ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TO MY DUNN: At this time I’d like
to call the Anderson County Council meeting, regular
meeting of March 3rd to order. I’d like to welcome
each and every one of you here. Thank y’all for
coming tonight to participate in your county
government. At this time I’d like to call on
Councilman Jimmy Davis to lead us in the invocation
and pledge of allegiance. If we’d all rise, please.
INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY JIMMY DAVIS
TOMMY DUNN: At this time let the
record show that Councilman Wooten is not here
tonight. He’s out of town. Also, we’ve got I think a
boy scout trooper here trying to make I think his last
badge to get to Eagle Scout, if I’m not mistaken,
Citizenship and Community. Want to welcome him here.
Right over there. Stand up.
APPLAUSE
TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there
any corrections or changes to be made to the regular
meeting of February 18th, 2020?
CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
There were just three grammatical corrections for page
35, line 20 that evil creature Dylann Roof, Dylann is
spelled D-Y-L-A-N, and that’s line 20. Line 27 there
are still, instead of there’s still various issues.
And 35, terrible pipe bursts, plural, for the fuel
spill in Belton. If I may put that in the form of a
motion to correct that.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
we have a second?
JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Are
there any other changes or corrections? Hearing none,
all in favor of Ms. Wilson’s motion show of hands.
All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.
At this time we’ll move on to citizens comments.
When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please, for the
record, state your name again and the district you
live in, for the record. Address the chair. And you
have three minutes. And the first go-around is on
agenda items only.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first
speaker is Christine Shirley.
CHRISTINE SHIRLEY: My name is Christine
Shirley and I am a resident of District 5; your
district, Mr. Tommy Dunn. If you recognize the name
Shirley it is because our family has a long history
here in Anderson. We are the owners of Shirley Family
Farm, a South Carolina Century Farm, dating back to
1906. My husband’s cousin Richard served as Mayor of Anderson for many years. I am a wife, a mother, a farmer, a small business owner, the daughter of immigrants and generations of American service men and women, as well as a former soldier in the Army Reserves. I have two college degrees. I am a history buff. I am a home schooling parent. Believe me when I say that I am well-versed in American History and the Constitution of the United States. One of the freedoms declared by our forefathers was the right to own and bear arms. I should not have to explain to you as elected officials and servants of the people that the oath you swore was to uphold the Constitution as the supreme law of the land, superceding all others.

Since 1938 and especially in recent years, the Second Amendment has been under attack stripping some Americans of their rights and narrowing the scope of the law contrary to the wording of shall not be infringed. We have had to listen to presidential candidates declare on television, Hell, yes, we are coming for your guns. We have had a movement suggest that red flag laws that would violate the Constitution multiple times over resulting in the illegal search, seizure and confiscation of firearms based on anonymous and probably unfounded claims.

Law enforcement already waste enough time and resources investigating false reports. Who here has never had an argument with a neighbor? Who here has never been the victim of vicious gossip? If you haven’t, then you’re the lucky minority. Should your rights be violated based on the bitter words of a disgruntled person? Sanctuary means a place of refuge or safety. Anderson County is my home. It should be my sanctuary. Not for the actions of guns and in the hands of criminals as some would erroneously interpret this movement, but for every citizen’s right in this county.

We demand the ordinance declaring Anderson a Second Amendment sanctuary as submitted weeks ago for presentation. Not a weak, meaningless resolution, and we will accept nothing less. I am disgusted and ashamed that you would refuse to fight tyranny beside the people that you have sworn to serve.

I would remind you that we are entering an election cycle and we are thousands deep of your constituents demanding this ordinance. We have thousands of petitions and signatures and followers, and our movement grows every day that you waste our time. It has been carefully prepared and reviewed by
attorneys of the gun owners of America and SC Carry. Similar ordinances have been put into effect across this country by true patriots who value freedom over their precious political seats. None of your positions are secure. And if you pass this ordinance that safeguards our -- if you do not pass this ordinance that safeguards our Second Amendment rights, I will personally light the torches, politically speaking, to lead the charge to end your time ---

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

CHRISTINE SHIRLEY: --- on the council.

You, Tommy Dunn, told us that you supported ---

TOMMY DUNN: Time.

CHRISTINE SHIRLEY: --- our efforts.

Clearly a term resolution which we unfortunately overlooked in our ---

TOMMY DUNN: Ma’am, ---

CHRISTINE SHIRLEY: You put it on the agenda like it was your idea. And then passed our ordinance off to the county attorney.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: Let me be perfectly clear, this is a county council meeting. We’re trying to do the people’s business for Anderson County. You’ve got a right to speak. You’re not going to interrupt and disrupt the meeting. If you do, you’ll be asked to leave.

I said, this is a county council meeting. This isn’t a town hall meeting. We’ve got business to do. We’re not going to put up with disruption of the meeting. It’s not going to happen. Now, everybody has got a right to speak and we’re going to listen to it. Each and every one of you. There’s a way to do things and be civil to one another. If you can’t do that, we’re going to ask you to leave.

Next, Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Lori Monroe.

LORI MONROE: My name is Lori Monroe. I live at 21 Sweet Willow Pond in Anderson, zip code 29624, District 5.

I was born and raised in California. And thirty-seven years ago when my husband and I were first married, we could walk into any gun store and buy a firearm; no questions asked. Today it’s nearly impossible. And you know how it started? It started with elected officials voting not to protect our constitutional rights. It went from there to voting to rob us of our constitutional rights. We all know what California has become. We literally watched as
we were voted criminals for being law-abiding gun
owners.

You are proposing now that we don’t get an
ordinance, we get a weak and watered-down resolution
and we are not okay with that. I can’t help but
wonder if y’all just think we’re a little too stupid
to understand the difference between an ordinance and
a resolution.

I, for one, know exactly what y’all are trying to
do; table it until after the elections, save your
seats, establish yourselves as politically correct and
hope we go away. Well, I’ve already lived through
this. And you know, prior to Donald Trump on a
national level who beat the swamp, and our own Sheriff
who won against an incumbent good ole boy, we might
have been content to sit back and think, you know,
things can’t change, why bother. But now we know we
can make a difference and we can see change.

Right now, in one months’ time, by simple word of
mouth, we have over five thousand people in a grass
roots Facebook group and we’re growing daily. We’ve
got thousands of signatures supporting the ordinance
to make Anderson County a Second Amendment sanctuary
county.

Well, what if those five thousand just went out
and got ten people. I know my husband and I easily
got twenty people to come tonight. And what if those
fifty thousand go out and get just five, now we’re
approaching the entire Anderson County population.
And I know that’s not realistic, so cut it in half.
Do the math.

What if we find viable candidates to run;
candidates that will protect our rights. What if we
become as passionate about those candidates as we do
about the President and about our sheriff. And what
if we each take our skills -- mine happens to be
marketing and website design -- and we throw our
hearts and souls into campaigning for candidates who
will protect our rights. You know, even liberal
politicians on a national level can’t go up against
the Second Amendment successfully. It just doesn’t
work.

So in closing I ask you to consider, do you want
to take those five thousand people who are in a group
and have signed a piece of paper and mobilize them and
unite them with a single cause to replace you? How
easy do you think it will be for us to recruit when
our slogan is Save Anderson ---

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

LORI MONROE: --- From Becoming
TOMMY DUNN: Ma’am, it’s time.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Randy Jones.

RANDY JONES: My name is Randy Jones. I’m from Cindy’s district, District 7.

I intended to be here tonight to speak about my support for the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance. But the ordinance that I expected to be on the agenda was replaced with a 2a resolution. I would like to request that the council table or withdraw this resolution and take appropriate steps to get the ordinance that was submitted to the council on February 12th back on the agenda to be read and voted on by the council.

The citizens of Anderson County deserve to have this brought forward for the appropriate readings, discussion and vote by the council so they will know this is truly supported by our county government. Should it not be approved by one or more council members, we deserve to know who that is so we can make our decision in the upcoming election cycle if we want to continue to be represented by those members.

Please understand this is not just a few gun-toting fanatics making this request. We have thousands of Anderson County residents that support this and we truly believe in this great country, great Constitution and Bill of Rights that the founders so brilliantly put together on paper over two hundred years ago. This is the very foundation of the greatest country that’s ever existed on this planet.

We fully support whatever it takes to truly make Anderson County a safe place for us by standing up to those that may try to destroy and take away our right to bear arms for due process, free speech and for protection against unlawful seizure of property.

I hope that you will act on this recommendation and reconsider your actions on this resolution tonight and establish the quick-as-possible path to getting the ordinance brought to the council. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Sherry McAbee.

SHERRY MCAABEE: My name is Sherry McAbee. I live at 1421 Old Trail Drive.

I have nine crack houses in my neighborhood. How many of you, with a show of hands, have guns in your
home? How many of you have carry permits in your home? How many of you have the right to carry and protect your family? Thank you.

Okay. Now, what gives y’all the right to say how we can protect our town? Do you own guns? Do you? Do you protect your home? How many? Show of hands. Okay. I don’t want a resolution. I want an ordinance where I can protect what is mine.

