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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEBAERT
TOMMY DUNN: meeting of December 17th to order. I’d like to thank each and every one of y’all for coming. Appreciate y’all being here this afternoon. At this time I’d like to ask the Honorable Cindy Wilson if she’ll lead us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance. If we’ll all rise, please.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, next item of business, we’re going to recognize a very special group of people; employees who have thirty years or more service for Anderson County. Greatly appreciate y’all’s service to the county. Y’all are what make Anderson County special. I always say that in our thing. People is what makes Anderson County special. And we’ve got some very dedicated people of Anderson County.

When Mr. Burns, the Administrator, calls your name, step forward and stand up and we’re going to congratulate you and give the thing. If council members want to step down there and shake their hands or what not, that’ll be fine.

PRESENTATION

(PRESENTATION WAS INAUDIBLE)

TOMMY DUNN: Moving right along. Next is Resolution R2019-058, a resolution from all council members in order to recognize Mr. Seigler, Tommy Seigler, upon the occasion of his retirement. I’d ask Ms. Wilson if she will read this in for the record.

CINDY WILSON: We’ve all been so blessed by this gentleman.

WHEREAS, Thomas Edward Seigler, Jr. was born on September 24, 1938, in Fieldale, Virginia to Thomas and Clare Seigler, after which the family returned to South Carolina where Mr. Seigler grew up, competed in football, baseball, and basketball, won all-conference honors in basketball, graduated in 1956 from Iva High School, and won the contest to coin the name for the new combined high school for Starr and Iva, “Crescent High School;” and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seigler, after his high school graduation, worked for General Motors in Flint, Michigan for a time before returning home to work for Daniel Construction as a master pipe fitter and engineer, in the course of which local wrestlers in Pensacola, Florida encouraged him in 1963 to try his hand at the sport, leading to six years of part-time wrestling before he made wrestling his full-time career in 1972; and
WHEREAS, in his professional wrestling career, Mr. Seigler wrestled over 2,000 matches in countries around the world, including Australia, New Zealand, England, South Africa, and Singapore, and won the National Wrestling Alliance (NWA) Macon Tag Team Championship with Argentina Apollo in 1972, won Georgia’s Heavyweight Championship and the All-South Heavyweight Championship in 1973, won back-to-back Southeastern Heavyweight Champion titles in 1975 and 1976, won the NWA Florida Television Championship in 1976, won the WFIA International Wrestler of the Year and defeated The Iron Sheik to win the NWA British Commonwealth Heavyweight Championship in 1977, a title he held until his retirement in 1978, when his career was unfortunately cut short due to a catastrophic back injury in Singapore in December 1977; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seigler, following his wrestling and engineering careers, has worked in law enforcement and security services, including time as head of security for the Equitable Building, the tallest skyscraper in Atlanta at the time, where he oversaw the safety of thousands twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, and since 1993 has worked in security for Anderson County, first as a part-time security officer and, since immediately after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, has served faithfully as full-time head of security for the Anderson County Historic Courthouse, adding to his already considerable legacy as a community figure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seigler has four children, seven grandchildren, and scores of friends here in the Anderson community and around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in meeting duly assembled this 17th day of December 2019, to take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment, that the Anderson County Council, on behalf of the employees and citizens of Anderson County, expresses its sincerest gratitude to Mr. Seigler and his family for his many years of service to Anderson County and his significant contributions to the life of our community and submits that Mr. Seigler’s steady, reassuring presence at the entryway to the Historic Courthouse will be sorely missed by all who have come to know and depend upon him every day to keep them safe while conducting the County’s business.

