be in
Anderson County or going to Clemson or Tri-County Tech.
So I think there’s a lot of positive thought process
and I will encourage everyone that I know to keep
pushing that boat down the road. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN:  Thank you, Mr.
Davis. I’d just like to thank a few people. I’d like
to thank Mr. Carroll. I was dreading coming tonight,
thought I’d freeze to death in this council meeting,
and he’s got it good and toasty. Just makes me want to
stay here all night. It feels real good.
And I also want to thank Keep Anderson Beautiful, Ms. Harris. Y’all do an outstanding job. Glad to see y’all back up and doing. Any way this council can support you, you let us know. Hope Mr. Burns will adhere to the sign thing I brought up a while ago and get something done on that. That’s something very noticeable and can be noticed and cleaned up very quickly.

I want to thank Reverend Donaldson for stepping up and what he does for the community, all of Anderson County, and appreciate it. Wish we could do more. Also I want to just take a quick minute to thank Mr. Burns and his staff, especially the Recreation Department, and all the staff. We had another tournament out at Green Pond a couple of weeks ago that was another stellar success.

I want to tell you a couple of things. There were people from all over the world, from South Africa, from Japan, several other fishermen from other parts of Africa, Italy. I think somebody else was from France. That puts Anderson County on the map. I was talking with somebody, one of the fishermen, I think he was from Alabama or somewhere, he stayed at the Holiday Inn Express behind Tucker’s. He left one morning and he had a flat tire. He stopped at the Goodyear place down there. He had some other errands to go to get his tire fixed. The manager of that tire store (not speaking into mic). Folks that’s what -- I tell people when I talk to people, groups, when I go out and try to help the little bit that I do on recruiting businesses, that’s what makes Anderson County different, that’s what makes Anderson County special. It’s our folks. When them fishermen sit out there, (mic cutting out) folks. There can be another boat landing. People can build them. They’re trying to build one in Tennessee right now, my understanding, it’ll be like Green Pond. But they can’t replicate our people. That makes us, I think, very special.

One other thing, we had some folks from this area up in the mountains, tourists and things, and they had a Green Pond shirt on. Someone seen it, recognized it. That goes to show you how it’s getting around in Anderson County. If this keeps up -- and there’s a few more things. This is good for Anderson County. You know, now we see a lot of folks, and when you say you’re from Anderson, they sort of look at you. Says, well, I’m right up the road from Clemson. Well, before long they’re going to be saying we’re where Green Pond is at.

Appreciate everybody. Meeting be adjourned.
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2  (MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.)