TOMMY DUNN: I’ve asked y’all to keep it down.

SHERRY MCABEE: I want to protect what is mine. How many officers are in here tonight protecting you because you’re afraid some fanatic is going to come in here and shoot one of you? Right? What makes you any different from us? None. Because we all bleed red.

You know, I’m not going to threaten you with re-election because that’s not a hill of beans to y’all. But I will say this, I will protect mine. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Avery McAbee.

AVERY MCABEE: My name is Avery McAbee. I live at 1421 Old Trail Road.

Like she said, there’s nine crack houses in my neighborhood. When you call a police officer, it may be thirty minutes before they get there because they’re spread out so far and they have so many other calls that it takes time to cover. I have guns in my house. I will keep guns in my house. And if you want my gun, forget it. I’m not giving it up. I stand on the Second Amendment right that gives me the right to carry my gun, to own my gun without any infringement. And you need to pass an ordinance that we are the people of Anderson County and we have the right to protect our homes and our families. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Daniel McKee.

DANIEL MCKEE: I’m Daniel McKee. I’m a District 3 citizen.

I’m here tonight to speak on the Second Amendment ordinance that we proposed the last meeting. The Second Amendment says, a well regulated militia being necessary for the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Furthermore, the Fourth Amendment says, the right of the people to secure in their person, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable search and
seizure shall not be violated. And no warrants shall issue upon probable cause supported by the oath or affirmation. And particularly describing the place to be searched, the person or things to be seized. Currently there’s a House bill 3275 that’s proposing a red flag law in Columbia. This violates both our Second and our Fourth Amendment rights.

First of all, the Fourth Amendment right, we have to have protection of our own houses. This red flag law allows them to be charged in under accusations from others without any kind of backbone behind it. Currently there’s a House bill or has been in the past, 4087, that proposed that gun ownership could be banned for minor offenses. House bill 4699 was a proposal to have electronic chips on all firearms requiring that they be tracked. These are some of the bills that are being instituted within our state against our Second Amendment rights, which furthermore goes against -- or goes for why we are pushing to have this ordinance within our county.

I bet our forefathers would not expect that free citizens of this nation would have to be coming forward in efforts to protect and defend a right that was declared during the foundation of this great nation, especially when it included the words, shall not be infringed.

However, here we are. I believe the Constitution speaks for itself and shouldn’t have to be defended. However, we’re seeing more and more of these rights that are constantly being come against. Turn on the news every day. Tell me what kind of place we’re living in right now. Evil is rampant all around us in this world. We’re constantly seeing and hearing reports of home invasions, abductions, robberies, etcetera. Without protecting our Second Amendment freedom and the ability to protect ourselves, we become one thing, and that’s a victim.

I, for one, will not succumb to becoming a victim. None of the supporters here tonight want to become a victim. As far as that goes, even non-supporters of the Second Amendment do not want to become a victim. So that’s why we as citizens of this county think it’s time that we need to take action to protect from any of these proposed gun laws for doing anything other than trying to strip our God-given right away.

It’s time the action be made and an ordinance, not a resolution, to be passed to make Anderson County a Second Amendment sanctuary county where our rights will not be infringed upon. Let us set the way for the rest of the state in showing that we will not
allow our rights to be infringed upon.

As we walked in tonight, each one of us was searched to make sure we came in safety with no kind of firearms or no kind of weapons.

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Time.

DANIEL MCKEE: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Next, Mr. Harmon.

APPLAUSE

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Brian Allen.

TOMMY DUNN: Address the Chair, please.

BRIAN ALLEN: One of these gentlemen said, what’s the problem? We have gun rights. They’re slowly getting nipped away. That’s what the problem is. You want to see what the problem is, look at Virginia, look at California. The anti-gun activist spoke about the Townville shooting. Well, many of us were affected by that event, including me and Brett Sanders. We had a friend that died that day; Jeffrey (verbatim) Osborne. However, what wasn’t mentioned was that over four hundred thousand violent crimes, including home invasions, that were prevented last year according to fee.org.

One of our members that may be here tonight, Tyler Butler, protected his home due to his right to bear arms. Many veterans have died for this right. And then they die every day for this right.

And the main thing — reason I’m here is because of this young man right here and his children and his children’s children, and his children’s children’s children. If we don’t do something about this now they won’t have the right to protect themselves.

APPLAUSE

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is J.W. Monroe.

J.W. MONROE: My name is J.W. Monroe. I live at 21 Sweet Willow Pond in Anderson County.

The government called up my daddy and said, here’s a weapon, go to Europe and make those people free.
They called me up and they said, here’s a weapon, to
over to Vietnam and make those people free. They
called my son up and sent him to Kuwait. He got shot
up. But they gave him a weapon and said, make those
people free.

Don’t you want me to be free?

LEON HARMON:    Next speaker is James
E. Allen.

JAMES E. ALLEN:    My name is James E.
Allen. I live at 608 Boulevard, Anderson, South
Carolina.

I’ve got several questions to ask that happened to
me and I think it’s probably throughout the world; it
happens all the time. At our church, when I mentioned
last time about our church, at our church we’ve got a
security camera. I’m sitting here watching it, and
this is my hand before the Lord, I see two people. I
can’t tell you if they was woman or man because they
had hoodies on, they had sunglasses on, and they was
wrapped up as far as they could be wrapped up. And we
spotted them on our camera. We’ve got people that’s
got concealed weapons permit. I approached them.
When I opened the door they both took off running. I
don’t know what they had in their minds, but it sure
wasn’t church. And when they did, I thanked God that
they run because I didn’t know what I was going to do.
I didn’t want to be forced to do something I didn’t
want to do. But I had a way of protection.

There’s another time over on Appleton Mill Hill,
I’m going to church, some lady sitting there, a man
beating the fire out of her and there was about six of
them standing behind her. Later on somebody told me
she was a prostitute. I didn’t look at a prostitute.
I looked at a woman that’s almost been beat to death,
and I stopped and I told the guy, I said, leave her
alone. He said, the best thing you can do is get in
your car. I never pulled my gun, but I let him know
it was inside me. And they got in their car and they
left. And I told the girl to get some help -- helped
her get some help.

There was a time that -- I rent houses to people.
There was a time that this person was being evicted
and I happened to get there a few minutes before the
law. Not that I tried to get there before they did.
It just so happened I beat them. She was going to be
there when they took -- well, when I approached up and
got out of my car, a man come running at me probably
as big a guy as I’ve ever seen with a butcher knife
about that big. And I ain’t going to repeat the words
that he said to me as he was running to my car. I didn’t have time to get back in the car, but I did have my gun to where I could reached through the window. And I grabbed it. And he was as far as from here to that right there when I grabbed it. And he said, you ain’t going to shoot me, but I will cut your head off. And I said, I pray to God I won’t never know the answer to that, man. And his wife come out crying. And I said, please don’t make me do something I don’t want to do. But I believe actually that man would have cut my throat that day.

And this is just a few things we face. And if they know I ain’t got no way of protecting myself -- if these churches, if the people know they ain’t got no way of protecting their selves, what are they going to do? They’re getting scared now because they know people has started taking them to church with them.

I’ve got a buddy that went to a church in Atlanta. He said a security guard was walking behind the people taking the offerings up because they would literally go inside the church and steal the offering plate because nobody could stop them. But now it’s change. He said now since they know they can take a weapon, they don’t come to that church and steal the offering plate. But they would literally go to that church and steal ---

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Time, Mr. Allen.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: Next.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Charles Griffis.
CHARLES GRIFFIS: My name is Charles Griffis. I live at 320 Murphy Road, Belton, South Carolina, District 2.

I’m a combat veteran. I spent my time in Bosnia, Kosova, Macedonia and two tours in Iraq. What did I fight for? I fought for my freedom and everybody else here. I fought for everybody up there. You might disagree with, you know, owing weapons. You might disagree with protecting your own family. But when our young men and ladies go out and they serve our country, they might not come home. If you can live with that so be it. But I can’t. It isn’t right to take away the Second Amendment from us. I mean, it’s not right. It’s there for our protection and your protection. Don’t take anything away.

You know, you have a right to carry a weapon. You have a right to protect your families. So does everybody here. I mean, we’re American citizens.
That’s what it’s about. It’s about freedom.

**APPLAUSE**

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Josh Smith.

JOSH SMITH: My name is Josh Smith. I live at 1332 Bleckley Street, District 2.

If I was elegant or had speeches written to do this. But I’ve had several combat tours. I’ve lost friends. I’ve been trained. And I was on the west coast and decided to come back to Anderson. I love this place. I’m trying to do my part at Equinox Park. I did my part to get that place rebuilt. I pushed for it. A lot of y’all received mail from me about that.

But what I don’t understand is why Anderson has become the highest crime rate per capita of citizens. People are afraid. The people, each and every one of them that I fought to protect and love, I love every one of them here. You know why, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, they have the right to protect themselves. I made sure I fought for that because I believe in that. I believe in Anderson.