Mr. Chairman, may I put that in the form of a motion?
TOMMY DUNN: You may.
RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: We have a second by Mr. Graham. Any discussion? Anyone like to have anything else to say?
CINDY WILSON: What a life. We’re so blessed. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Tommy, it’s always a pleasure coming in and talking with you. You always have some great stories to tell. I always enjoyed speaking with you and definitely cherish the friendship. Wish you the best on your retirement.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd, do you have anything?
GRACIE FLOYD: ... thought that he was going to be a rock star. And he told me one day, he said, mama, when I make it I want Mr. Seigler to be my bodyguard. I will call him and tell him. He didn’t make it anyway. Tommy, I’m going to miss you.
BRETT SANDERS: I’d just like to say I’m new to council and it’s always exciting to see Mr. Seigler there. Always make a point to stop and talk with him. He’s truly a man’s man. He had a wonderful career and I hope he enjoys retirement as much as he’s enjoyed his life.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis, anything?
I’d just like to add, I’ve enjoyed Mr. Seigler over the years back when it was the park police when he guarded the Civic Center and we homebuilders used to have our meeting out there and got to know him out there. And he’s always -- felt safe around him. Some of these meetings here at the courthouse, still we’ve had some here lately coming up from planning meetings, what not, I’d say is Mr. Seigler working? I know we’re going to be a little bit safe walking the halls. He is going to be greatly missed. But hope you enjoy your retirement and your family to the fullest and wish you nothing but the best, Mr. Seigler. You’ve done Anderson County a great service and a great job and we truly appreciate it. I’m going to miss you. Tell them when I walk in they can get started; now you’re here. I appreciate that after all this time.
Y’all step up and let the council -- if you would all stick around after the regular council meeting is over. I’ve asked Mr. Seigler’s family to step up front where everybody can speaking with
them.

All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

APPLAUSE

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Over the last -- I think I was here twenty years -- I have always heard about his children. If they’re here I sure would like to finally meeting them. One lives in Atlanta. Now which one lives in Atlanta.
FEMALE: I do.
GRACIE FLOYD: Stand up where everybody can see you. Okay. Good. And the other one lives -- I’ve forgot where you -- where do you live? Yeah, uh-huh, okay. He has three; doesn’t he? Okay. The other two aren’t here? But ladies, I want to tell you, I know more about you than you think. Tommy talks about you beautifully. And every holiday I ask him, Tommy, where are you going to Christmas? Oh, I’m going down to Atlanta to see the kids and the grandkids and stuff. He loves you immensely.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all.
BRETT SANDERS: I would like to say there’s an excellent interview I think of Mr. Seigler. And Mr. Burns can tell you how you can find it. But it’s worth watching and very exciting.
RUSTY BURNS: Channel 193 on Charter, Roku, YouTube and all platforms.
BRETT SANDERS: And all platforms of social media.
TOMMY DUNN: It is a very good, interesting interview.
At this time, as we move on, Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to take this opportunity to recognize Patrick Jackson, Director of Starr-Iva Water. Patrick, it’s always a pleasure working with you guys down there, but appreciate you coming to the meeting today. Just wanted to recognize you. Thank you for all you guys do down there.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. Appreciate it.
We’ll be moving on now to item number 5, approval of the minutes of December 3rd. Are there any corrections to be made?
CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may we
accept the minutes as presented?

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Ms. Wilson to accept the minutes as presented. Do we have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

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

Now we’ll be moving on to item number 6, citizens comments. Mr. Harmon.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number 7(a), third reading, an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County industrial and business park (2010 park) of Anderson County and Greenville County so as to enlarge the park for our project Santa’s Hat.

Mr. Nelson, do you want to say a few words before we go into the public hearing?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, if you don’t mind. I appreciate that. Santa’s Hat is another one of our solar energy projects that’s located close to Honea Path. That project where the property is located now this last year paid a hundred and five dollars in property tax. With the coming of that investment of about two and a half million to three million dollars, it’ll be paying a tax of over -- in 2021 will be paying eight thousand dollars in property tax, which is a huge increase in property tax itself with little or no impact to the community, no jobs being created, obviously, with the solar. But no impact to the schools, as well. Just pure income. And of course, this comes to council as a recommendation from the Economic Development Advisory Board and staff.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. And now we’ll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter now 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 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. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.
Item number 8(a), 2019-058, an ordinance authorizing, pursuant to Title 4 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, including Sections 4-1-170, 4-1-175, and 4-29-68 thereof, Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, the execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and Project Cheney Mill, to provide for certain Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Credits; and other related matters.

Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is the renovation of an existing and really abandoned textile facility in one of our local communities. Certainly an opportunity for investment of about fifteen million dollars, but clean-up of an environmental hazard in the community. Certainly interior and exterior will take substantial remediation before even construction begins. But they intend to create forty apartments in this facility. And those will all be leased to private individuals. Will all be a lease opportunity. Because of the immense capital investment in prep alone, the offer of the incentive package is addressed much like the Bailey Bill. However, we did not and don’t recommend Bailey Bill for anything in this county, let alone for this particular project. But use multi-county industrial park to offer a minimal capital -- in property tax over the first twenty years of time. But with a total tax income over the twenty years of approximately seven hundred thousand, then it will go to and revert to regular taxation.

This comes to council as a recommendation from the Economic Development Advisory Board and from staff, as well. Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: 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? Second Mr. Sanders. 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 8(b), 2019-059, 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, Project Cheney Mill. 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. Nelson, do you have anything you want to add to this on putting that in that park?
BURRISS NELSON: This is Mr. Parkey’s, I believe, on this one. Is that correct?
TOMMY DUNN: No. We’re on 8(b).
BURRISS NELSON: I’m sorry. Yes, sir, it’s the same -- I apologize.
TOMMY DUNN: I just wanted to see if you wanted to add anything?
BURRISS NELSON: No, sir. It’s the same project. Yes, sir. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on now to 8(c), 2019-060, an ordinance to rezone +/- 1.10 acres along Evergreen Road from R-20 Single-Family Residential) to C-1 (Commercial District), TMS #145-00-04-006. Be in District 4. Do we have a motion to move this forward?
BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders. Do we 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 9, ordinance first reading, be 9(a), 2019-061, Ms. Wilson. Ms. Wilson. This is title only.
CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have been working on this concern for about a year and a half. I don’t know how many other areas in the county are affected, but we had a Planning and Public Works Committee meeting and a number of the citizens in District 7 who came and provided their input. What we have, and I hope no one else has to experience it in the county, is we’ve had drones coming down really low, hassling livestock, looking in windows. One neighbor was in his bathroom, to give you an example, with a lot of glass. Looked up and there’s a drone peeping in his window. We’ve also got the concern that some of them, while they’re flying low, some of them go very high. And this would impede and probably impact, at some point, the air
traffic, particularly our medical helicopter. We’re very concerned that at some point there could be a collision.

But anyway, Mr. Harmon is working with the FAA. He did come and meet with our committee and offer ideas of what the county can deal with and what the FAA can do. For example, many of my neighbors were threatening to shoot those things. But the FAA declares that you cannot, and it would be a federal law if you did. But it’s a very bad concern. I don’t know who’s doing it. There may be multiple parties. But we will have title only today, and Mr. Harmon will hopefully have the draft for an ordinance to address these issues in a proper way by our first meeting in January.

So I’m asking your indulgence to pass this in title only so we can work forward in getting this developed fully. Thank you.

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

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Ms. Wilson, have you heard anything at all or did I miss it, from the people who are supposed to be looking at this, studying this, because right now -- I don’t like them much either -- but right now in our present time, it appears to be something that’s going to help us a lot. I have seen them doing their work over Anderson County. But I really hate to throw out the bath -- baby, is it? -- baby with the bath water. I really hate to do that. But what are they going to do about this particular -- one particular instance?

CINDY WILSON: The FAA, unless an operator is certified, won’t allow them to fly at night. The ones that we’ve encountered are flying at night. It’s perceived to be an invasion of privacy. There was a case in Massachusetts that Mr. Harmon may want to more fully flesh out. This in no way encumbers those who are licensed properly and doing what they should during the daytime. At nighttime, they have to have a special permit, is what I understand.

This involves invasion of privacy and then going way above the FAA mandate of the height that they’re allowed to fly. And the pilots are telling me that
they cannot see these things at night.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What does your -- what is his name? What does your proposal consist of? What are you proposing to stop this?

CINDY WILSON: I’m relying on Mr. Harmon, who is communicating with the FAA. And it will be somewhat along the lines of Newton, Massachusetts measures.

GRACIE FLOYD: What’s your proposal?