So it’s time for our representatives to show the backbone that, you know what, we’re not going to fall for red flags. We’re going to protect our county. We’re going to protect our people, our constituents. This is what it’s about. It’s time to stand up. Guns save lives.

They don’t arm officers with pepper spray and whistles. They give them guns. That’s plain and simple. When I went over and played in sand boxes, they didn’t give me whistles or rocks. They gave us guns. (End of audio 1.1) Good people will always prevail over evil when they can protect themselves. **APPLAUSE**

JOSH SMITH: ... countless times.

Look throughout history and see where the government has tried to take away guns. See how that turned out for the people. Go ahead. Ask them. It’s well know.

I did not move back to Anderson, this county I love so much and fought for, I’ve even tried -- I’m a big part of the community, Richard M. Campbell’s, the parks, I’ve helped out. I’ve done my part for the community because I believe in this county. Some of you might take it for granted you’re in the position you’re at now, but don’t take it for granted because people in numbers speak loud. And they’ve done that and they’ll do it again. So time is to have a backbone.

Please, I beg of you, as an Anderson County member, just overall guy that cares for each and every
one of you, everyone in here, I didn’t fight for your rights just to come back and have them taken away. I’m a vet and I’m scared that everything I fought for is going to get taken away. Everything I fought for is going to get taken away. It puts me in a predicament of what did I fight for. What we fought for ---

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

JOSH SMITH: ... 75. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Bill Wetzel.

BILL WETZEL: My name is Bill Wetzel, 5010 Sunset Drive, Easley, South Carolina, but it is in Anderson County. I’m way out in the country where we have to wait forty-five minutes for police to arrive.

But I want to talk about the Bill of Rights. The first ten Amendments, they are all individual rights for the people to be able to have protection from the government. The First Amendment, rights of free speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly; they were considered absolutely necessary for freedom.

The Second Amendment was put in place because without the ability to protect yourself and your rights, all rights are useless.

The first thing a socialist or communist country does is strip its citizens of firearms so that they can’t defend themselves, that they can’t protect themselves from unpopular things coming through. Right now a socialist may be our next President. We’re that close to having some terrible things happening. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Paige Thibault.

PAIGE THIBAULT: Hi, my name is Paige Thibault. I live in District 6.

I was a victim of domestic violence. My ex-boyfriend tried to kill me and I got away, but unfortunately so did he. He was able to evade law enforcement for over two weeks. I had to carry my firearm with me everywhere I went because I was terrified. When I got home in the afternoon, I had to go room to room clearing my house; every closet, every shower, under the bed, behind the bed. I was terrified to go home. I don’t know how I would have survived without my firearm. At least I felt I had some type of safety. I’m way out in the country;
thirty, forty-five minutes before the police can arrive.

I just beg you to please protect our rights. I hate to think what would happen if it was your daughter or your sister or your mom that had to live like that in fear. Thank you.

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Robert T. McCurry.

ROBERT T. MCCURRY: Good evening, Council. I’m here as we the people. Let’s put Anderson back on the map. You know, Anderson was the Electric City. It was on the map. It got put on the map before Charleston. It was something. It was a sight to behold because we was a people. Now let’s put Anderson back on the map as we the people in supporting the Second Amendment completely.

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare. And in doing that you’re creating a condition under which the general population, we the people, can prosper and flourish. It means protecting the environment in which we live. And secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

I run a barber shop. Been in business for sixty-two years. Working on the third generation and the fourth is on its way. That fourth is my posterity. These children are our posterity. Let’s keep this Second Amendment strong.

In doing that, we do ordain, we the people, do ordain this Constitution for the United States of America. We support this. This preamble was made so that the Ten Commandments following would be a -- more explained than the Constitution itself. Because they was afraid the Constitution couldn’t be understood the way it was. Then we come up with the Amendments which explains the Constitution.

Please support this without a resolution. All the way through. We the people are here. We’re not here -- I’m not here to threaten nobody’s job because that’s all you want. You want us to. Do what you’ve got to do. That’s the way everybody looks at it. But let’s just protect our people, making Anderson great again. Thank you.

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Zach Camp.

ZACH CAMP: Good evening, ladies
and gentlemen of the council. My name is Zach Camp, resident of South Carolina District 6, and I’m also a combat veteran.

I served in the United States Army for eight years, in which I eventually left at the rank of Captain. Like all soldiers before me and those that will come after me, I swore to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. As an officer in the U.S. Army, I had the same expectation of all of my soldiers. The Constitution was written by our forefathers to serve as a document that protects us, not only from foreign governments but also our own.

We are asking this council to fully support our proposed ordinance because we also believe in the Constitution. Today we live in an age where the Second Amendment is under constant attack by all left supported armed with false information and lies provided by politicians and the media that know nothing about guns, yet pose as subject matter experts.

We believe it is our duty to protect and preserve not only the Second Amendment but the Constitution of the United States for not only ourselves but also for future generations.

In our proposed ordinance we are not asking for anything unfair, unjust, immoral or illegal, and certainly not unconstitutional, as some have called it. We are only asking that you guarantee and support our rights by voting in favor of this ordinance.

I, for one, honestly feel most safe in places where I can legally carry my firearm because my past experiences have trained me well to do so. It is in these gun-free zones that are safe places that restrict the law-abiding citizens’ ability to exercise the Second Amendment that I feel the most vulnerable because they do nothing to restrict a criminal that is intent on doing harm.

I’m sure I speak for many of us here tonight when I say that my safe place is not in a government building that restricts my right to carry and only protected by a few brave officers that guard the door; rather it is in my local gun shop where I know I’m surrounded by law abiding citizens carrying everything from a nine millimeter Glock to a Kimber 1911 custom 45 ACP.

The Second Amendment belongs to the people of this nation and we will not negotiate for it. Long live the republic and long live the Second Amendment.

Thank you.
APPLAUSE

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Brent Powell.

BRENT POWELL: Do I use this one?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

BRENT POWELL: My name is Brent Powell. I reside in the Powdersville District. Mr. Davis is my representative to the council of Anderson.

I live as far from here as you possibly can, right on the line. I am a father and an ordained minister. I have three young children. And I’m here tonight to speak on their behalf and all the friends and family that I have in Anderson and Powdersville, Anderson County and Powdersville.

Tonight we’ve heard a lot about the Second Amendment. I want to start off with what -- the Constitution where it says we have unalienable rights. I want to explain something. These are unalienable rights. This is my Bible. This is my unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Now, our forefathers had enough common sense to say there’s going to be people that don’t like that and they’re going to want to take that. So what they did was they created -- this is my Constitution that I carry with me all the time. So they put this Constitution that basically said this is the law. And what they did was they put a Constitution in place. And again, they had the common sense to know somebody is not going to like this. So they said, you know what, we’re going to put the Second Amendment that says that whenever this is questioned, whenever this falters, which is just this in this form, then we’re going to make it to where the people have the right to defend this and this. This is not about hunting and fishing. This is about defending this and defending my family against people that want to take this, my inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Now, what we’re asking with the ordinance is not the right to have guns. We already have that right. We’re not asking for an ordinance that says that we’re going to form a militia. We already have that right, really. What we’re asking tonight is to put a second layer of protection for the residents of Anderson County through a legal binding ordinance that says when this falters, which we know is already being beat up already, that when this falters, we’re protecting the residents of Anderson County. We’re protecting our sheriff that says that Anderson County in no way can use funds, can in no way use personnel to
confiscate law abiding citizens’ guns.
This is not rocket science. I have heard it
bounced around that this ordinance was
unconstitutional. How is it unconstitutional when it
is something that is a safeguard for the Constitution.
That makes no sense whatsoever.
So tonight I’m here to ask you to get the
ordinance that was given to you, find a lawyer that
can make it right and pass the stinking thing, and put
another layer of protection that is for us and
Anderson County, and like another person said, put us
back on the map to where I can defend my family, my
friends and my Bible and my freedom.
LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.
BRENT POWELL: Thank you.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.
LEON HARMON: Next speaker is
Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening. Elizabeth
Fant, District 3.
Some of you don’t know this, but I’m usually the
only one in here that gets up and speaks. Every
council meeting. I applaud you being here and I hope
this is not the last time. Because a lot of things,
not just this resolution, that you need to be
interested in. That’s what I’m speaking on, as well.
We have a wonderful sheriff. In three years
Sheriff McBride has taken Anderson County from being
the thirteenth highest in criminal affairs in the
nation -- in the nation -- to where we are today. And
he has already cut thirty percent of the crime in
Anderson County.

APPLAUSE
ELIZABETH FANT: Sheriff McBride has said
he in no way is going to be a part of taking anybody’s
guns. And that’s the way it should be. We do have
that Second Amendment right. I’m very upset when I
got here tonight and found out there wasn’t going to
be an ordinance; it was going to be this resolution.
A resolution is a wimp. A resolution, for those
people in the audience, you realize it, that it’s on
the books for a year and after a year if it’s not
renewed or anything happens to it, it just goes away.
The people out here that use guns in a bad way are
bad people. But you can use a gun, you can use a
vehicle, you can use a knife, you can use poison, you
can use all kinds of other means to do harm to people.
I’m going to tell you something about me you don’t
know. You think you know everything about me. But
you don’t. I used to be a member of the Belton Gun Club. And years ago before my vision got so bad, I got a big ole trophy for pistol shooting and rifle shooting.

I believe in protecting yourself, protecting your neighbors, protecting your family. My family also served in the military and it just breaks my heart to hear these people who have been in the military or are in the reserve now to hear that what their service has done, it’s just basically done, null and void, when you talk about taking away people’s guns. It might start with AR whatever, but then it goes to another and another level and pretty soon, once the government takes one gun they can take any gun and then you’re left where the criminals are the ones who have the guns and you have no protection.

Likewise, I have two neighbors that had run-ins with the wild stuff. I have one neighbor that a big ole deer that had fifteen points on it decided it wanted to look in the glass window of the door.

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Next, Mr. Harmon.

APPLAUSE

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Michael Shirley.

MICHAEL SHIRLEY: My name is Michael Shirley. I’m going -- District 5 is where I’m at. I’m going to take more than three minutes so you’re going to get the opportunity to put me in my place, but I am going to finish what my wife started.

You, Tommy Dunn, told us you supported our effort, coyly using the term resolution, which we unfortunately overlooked in our eagerness. You put it on the agenda like it was your idea and then passed our ordinance off to the county attorney and had it redrafted into a spineless resolution.

You told me yourself, and I’m reading this for her, you told me yourself that you would not support this ordinance and that you would not violate state law if passed, no matter how unconstitutional. Some laws are just bad. Look at prohibition. Look at Jim Crow. We did not fight for equal rights to use the civil disobedience such as this for you to tread on us now.

I do have a couple of things I do want to talk about. I know a lot of you guys up there aren’t real happy with me because of some of the things I’ve said. And that’s okay. I don’t care. I don’t think most of these people in here care about your feelings. I don’t know how y’all are going to vote. I don’t know
how you feel. But I do know that you are an enemy of this county, Mr. Dunn. You basically said you support red flag laws and would let it go if it comes -- if the state tells you you have to. No, sir, that is not how this works. I understand that you have that seat right now, but I’m the proud husband of that woman back there that got quite a standing ovation after her speech. She’s going to be your opponent, you can guarantee that.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN:    Mr. Harmon, next.
LEON HARMON:    That’s all the speakers signed up at this -- for this time period.
TOMMY DUNN:    Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
CINDY WILSON:   Mr. Chairman, may I quickly? I have at the desk the bill -- a copy of the bill Representative Brian White filed. May we ask our clerk to make multiple copies to hand out to our audience members, because this is probably what we’ll be working from.
TOMMY DUNN:    We’re going to get you a copy of it. Everybody will get a copy. That’s what she’s asking.

Moving on to item number 6(a), ordinance third reading, 2019-058, ordinance authorizing, pursuant to Title 4 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, including Sections 4-1-71, 4-1-175 and 4-29-68 thereof, and 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 Cheney Mill Owner LLC or assigns, to provide for certain special revenue infrastructure credit for project Cheney Mill.

Mr. Nelson? Is he here?

At this time we’ll be going into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, this matter only, please step forward and state your name and district and address the chair. Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing none, the public hearing will be closed. Like I said, this is third reading. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON:    So moved.
TOMMY DUNN:    Motion Mr. Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD:    When this thing was first presented to us in 2019, I had some real serious concerns about it. And as I read over it today, there has been nothing new that has happened that has changed my mind about this. So I am still standing on the same comments and the same principals I had about
this ordinance. It’s something we have not done before, and I don’t think it’s a good idea for us to start doing it now unless we’re going to do it for everybody. And we haven’t done that before. And I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Ms. Wilson in favor; Ms. Floyd opposes.

Moving on to item number 6(b), 2020-001, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone plus or minus 23.66 acres from R-20 ... I’m sorry. I missed Mr. Newton’s thing. I’m going to go back when we get through this second reading here. ... acres from R-20 single family residential to R-A residential agriculture at 150 Burns Bridge Road. Be in Mr. Sanders’ district. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I didn’t want to be the first one, but I have received several telephone calls about this, and a letter. Okay. Which one is this? It’s still in your district; right?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. I’ll wait.

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

Moving on, going back to item number 5, this will be an update on the 2020 census efforts by Mr. Newton; Steve Newton.

STEVE NEWTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of council. If I can beg one second while my Census Complete Count Committee Co-Chair joins us up here. As council and most of the public I believe are aware, the -- April 1st is census day, so that’s right around the corner.

Now, the Anderson Complete Count Census Committee has been working over the past several weeks and months to try to coordinate local efforts aimed at, in general, encouraging people to participate in the census and making them aware that the census is coming up, so on and so forth.
In tandem with that we have been working with several different community agencies, organizations and institutions in order to try to make sure that what we call vulnerable populations are aware of the census and are counted properly. Some of those vulnerable groups that generally have low non-response rates are small children between zero and five, partially because, you know, until you enroll in school there’s not really any kind of record of you in the system anywhere. Adults without access to the internet. This is the first year that the census can be done on the internet. And we are working with the library system to make it possible for people to participate in the census online there at any library location.

We’re communicating with various groups who serve the African American and Spanish speaking communities. We’re also reaching out to other vulnerable populations such as those who have recently been released from incarceration, adults in or near poverty and adults in transitory living situations.

Our main partners are the Anderson County Library system, the United Way, Delta Sigma Theta is providing some assistance as part of this effort. There are several other -- all the Anderson school districts are working with us in outreach to homeless students to make sure that they are counted properly. Several other organizations are involved, and I don’t want to try to list them this evening for fear of missing somebody.

But if I may, the lady standing to my left is Ms. Zoe Hale, who is with the Community Resource Guide Organization. She’s the co-chair of the Complete Count Committee. Her input and efforts have been invaluable in our preparation for the census. Zoe, if you have a couple of words you would like to say.

ZOE HALE: I do. I’ll be brief because I’ve been in the military -- can y’all hear me? I’ll try that. There you go. Got a good reflection from it. All right. I spent twenty-seven years in the military and hope to spend twenty-seven seconds educating you on the census for 2020. The only requirement to respond to the census in Anderson County on April 1st is that you’re breathing. For the medical people in the audience, assisted breathing is okay. It does not matter if you’re a visitor from a different country. If you’re say from Japan or Germany or one of our international coalitions, if you’re here using the services in Anderson County, you are qualified to take the census.
There are only nine questions. I’ve spent more
time talking about the census than it will take you to
answer the census. Every person who responds in
Anderson County brings in eight hundred and nine
federal dollars to Anderson County that serve the most
vulnerable in our county.

Now that you know everything you need to know, you
can respond to the census online, on your phone, you
can talk to a person if you have a strange desire to
speak to people on the phone about the census. It is
really easy. It is online. You can do it in your
public libraries. We’re negotiating to get you not
only attractive I Have Responded to the Census
stickers, but free coffee, as well. And if your
children are in childcare facilities, in that age
range of zero to five, you can get free diapers.

Other than that, I hope you have a great evening.
And when you get your invitation to respond to the
census you now know what to do. Nine questions, under
fifty-nine seconds, bring in money to South Carolina.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

APPLAUSE

STEVE NEWTON: And Mr. Chairman,
if I can add one more point to this. If South
Carolina’s population is undercounted by as little as
four percent statewide, we will lose a congressional
seat. Okay? That is -- that’s what the stakes are
here. The head count defines how many representatives
we have. So I just, please, ask everybody to respond
to the census and participate in this thing that’s
mentioned in our Constitution and asked of us.

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Newton.

STEVE NEWTON: Yes, sir.

JIMMY DAVIS: Is the number of
congressional representatives, is that tied to our
electoral votes?

STEVE NEWTON: Yes, sir. The
number of electoral votes the state has is a function
of how many house seats you have, plus two for the
senators.

JIMMY DAVIS: So everybody sign
up. We need electoral votes; don’t we?

STEVE NEWTON: Exactly. Exactly.

Seriously, I did run the numbers and in the last
census if South Carolina had just been slightly under-
counted because people didn’t participate, we would
have six congressional seats and eight electoral votes
rather than seven and nine.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you.

STEVE NEWTON: Thank you.
Moving on to item number 6(c), 2020-002, an ordinance authorizing the execution of a lease purchase agreement in an amount not exceeding 2.2 million dollars relating to the leasing and purchasing of software, the execution of necessary documents and closing papers. This will be 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?

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TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
of abuse. The way I understand this is our officers are wanting to -- I’m not sure if this is the right word -- but kind of step down in the ordinance as to what constitutes maltreatment so that if they see somebody that is not taking care of a pet, if it’s an education issue, explaining to them what they should be doing, that they can use that as an opportunity to change that situation for the pet and not necessarily put somebody in the slammer. So from that standpoint I think it’s okay for this ordinance to get passed.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Basically this is where we can kind of update the ordinance and basically allow the sheriff’s department to kind of have some leeway as far as charging the state charge versus county charge. For lack of better terms, it gives them the opportunity to educate the citizens on some of the laws in the event that’s what the case needs to be done. They can still initiate a fine, but they can keep it local and basically educate them at the same point. So really it’s just kind of updating our laws, is what it’s doing.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. Anyone else? Do we have a motion -- put that in the form of a motion; right, Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: I do, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Graham. Do we have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 6(e), 2020-004, an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of the joint county industrial and business park, 2010 park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park to include Vermeer Manufacturing, doing business as Vermeer Corporation, Project Yellow.