LEON HARMON: Ms. Floyd, I don’t have the language developed for the ordinance yet. We will need to be very careful about how we craft that language. Obviously you are all aware that the air is highly regulated. Air travel drones or whatever, are highly regulated by the federal government. So we’re dealing with an area of preemption, which means local governments can only go so far in dealing with issues like this. So what I’m doing is working with the FAA to craft an ordinance that will only go so far and not impede anything that the FAA is doing.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’ve got another question I’m afraid to ask. But let’s go for it; okay? After Christmas, we’re going to have an influx of those little things flying around as it has been happening for a couple of years now. The kids, I guess, will have to be regulated, too.

LEON HARMON: I believe anyone that flies a drone will need to have a document from the FAA allowing them to actually fly the drone in air space.

GRACIE FLOYD: And this will go in effect after the third reading of the ---

LEON HARMON: Yes, ma’am. It could not go into effect until after we have third reading.

GRACIE FLOYD: I thank you.

BRETT SANDERS: I’ve got a question, too.

TOMMY DUNN: Keep in mind, all of this stuff -- a lot of this stuff is already regulated. I mean it’s already in effect. Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yeah, that’s what I was getting ready to enforce. The Federal Aviation Administration already has regulations in place and hopefully what we can amend will just help give a little teeth or local presence. The FAA can’t monitor it. They just -- the question with it is the enforcement of it. That’s one of my concerns, is the enforcement side of it. Basically the FAA has already
got everything in place and working. What I’m seeing
will just allow us to feed off of them and actually
have a presence here.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Sanders, I think
you are correct about that. Obviously we will be
having some discussions with local law enforcement
with respect to what we can do and what we’re not able
to do. And we’ll certainly include the FAA in those
discussions, as well.

BRETT SANDERS: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
opposed. Abstentions?

GRACIE FLOYD: I abstain. I
would like to wait until it’s done.

TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion
carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
Graham, Ms. Wilson in favor. And Ms. Floyd abstains.
And let the record show Mr. Wooten is not present
today.

Moving on to item number 10, Resolution R2019-
059, a resolution authorizing the execution and
delivery of an Inducement Agreement by and between
Anderson County, South Carolina, and Company A/
Company B whereby, under certain conditions, said
Companies will acquire, by construction and purchase
certain property in Anderson County and Anderson
County will execute amendments to certain Fee-in-Lieu-
of Tax Agreement(s) and provide certain economic
Development Inducements to Company A/Company B and an
additional Sponsor Affiliate and execute certain
documents and enact certain further Legislation for
said Companies’ Project MIT involving an expected Nine
Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($9,500,000) in
total investment and the creation of an expected fifty
jobs in the county. Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr.
Chairman and members of council. This is one of our
local companies, family owned, great reputation, been
in business for almost fifty years. They’re planning
an expansion, creating fifty new jobs, average pay a
little over seventeen dollars an hours. Annual
payroll 3.2 million. Capital investment, they hope to
do 9.5 million or guaranteeing us six million in total
capital investment in building, land and equipment.
Building an eighty thousand square foot facility.
High tech opportunity. Good company that we have
known for many years. The community impact for the
first year is 1.6 million and community impact after
twenty years is over 35 million. The taxes in the
first year are approximately forty-one thousand. And
after twenty years the new project portion only nine
hundred eighty thousand; almost a million dollars.
This comes to council as a recommendation from the
Economic Development Advisory Board and our staff.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Do we have a motion to move this forward?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson.

Have a second?
RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.
Now discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.
BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your
support.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it.
Moving on to item number 11, bid approval.
Hurricane Creek Pump Station project. Mr. Carroll.
ROBERT CARROLL: This bid is for
the Hurricane Creek pump station. Our pre-bid we had
about ten contractors show up. Of those ten, four
submitted bids for this project. And staff and
gineers have reviewed and recommend award to Tugaloo
Pipeline out of Westminster for six hundred seventy-
four thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars and
seventy cents. That amount also includes a ten
percent contingency.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we
have a motion to move this forward? Motion Mr. Davis;
second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor
of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show
the motion carries unanimously.

Thank you, Mr. Carroll.

ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to
number 12, report from the Airport Adhoc Committee
held on December 13th. Chairman Sanders.
BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr.
Chairman. Like you said, on Friday the 13th we met.
No action was taken. We allowed administration to
review the job description and possible publications
for advertisement for an Airport Manager. There will
be more upcoming once we have the information that
I’ll bring before council in the future.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.
Sanders.