Mr. Nelson, if you would just say a few words and then we’ll have a public hearing.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Chairman, members of council, Project Yellow is actually a Vermeer Manufacturing Company in Greenville. They’re expanding their operation in Greenville County. As a courtesy to Greenville County
we’re asking to include Project Yellow in the multi-
county park agreement so that they can avail
themselves to additional state incentives that could
be available to them. And we have a reciprocal
agreement with Greenville and they do projects for us
likewise, the same kind of opportunity for the
incentives from the state. And Greenville sends its
thanks for council considering this proposed use of
the multi-county park agreement.

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll go into a
public hearing now on this issue. Anyone wishing to
speak to this matter please step forward, state your
name, district and address the chair, please. Anyone
at all? Hearing and seeing 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?
JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis.

Any discussion?
CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr.
Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: It seems that
because we have a wonderful audience tonight and we’ve
studied these measures very carefully for a good
while, they may not know what this is about.

Our State Constitution of 1895 is a bit of a
problem when it comes to economic development. It
sought to keep out the carpetbaggers and keep
minorities out of government. So because of that, we
have the highest industrial tax assessment ratio in
the nation. And these efforts are basically a
circumvention of our State Constitution allowing the
local governments to provide incentives and fee-in-
lieu of taxes to allow industries to be able to locate
here and compete, and of course, our local businesses
to expand.

Many of you are probably private business owners
here and you may want to contact Mr. Burriss Nelson
and our Economic Development Department. You may be
qualified to some of these same measures. But that’s
as short an explanation as I can give you. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms.
Wilson. Any more discussion? Hearing none, all in
favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries.

Show Ms. Floyd has stepped out of the room.
Moving on now to number 7(a), ordinance second reading, 2020-005, an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a special source revenue credit agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and Project Robo with respect to special source revenue credit to be applied against fee-in-lieu of tax payments related to certain investments in the County. Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of council. This is one of our smaller existing companies bringing a very nice expansion to their operation. They’re adding twenty-one jobs with an average pay of thirty-seven dollars and seventy-three cents an hours. That’s an annual payroll just for those twenty-five -- twenty-one employees of almost 1.5 million dollars. New taxes, property taxes for that project, in year one will add an additional thirty-two thousand in property tax. Over the thirty years projected that project will bring in seven hundred and ninety-nine thousand dollars of additional property tax, plus the opportunity for all those folks to spend lots of money in Anderson County.

First year community impact, 4.1 million; twenty year community impact, nineteen million, almost twenty million dollars in total impact. Over thirty year life of that project it will generate, as I said, almost eight hundred thousand dollars in property tax. This comes to council with a recommendation from staff and from the Economic Development Advisory Board. Thank you for your consideration.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Davis. Do we have any discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Again, let the record show Ms. Floyd stepped out of the room.

We’re going to take a quick ten-minute break and we’ll convene back here in a few moment.

BREAKE Council is back in session.

At this time we’ll be moving on to item number 7(a), be 2020-005, an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a special source -- we’ve done done that one; haven’t we? We’ve done that one. Didn’t mark it before I left.
We’re moving on to item 8(a), first reading. This will be a public hearing. This is an ordinance to recommend the rezoning map to rezone plus or minus 50.26 acres from R-20 single family residential to R-A residential agricultural at 1061 Asbury Park Road. Dr. Parkey, do you have any comments before we go into public hearing?

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, the request is to rezone at Asbury Park Road, about fifty acres, to change from R-20 single family residential, twenty thousand square foot lot district, to R-A the residential agricultural district for purposes of a riding academy. Staff recommended approval of this request. Planning Commission also recommended approval at its February 11th meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Dr. Parkey. This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward and state your name and district and address the chair. Anyone at all, please. Hearing and seeing 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?
BRETT SANDERS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now moving on to item number 9(a), resolutions, be R2020-007, a resolution by Anderson County Council expressing its support of the Second Amendment rights. I’m going to take the floor first. I’m going to let every council member have their say or what not. I’m going to start off. I’m going to make the motion clear. I thought we had a -- I’ll get into that in a minute. I’m going to make the motion tonight to table this. Got no problem with that. But let me say this, we have got to -- I thought we had a -- me and Mr. Sanders met this morning with a gentlemen and I thought we had something worked out that we could hang our hats on. And my goal is to make Anderson County to have something another to be proud of and be the first one to set the template around the state. Did y’all know this has come up in four counties so far? Three of them has done resolutions. The fourth one was Laurens and I think it was last night or night before last, I don’t know what they voted on, but they voted it down, whatever
they voted on. There’s reasons for this.

But my goal and our goal when we met this morning, was to put a committee together with citizens’ input. It’s not a stall tactic by no means. It was to come back to have first reading no later than the first meeting in April. This, whether you like it or not, this ordinance, so-called ordinance that was presented to council, will not hold up in Court. This won’t. It’s got to be tweaked and have some changes to it. And we’re very willing to do that and make something that will work to get something back.

But first and foremost, I want to make sure everybody -- hearing the comments up here and talking around the room -- nobody on this council that I’m aware of unless somebody can tell me something otherwise, is trying to take anybody’s guns away. Not yet or not tomorrow. Got any proof of that with this council -- now, a new council might do something another, but this council is not going to do it. I think I would be safe to say every one of us up here is gun owners. And we have no problem trying to get something another done, but we’ve got to have something another or we’ll get sued on it, that will hold up. Not this -- and I wanted to ask the gentleman to bring the lawyer from Carry South Carolina to be on this committee to have some input. They chose not to do this evidently. But anyway, we’ve got to have something another that we go to Court, because we’ll get sued on this, to protect the citizens of Anderson County from frivolous lawsuits that can hold up. That’s where we’re coming from.

We’re going to work very hard to do this. I’ve talked to one gentleman in the audience and I hope we can get four or five citizens that’s willing to participate in this that’s level headed. We can still carry out this what we talked about this morning. It ain’t that we ain’t going to do something another. We’ve got to do it and do it in the right way. It’s not a stall tactic. This resolution that was going to be voted on tonight is going to be amended to say -- to put in writing that it would be an ordinance to be voted on before -- on or before the first meeting in April, and have this committee make up how it was going to be.

I know this is a very passionate thing, but we’ve got to use common sense and things, too, and that’s where we’re at. I’ve said my piece. I’m not going to put the motion on the floor to table it because it’s non-debatable. I’m going to start down the line now and let Mr. Davis if he’s got anything he wants to add
or say on the thing.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. A few comments. I’m a lifelong resident of Anderson County. My family has been here almost two hundred years. I own guns, I carry guns, I shoot guns, I’m a member of the NRA, a lifetime member of Belton Gun Club. I love to hunt, fish and be outside. But what I ran on was -- and I believe in the Second Amendment. Don’t get me wrong. I ran on being financially conservative. I’m a conservative. Yeah, I ran on the Republican ticket, but I’m a conservative person. And I’ve heard tactics and people talk about fear. The only two things I fear is losing my little dog and I fear the Lord.

So I’m not afraid of anybody here because we’re all good citizens. We’re all good and passionate people. I don’t believe anybody in here is out for malice or anything tonight. And I’m not fearful of my life. I don’t -- I’m glad our officers are here. I’m glad our sheriff deputies are here and Major Vaughan is here. But I’m not afraid of anybody here. But I’m financially conservative.

And through this process that we’ve been going through, I’ve spoken many times with our sheriff, and the sheriff has agreed that he will uphold and not use county services to take anybody’s guns. And I’m not sure where some conversation got to taking place about -- county council can’t take your guns. County council is not the enforcement arm of Anderson County. And we don’t want to be. We’re here as servants of the people. We’re here to serve you. And this council is a good council. I may not agree with anybody down this line all the time, but we’ve done a lot of good in the last year and we’ll keep doing a lot of good. We’ve got a big budget to work on, and we want to be financially conservative with your tax dollars and our tax dollars. We pay taxes, too.

But back to this ordinance, I want to see something that -- no pun intended -- is bullet proof. Okay? I want to see something that we put out there that says what our intentions are, what we believe in, and can’t be challenged. If we put something out there that’s going to be challenged we’re going to be where Anderson County was in the past and we’re going to be paying a lot of legal fees, and guess who pays the legal fees? Us. We don’t want to do that. We want to do it -- my granddaddy, he had a good saying and I’ve sure all of you have heard it, if you’re going to do it do it right the first time. Saves money, saves time, saves blood, sweat and tears. We
want to do this thing the right way the first time. And I’m dedicated to that. And I know my fellow
council people are, too. But I am dedicated to that. And I want to put our best effort forward.

Some of you talked about, hey, let’s bring Anderson County back to the greatness it once was with
it being the Electric City. We’re making great strides. We’ve bringing the software package which is
really archaic up to speed. So we’re moving the county in the right direction. And we can do it along
the same lines by protecting the Second Amendment rights.

We need to make sure we’re doing it the right way. We don’t need to backtrack. Once we put something out
there, I don’t want to waste time and energy and money backtracking on something that doesn’t exactly hold
water. I want to make sure that the attorney general is in agreement with it. He’s a Second rights
activist, and I want to make sure that whatever we put out there is rock solid. Okay? And that’s where I’m
at on it.

I’m glad we’re tabling this tonight. I want to have good discussions with the community, with the
council and we come up with something -- you know, Anderson County could be the first one to do it. If
that’s what we want to do, we can be the first one to do it, but by God, we’d better do it right. Because
all these other counties around here aren’t exactly jumping on board. Spartanburg didn’t; Laurens didn’t.
Everybody else is doing a resolution. That’s where we were going. And the state has go the bill. The
state’s got some stuff working with representative Brian White. He’s working hard on this. Let’s
support him and his efforts down there.

But if we’re going to do it, we need to do it right the first time out of the gate. Thank you, Mr.
Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Councilman Davis did an excellent job summarizing the way I feel. I said Councilman Davis did a great job pretty much explaining the exact way I feel.

Again, Anderson County can be the first county that does this. And like he said, we need to do it right. We want to be an example for other people. I know I hear stall tactics. It’s not that. The ordinance that we had, our county attorney looked over it. It doesn’t need much tweaking. We can sit down together, work this out, get this thing passed.
I would like to say I heard things about Mr. Harmon, our county attorney here. Mr. Harmon’s son is a fighter pilot. He has another son on a mission in the Pacific that I don’t know when the last time he talked to him. But he’s one of the patriotic supporters that I’m hearing negative things about. And I just wanted to speak up on his behalf because his job is the law. And the law is either right or wrong. There’s no gray area in there. And if there’s an area that needs to be looked at or could cost us as citizens and taxpayers money, that’s what he’s there to do; is to protect us. So I would just like, again, to thank Mr. Harmon on what he worked on. I want everyone out here to know that I am a supporter of our Second Amendment rights. I’m going to fight with you and for you.

But as Councilman Davis said, it’s got to be done right and there’s a process. And I think I told someone earlier, it’s like baking a cake; you don’t start with the icing. We’ve got to get down and get the ingredients in there and then we can put the icing on top and we can come out and be one of the first.

I heard other things about council members; Chairman Dunn, a reg flag supporter. That’s the furthest thing -- I can’t believe it was even said. And I just wanted to speak on his behalf. Every one up here, most of the people that I’ve talked to and dealt with are in support. We’ve just go to do things, as Councilman Davis said, we’ve got to do it the right way; work together.

As Chairman Dunn said, I thought we had something worked out this morning that was supposed to have been shared with each and every one of you to where you knew we had the plan, we had the action, but again, I think that deal has changed or they may want to go a different direction.

But as the council member for District 4, we’re going to work this out and we’re going to get it put through. And I appreciate every one of you for being out here. I’d like, once this is through, get compassion on some other issues. Let’s make some changes together. I appreciate you. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN:
GRACIE FLOYD: My problem was I was blind sided. I didn’t get a phone call about any of this. I asked -- is his name Mr. Jones? Yeah, there he is in the back. I asked him, why didn’t you call me? Why didn’t you talk to me about this? Why didn’t you tell me what was going on? Nobody called me. Nobody called.
I walked in here -- well, first I heard rumors, something about me, and here I am minding my own business, trying to work in District 2, and all of this comes up. For no reason at all. Nobody said one word to me about it.

I’ve been busy working with housing in District 2. Folks in my district need housing. They have nowhere to live. There’s a lot of homeless people down there. I have seventy-seven houses in one district that needs to be torn down. The next highest is, I think it’s twenty-six. But in my district, District 2, seventy-seven. I have flooding. People couldn’t even go to their house, inside their house that day we had all that rain. I went down there. They were trying to get boats to get people out of their house. There was a lady in there who could not walk and they was taking boats to her house. That’s what I was thinking on.

I’ve been trying to pass out the voting registration form to make sure many people that could get out and vote. That’s what I’ve been doing. I’ve been busy. But not too busy to talk to somebody on the telephone to say, hey, how do you feel?

Now, I’m a Second Amendment person. I’ve got three firearms. One I had to give up. But I have three firearms. I’m a carrier. I protect myself. My boys protect themselves. So to be labeled as I was for whatever today -- today I have been given four reasons or explanations what this was all about. And every -- and all four were different. Four. When I was trying to figure out, well, what’s the problem? Who’s taking my guns from me? Who’s coming to do this for me? I’m not giving up my guns. And I asked this person what is this about? They told me one thing was wrong. I even called Personnel and I said, can you tell me what this is about? Didn’t -- I don’t think he had a clue. Okay. Phone calls. Nobody could tell me what this was about.

The man that came closest tonight is not here any more. When he spoke, ah, that’s what they’re upset about. And all you had to do was call me. I’m in the phone book.

But before -- as we go along on this road, let’s talk. Let’s talk to each other. I didn’t know y’all were having a meeting until this morning. Uh-huh (affirmative). I didn’t even know about the meeting this morning.

But I have Second Amendment. I have a gun. I’ve even got one of them pump things. I don’t know much about guns. And I have a -- what is it? Okay. I’ve got a three something Magnum. But I passed every test
that I had to take to get them, but I’ve got them. If you don’t believe me show up at three o’clock this morning with potato chips. Okay?

I’m not your enemy. I’m not your enemy. So don’t make me into your enemy. All right. Work with us.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’ll try to be brief. But you know, there’s so much to talk about here.

And first and foremost, I want to commend every one of the citizens that took the time and effort to speak tonight. I am a supporter of the Second Amendment. My good friend, Gary Bolden (phonics) back here, we had many a talks concerning weapons. I didn’t see you until a little bit ago, Gary. Good to see you tonight. But you know, I’m a firm supporter in it.

Someone made a comment earlier tonight while they were talking and they referred to council members as servants. And you hit it right on the head. That’s exactly what this position is. In fact, I’ve been a servant -- I’ll be fifty years old this year and I’ve been a servant for thirty-five. I started out in the Junior Rescue Squad, later on got into the fire department, got into law enforcement. When I got out of law enforcement, I got on county council. I’ve been serving the community my entire life. And proud to do so. And I can assure you, it is not for the money. You know, the taxes that we pay, we pay, us, you guys, I pay more in taxes, in property taxes each year than what I make on county council. And that’s a fact. But I’m proud to support this county. I’m proud to support the Second Amendment.

When this started coming up, I sent an email and notified Mr. Burns and also Mr. Harmon my thought process on this. Sent a proposal -- or sent kind of what the recommendation was as far as coming forth with an ordinance to present to full council for reading.

Now, one thing about it, there’s been multiple comments on this. I do realize that we can either do it and present an ordinance and have lawsuits and have all kind of other I guess flack from it, or we can do it right and we can set precedence and be the leader in the state on showing our support for the Second Amendment.

Now, with that being said, I realize that we have to go forth and move forward in getting something
done. Multiple times we have presented ordinances in
council on the first reading as in name only. And
basically that’s just a way of going ahead and getting
the process started and moving forward and basically
finishing up the details as we go. And naturally on
the second and third reading we have something in
place. Something hard there that’s in place that
meets the guidelines of whoever was the individual
that wanted it brought up. And as the times goes,
we’ve got the support of either full council or at
least four of us. Do your math up here. There’s
seven. We’ve got to have four to pass something.

Now, when you don’t have those three voted, it
doesn’t mean that they don’t support Anderson County.
It just means that they don’t necessarily support that
actual item that’s being presented. And there’s been
many a times that I’ve voted against these other six
members. And it’s not because I don’t support each
and every one of them. It’s because my beliefs or the
knowledge that I have on that particular topic, I just
felt like I needed to take a stand in a different
direction.

That goes back to our rights, guys. Each and
every individual’s rights. We’re put in a position to
represent. I represent District 3; okay? The ones
that don’t know, that’s the Starr, Iva, Belton area.
Growed up in Belton. Live in Starr now. Got a
business down in Iva. Very active in my community.

With all this being said, I’m not a bit happy
where we’re at tonight on this. Do I understand why
our attorney, our administrator, did not recommend
moving forward with this actual ordinance?
Absolutely. I understand that we’ve got some fine
tuning to do on that. Should we have went back and
changed it to a resolution? I don’t know. I’ve got
some questions on that. I think we probably created
more of a mess than we fixed one. I think there was
good intentions there. But I think we created more of
a mess than what we was trying to fix. Because
reality -- anyone that knows a resolution is not worth
the paper it’s written on. It is nothing more than
opinion of the body, which is the county council in
this case. So it’s nothing more than saying that this
is our opinion, we support the Second Amendment.
Guys, y’all can say that. It’s nothing more than a
statement. So we truly have not fixed the problem.