Moving on. Are there any appointments I’m not
aware of?
1 Hearing and seeing no appointments, we’ll be
2 moving on to requests from council members. Mr.
3 Davis.
4 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
5 Chair. I just have one from the District 6 recreation
6 special projects account, I’d like to allocate five
7 hundred dollars to the Salvation Army. I put that in
8 the form of a motion.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis.
10 Have a second?
11 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr.
13 Sanders. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
14 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
15 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Davis?
16 Mr. Sanders.
17 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I would
18 like to combine two, if possible.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
20 BRETT SANDERS: I’d like to put in
21 the form of a motion a request from my special project
22 fund, five hundred to the South Carolina Upstate
23 Equine Council, and also five hundred to the Salvation
24 Army.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Coming in the form
26 of a motion. Do we have a second? Do we have a
27 second to Mr. Sanders’ motion?
28 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.
30 Any discussion?
31 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I
32 have to disclose that I am on that board and recuse
33 myself.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Let the record
35 show Ms. Wilson recuses herself. She’s on the Equine
36 Board. She’s stepping back. All in favor of the
37 motion show of hands. Show the motion carries
38 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Sanders?
39 Ms. Floyd.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I
41 would like to allocate from District 2's recreational
42 account three thousand dollars for the South Main
43 Mercy Chapel. Now these people are -- they have a
44 thing where they feed and provide activities for the
45 homeless within their church. District 2 has been
46 able to assist them before. And they have asked for
47 our assistance again. And so I would like to allocate
48 the funds from District 2's recreational account the
49 amount of three thousand dollars.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by
Ms. Floyd.  Have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

Anything else, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: I have something to tell you.  I have (not speaking into mic).

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m through.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: You done?

GRACIE FLOYD: (affirmative).

TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: I would like to appropriate five hundred dollars to the Salvation Army from District 3's recreation account.

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

CINDY WILSON: Second.


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

Anything else, Mr. Graham?  Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make the motion from District 7's recreational account to appropriate five hundred dollars also to the Salvation Army.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Ms. Wilson.  Do we 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.  Anything else, Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: That’s all.  Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Out of District 5's account, I’d like to appropriate five hundred dollars for the Salvation Army.  Put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.


Any 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: Mr. Harmon, any
citizens comments?
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no
one is signed up to speak.
TOMMY DUNN: Now remarks from
council members. Mr. Davis.
JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr.
Chair. Mr. Seigler, I just want to say thank you for
welcoming me this past year as I became a new person
on council. You were the first person that greeted me
at the door and you treated me just like you’ve
treated me every day since then I’ve walked in the
door, and I appreciate that and pray that -- blessings
over you in your retirement and your family. And it’s
been a pleasure getting to know you.
   Thank you, Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr.
Sanders.
BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I’ve
prepared something that I would like to read, if
possible. This being the last county council meeting
of 2019, I’d like to take a moment to reflect on the
past year and move on to the future.
   Being new to council there is a learning curve
and every day I learned something new. I was fearful
that I would be viewed by my fellow council members
and administration as a naive apprentice with nothing
presently to offer. Through my revelation the
experience has been just the contrary. I was welcomed
with enthusiasm, reinforcement and support. I was --
some of my ideas, concerns, suggestions were welcomed,
questioned, tweaked, amended and confirmed and,
council, for that I am grateful.
   With the support of the administration, the
amount of work and dedication each council member here
contributes to his or her district and to Anderson
County is truly a testament of the definition of
public service. County information is public, but the
majority of people don’t have the time to analyze the
data and appreciate how it correlates to past, present
and future decisions. We are elected to spend the
time, inform the public and make practical and prudent
decisions for our district and the future of Anderson
County. This council has some complex economical and
financial decisions forthcoming in 2020. I want
District 4 and fellow council members to know that I
look forward to continuing to work in unison to
address these issues with a conservative approach.
It’s time to put the past behind us, learn from it and
advance.
Anderson County is on the map and it’s a global map with 28 international companies calling Anderson County home. We have a proven platform and as a council we must continue to assemble in a conservative manner the tools necessary to reinforce its future prosperity for our citizens. It is truly a privilege and an honor to work with each of you while representing the people of District 4. I want to thank council, our administrator, department heads and our employees for their hard and sometimes discounted work.

With that being said, I’d like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders. I’m glad to see you finally come around on the way of thinking on being conservative.

GRACIE FLOYD: That’s good.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I didn’t prepare anything like that. But that was pretty good, Brett.

BRETT SANDERS: Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, yeah. I am just happy to be here. I don’t -- I haven’t gotten involved with the county running, you know, the operation of the county too much because I really wasn’t invited.

But District 2 is doing well, doing fantastic. We have programs -- we’ve had programs this year for our seniors, our students, our children, our adults. We have done a lot of things. We are doing some fantastic projects with the help of Steve Newton. And I need Teresa Bannister to help me stay on his good side because I need him really bad. Okay. We’re trying to fix up seventy-seven houses that are delapidated and everything else. The county workers are doing an amazing job keeping up with them, Mr. Holcombe, and I thank you. And you need to know I’m riding them like a government mule because I need these people to have a clean neighborhood, nice housing, people that’s not bothering them. I need to get rid of the drug houses. I need to get rid of the homeless. And I need to get rid of our wild other people there. So I’m working. If you have a desire to work, really work, not on the county because the county can take care of itself. But if you have an inclination to work, I could use your help. Merry Christmas to you all. It’s going to be a rocky year so fasten up your seatbelts and hold on.
Elizabeth, it’s good to see you and Merry Christmas to you, darling.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just want to kind of bounce off of what some of the other council members have stated. Definitely want to thank all of our county employees for all that they do on a daily basis throughout the entire year. I know we focus so much this time of year on what we have to be thankful for. And I truly believe in my heart every single day we’ve got a lot to be thankful for here in Anderson County. We continue to grow. We continue to prosper. We continue to be blessed. And it’s through our associates that -- you know, some of the prime examples, thirty-plus years from several of our employees today that was recognized. It’s just a tremendous blessing to see what our staff does for our citizens here in Anderson County. The council members, we are nothing here more than a resource to basically assist them in serving our citizens. And they do the hard work every single day. They’re in contact with the citizens every single day in different departments, different divisions on making the county work. And I truly, from my family to yours, wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas. And again, thank you for everything you guys do.

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

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a big thank you to all of our county council, our county administration and county government and the wonderful citizens that we serve, for the dedication and diligence that has taken place resulting in such a successful year. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and a healthy one, and a most Merry Christmas. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I want to say thank you to all of my fellow council members for the hard work they’ve put in this past year. Look forward to the new year working with you. I want to take this time to thank our employees, our staff, our extended family. Y’all are the ones most of the time that the citizens see first, and I appreciate so much that y’all make them feel welcome. And sometimes you can’t -- you might not have the right answer or something another, but y’all can get them there. That’s what means a lot; taking that extra step to help the citizens out, to get where they need to be.
and a friendly face. And really do appreciate it. Y’all are special, the ones that’s been here for thirty years, it’s mind boggling, or over thirty years. Thank you very, very much on the part of the citizens. Because that’s what makes us great, as I’ve said many, many times, I think is our employees. That’s our most cherished possession, what makes it so good.

And I want to, again, wish Mr. Seigler and his family great in his retirement. Very, very blessed. I want to say -- I want to thank -- it come to my attention last night, fact of business, it’s been five years since Green Pond has been opened up. It’s brought a lot of economic development in Anderson County. I want to thank everybody who’s had a part in that; my fellow council members, the staff. Look for many, many more years what Green Pond is doing.

I was talking to somebody last night, talking about the Boggs Brothers being recognized in Canada and Ireland. I think between Palmetto Moonshine and Green Pond, we’re putting Anderson on the map. Appreciate it very much.

I want to, at this time, dismiss the council meeting. But I would also in doing so, two things, I’d like the Seigler family to step up front and let everybody come by and wish them their best. Before that, thought, I don’t want to put them on the spot, but Mr. Nelson, say the blessing for the food. I’m going to close the council meeting and let you do that; okay? Meeting will be adjourned.