The problem we’ve got across this nation is people
are fighting to take away the Second Amendment rights.
Plain and simple. We can sugar coat it. We can call
it red flag. We can call it all these different
topics, all these different bills that’s trying to be passed. At the end of the day that’s what they’re trying to do. And I’m sorry, I was raised to protect those rights. And I continue to do so this day.

One thing that I really -- and I’m going to piggyback off of Ms. Floyd. She made a statement that she didn’t get no phone calls. Guys, I’ve been very involved in this. Very involved in it. And I’ve only received a handful of calls. But yet every day I hear criticism of the people that you elected to serve you -- notice I said serve you -- I hear criticism of them not supporting you; them not supporting your rights.

I know for a fact, because I’ve had the communication because, guys, the way it works I know I’ve got to have four people supporting this. Three others, counting myself, to move forward. It would be foolish for me to present something not having that support. It would be unfair to you guys for me to present something before I gained that support and understanding of what I’m presenting. But yet the criticism is there that the council does not support the Second Amendment.

Guys, I’m not going to sit up here and defend any of them. But I’ve spoken to multiple council members that I know for a fact supports the Second Amendment. But guess what, they don’t represent me. They represent their districts, which I’m sure is represented here tonight. All you guys are not from District 3. I’m sure we’ve got a cast from all seven districts.

Reach out to your council members. Be professional about it. Stress your concerns. And let’s come to a conclusion on how we can fix this. It’s not a matter of Anderson County being the first county to create an ordinance supporting the Second Amendment. The matter is we are the first county to submit an ordinance and pass it that sets precedence across this state of South Carolina. We’ve got to do it and we’ve got to do it right.

Guys, I rely on this gentleman right here. He’s the county attorney. We don’t all have individual attorneys. We have a county attorney that recommends the dos and don’ts. He don’t recommend what we support. He recommends what the law will allow us to do. He is very unbiased on that. But we’ve got to move forward. This going back and forth is not creating anything but a fiasco in our county.

The best thing about tonight is seeing the crowd that we have tonight to a council meeting. And I mean it’s great it’s for this cause. I just wish I had
seen this crowd every meeting. Because normally it’s just a handful. And guys, we cover so many important topics each and every meeting that truly affects you every day of your life; whether it’s financially, whether it’s benefits or opportunities for your families, for your children, for your grandchildren, for you; every bit of it, guys. It’s decided right here in this room through these servants that’s here to serve you.

I’m sorry. I’m just trying to make sure -- I’m looking over my notes to make sure I cover everything. In a nutshell, I do support the Second Amendment.

There was a meeting this morning. I was notified after the meeting that it was basically I guess an unofficial agreement on how we can move forward with a committee and basically -- you cannot meet with a group like this and come up with a presentation. Guys, it doesn’t work. It does not work. But it was my understanding we was going to basically allow the group to choose I think four people that’s going to be two council members, the county attorney and was it the county administrator?

TOMMY DUNN: Sheriff.

RAY GRAHAM: The sheriff. Someone from the sheriff’s department was going to be on that committee to bring back a recommendation. I don’t know where we stand tonight because I’ll be honest, I don’t support the resolution because I think it’s basically kind of watered down and it’s not going to serve our purpose. But in that we was going to put forth an amendment to form the committee. So I’m a little concerned with tabling this because if we table it are we still going to do the committee? Are we going to go back and leave this room tonight that all you have took your time to come up here, are we going to leave the room tonight with not one God durn thing solved? You know, everything is still in limbo. Everybody is going to go back out there and get on Facebook world and start bashing everybody. It’s not going to solve one thing. I encourage you to run for my seat. And that’s not my -- that is definitely not me being arrogant. That’s me encouraging you to get involved in your community to serve. Okay? That’s what it’s about.

APPLAUSE

RAY GRAHAM: At the end of the day when we leave tonight we need to have some type of plan in place. And I hope somehow we can do that. Because there’s guidelines. If we table this, it kind of ties our hands on that. So we need to think about
what our next move is.

Again, I truly appreciate all y’all’s comments tonight. My number is readily available. I own Cam’s café in Iva. You can call down there, they’ll give you my cell phone. Or you can look it up. I’m telling you, my number is readily available to anybody. I encourage you to call me. But don’t tell somebody my opinion if it’s not the opinion I gave you. That’s all I ask. Be fair to me on that and I promise you, I’ll continue to serve you.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And thank you all for coming tonight. When Mr. Jones called me about three or four weeks ago, I told him that I doubted there would be a single person up here who would be opposed to the Second Amendment. But language on a written resolution or ordinance might be something that we had to (end of audio 2.1). And I cannot really improve on what my fellow council members have said tonight. I did get a phone call right before lunch from our Chairman Dunn that there had been a meeting earlier today that involved trying to set up a program to get a proper ordinance. The language was indeed an issue here.

I hope you will all come back again and again. You can’t have representation if we don’t hear from you. And we do covet your prayers and your input. In fact, I hope you’ll wait till the end of the meeting to leave because there’s some more important stuff for us to cover.

I don’t -- I bet none of you knew that our county came out of the great recession, which is probably the biggest depression of our lifetimes, top ten in the nation for economic development. And that was with having the most corrupt local government in our history that had just been voted out and new council put in place. There was even a debt service payment of half a million dollars that we didn’t even know we had. There were millions of dollars in obligations that nobody knew. This is the most transparent, responsive county council that we know of.

Our county sheriff had done more in his short tenure than any of our prior sheriffs, in my knowledge. So I think that it speaks well to the transparency and the teamwork of this county at every level. And I hope you will all come back and participate. Many of us have town hall meetings around our districts and you would be so welcome. And you know you’re welcome to call me or any of our
fellow council members any time you have a question. And I hope you’ll do that. And I hope I’ll see you back at the next meeting. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. At this time I’d like to say one last thing before I put a motion on the floor. I’d like to echo what Mr. Sanders said. I don’t mind -- I’m a big boy. I can take the insults people enjoy doing on social media. I got in politics. That’s expected. Mr. Harmon don’t deserve that. I can tell you first hand he’s a good, conservative republican and he’s doing what’s right for the law. So to try to bully him -- I’m not going to be bullied. But to try to bully Mr. Harmon and going into name-calling, there’s no place for that. I hope we’ve learned a lesson and we’re better than that. We might disagree on some things, but let’s be civil.

Now, my motion is to table the resolution tonight and to come back no later than the first meeting in April with an ordinance. I put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion show of hands.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: What?

RAY GRAHAM: (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: My motion is to table this resolution tonight and to come back no later than the first meeting in April. I said no later. We’ve got to have time to work something out. If we can get it done the first of March -- I mean the next meeting, we will. But I don’t want to tell you that we’re going to do this in the first meeting -- do it by the second meeting in March and not be able to do it. Then we’ll be accused as a bunch of liars. I’m trying to give us a little time to work with. Okay? Now to come back with an ordinance by the second week -- I’m sorry -- by the first meeting in April. That is a motion to table, non-debatable, no discussion. That’s Robert’s Rules of Order. Do I have a second? Second Mr. Sanders.

RAY GRAHAM: (Inaudible) amended at all?

TOMMY DUNN: Not that. It’s not an amendable motion. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Wilson in favor. Mr. Graham opposes.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Graham, would you
ask for a personal privilege to explain?

RAY GRAHAM: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

RAY GRAHAM: And this is some uncharted waters so I’m actually asking what do we need to do to make this happen? I understand we cannot bring forth in name only the ordinance with the agenda. And I’m explaining this to the citizens because I’m not sure if you guys know. We cannot add that to the agenda tonight.

TOMMY DUNN: Right.

RAY GRAHAM: It’s just part of our rules is we have to give a twenty-four hour notice.

Can I make a recommendation that this is placed on the agenda of the next meeting that we have in name only and we still go forth with the committee that Chairman Dunn and Vice Chairman Sanders had kind of discussed this morning with the meeting of the group?

TOMMY DUNN: I have every intention of putting a committee together; two council members, the sheriff, citizens, to get this done.

RAY GRAHAM: Okay. So is it going to be on the agenda next meeting?

TOMMY DUNN: That’s up to y’all. I’m telling you I’d rather have something somebody can look at because when you do something in title only on something like this, to me that can be just like a resolution, got no teeth in it. This way they can see it. And if we can get it done by the next meeting, you know, it’ll be on there. But by no later than the second meeting -- I’m sorry -- the first meeting in April. This gives us a little bit of time in case we don’t. We’ve got to get people together and sit down and -- this ain’t going to be done, I don’t think, in one meeting. It’s going to take several meetings to get stuff worked out and get agreed on. But it will happen.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

RAY GRAHAM: With all due respect, and I understand that, but we’ve also done on important topics before in name only and originally this was brought forth by a council member, which was myself and also Councilman Wooten, as an ordinance. I got the notification last week that it was changed to a resolution. And again, with all due respect, I understand why. But the citizens -- I mean I don’t want to rush this, but I do want to show that we’re doing what we’re supposed to do.

TOMMY DUNN: You ain’t got to make
no motion or nothing. As a councilman it’s your God-
given right to put it on the agenda next meeting in
title only. That’s up to you.

RAY GRAHAM:    Well, yes, sir, I did
on the resolution in the past ---

TOMMY DUNN:    Any councilman can do
that.

RAY GRAHAM:    I know. And I did on
the ordinance in the past and it was changed to a
resolution the day before the agenda. So I guess what
I’m saying is I want to make sure that we are moving
forward and working diligently not to pass an
ordinance, but to pass an ordinance that’s going to
protect the county and its citizens. It’s a very thin
line there, but we want to make sure we do it the
right way.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN:    I think my -- I think
our motion is pretty -- we’re going to do something
another. But like I said, next council meeting you’ve
got every right to do something if you want to put it
on there.

BRETT SANDERS:    Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN:    Yes, sir, Mr. Sanders.
BRETT SANDERS:    I would like to -- I’m
speaking into it. I understand where Mr. Graham is
coming from. And if he wants to put it on the agenda
I will support that. I’m not -- I understand what we
have. I know that he and -- I hate that ---

TOMMY DUNN:    Mr. Wooten?
BRETT SANDERS:    --- is not here today.

But I know they’ve worked hard on it, and I think with
the effort that they put in, if they could get
something worked out, I’d be more than happy to try
and help and support Mr. Graham and you, as well, in
this motion.

TOMMY DUNN:    Appreciate it.

Moving on, item number 10, Public Safety.

You putting that in a motion?

RAY GRAHAM:    I thought we were
voting on your ---
TOMMY DUNN:    I thought we voted on
it. Yeah, we’ve done voted on it. Didn’t we vote on
it?
JIMMY DAVIS:    We voted on tabling and

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TOMMY DUNN:    Yeah, we voted on
tabling it in my motion. We voted on that.

CINDY WILSON:    We voted to table and

then Mr. Graham had a point of personal privilege
requesting ---
TOMMY DUNN: He just discussed it.
He’s out the ---
CINDY WILSON: --- to put it on the
next agenda.
TOMMY DUNN: We voted on that.
JIMMY DAVIS: We did.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item
to put it on the
number 10, Public Safety Update on Dispatch. Mr.
Graham.
MALE: (Inaudible.)
TOMMY DUNN: No, sir. No, no. No. It’s going to be on the next thing. He’s got a right to put it on there, sir. This is over. We’re moving on.
MALE: (Inaudible.)
TOMMY DUNN: No, sir. This is a council meeting. We’ll be here after the meeting and be glad to talk -- fellow, sit down.
MALE: Don’t tell me to sit down.
TOMMY DUNN: Where’s security at?
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Public Safety ---
MALE: (Inaudible.)
TOMMY DUNN: No, sir, you’re not a member of this body. We’ve tried to get through this thing. Like I said, any of us will be here after this meeting is over to talk about it. We’ve got to move on with the people’s business.
MALE: (Inaudible.)
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Yes, you are. This is it. Moving on.
RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, as far as Public Safety Update on Dispatch -- Ms. Becky, I’m not sure if council will have any questions for you guys, but if y’all want to step on up just in case. This does not come forth in the form of a recommendation from Public Safety. We did discuss this. We did not vote on it. And we’ve talked since then and we just feel like we need to bring it before full council. More so of an update and seeking the support of full council on what dispatch is doing.
As far as -- we have had major, major issues with the EMD cards, which is basically the cards that’s utilized when an EMS call comes in, it basically helps the dispatcher determine what the need is, you know, what true service is that individual needing at the
time. Is it an emergency where they’ve got to run
lights and sirens? Is it something that we can put
as, you know, no lights and sirens and just mainly
just come out more of a welfare check, well-being
check, stomped toe, something along that lines or is
it something more critical as far as heart attack that
could cause death or something along that lines.

With that being said, Becky -- excuse me, I
apologize -- Ms. Carter and her staff has worked
diligently on basically determining what is the next
step? Fortunately for Anderson County, they have had
experience working in the two options that we have
working with those individuals.

After checking pricing and looking at different
options as far as what would truly serve the needs of
Anderson County the most, they basically came back
with a recommendation of AVCO basically in a sense
rewriting the cards to help identify and label the
true emergencies versus the more of the stomped toe or
what type of priority the actual call is. In doing
so, we can do that system for about forty-eight --
forty-six, forty-eight thousand, I think, versus the
other system which would be an upgrade of two hundred
and some thousand dollars.

Another difference on it, the other system they
actually have to come in and train each and every time
we get a new employee. This system that we’re working
on here, our staff can do the annual updates and also
train the new employees. So basically with the
knowledge and the abilities that they already have in
place, they’re going to save the county a fortune and
we’re going to get the same bang for the buck where
basically it’s really less than a fourth of the cost
of the other option.

With that being said, I mean they’re definitely
here to answer any questions. I know the Public
Safety Committee is familiar with this because we have
had multiple talks on it. And I don’t want to say
it’s part of the reason our EMS system is failing, but
it’s definitely causing a tremendous taxation on the
system of us basically running out of ambulances
because that ambulance is really going out to
transport someone that’s, you know, had a head cold
for two weeks and all of a sudden wants to go to the
hospital tonight versus that same ambulance going and
answering that call for the heart attack patient that
needs to be at the hospital ten minutes. So basically
it’s going to reduce the taxation on the system and
hopefully allow our contractors and our providers to
provide better service to our citizens.
Again, I bring this forth in the form of a motion. Mr. Chairman, we will need a second because, again, we did not vote to bring forth this.

CINDY WILSON: Can you repeat that?
TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from ---

CINDY WILSON: Can you repeat your motion, please?
RAY GRAHAM: Basically the motion is that we move forward with basically the upgrading of AVCO. It’s going to cost forty something thousand dollars. The money is actually in their budget. We knew we were going to have to do this. We just really didn’t know what route. The purpose of this tonight is really to show the support for our staff and dispatch that literally is normally on the back burner and don’t get the recognition that they so well deserve. It’s basically showing that we support them on the decision they’re making and moving forward in improving our system.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham. And I think Mr. Davis seconded it?
JIMMY DAVIS: Yes, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion?
JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, Mr. Davis.
JIMMY DAVIS: I just want to make a quick note and I thank all of you for all that you do. (Inaudible). I can’t imagine the daily ins and outs of what you do and we appreciate it, this council. This effort you’re putting forth is great. And there’s a lot of hidden savings in there. I can tell you without a shadow of a doubt probably in excess of (inaudible) dollars. I’m just applauding the work of everyone here. And I thank you for all that you do, the whole team. I look forward (inaudible). Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

Anyone else? I, too, want to echo and appreciate the job everybody has done in working on this. I think it’s going to make the dispatcher job a little bit more easier and make it better for our citizens of Anderson County. We appreciate what all y’all do out there.

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

Again, thank y’all.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Moving on now to item number 11, report from the Planning and Public Works meeting held Wednesday, February 19, Chairman Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our committee provided a review and discussion of several issues with no votes taken.

The first item was the current state of recycling volumes, pricing and changes in the handling of recyclables. There is no market for co-mingle. The county has to either separate or dispose. Starting in 2016-17, China quit accepting dirty and co-mingled recyclables. Mr. Smith, our Solid Waste Director, informed us that metal and plastic prices had improved slightly and paper was down, reminding us that the most important part of recycling in our county is that what is recycled does not have to be disposed of in the landfill at twenty-three dollars and ninety cents per ton. And I'm requesting our council members to please review the recycling revenue handout that we received recently for greater detail.

The next issue was that of the Anderson Regional Landfill and South Carolina DHEC have requested another hundred thousand tons of added capacity to the fifty thousand tons that the county had already approved. This will require a public hearing, which since our discussion, has been set for 31 March at Cedar Grove Elementary School in the Cheddar Community at 6:30 p.m. to be conducted by South Carolina DHEC and will include a South Carolina DHEC presentation of their oversight of the Kinder-Morgan spill. That was half a million gallons, by the way, of fuel that spilled. It was noted that the host fee paid to the county by the Anderson Regional Landfill has increased. However, more volume of trash going to the landfill bringing more host fee results in a shorter life span for the landfill. Anderson Regional Landfill representatives have indicated that they are seeking to purchase more land to expand their footprint in the community.


CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Complaints regarding the powerful methane gas stench in the community and all the way into Williamston have continued unabated. The Anderson Regional Landfill is trying to replace lines and add eight more wells, but the bad weather has stopped their work.

Next we were informed that any moratorium on large
scale projects would have to be oriented toward general health and welfare for the public. There have been thousands of new home sites developed in northern Anderson County in the last few years, exacerbating the county’s problems in keeping up with road improvements required by the tremendous increase in traffic. More developments are in the planning stages now. School District 1 representatives were in attendance and pointed out that they have in place a hundred and nine million dollar bond to build and improve facilities that will accommodate growth in their district at one to two percent per year for the next ten years, but not for the deluge of hundreds more homes and more children. Our volunteer fire departments are absolutely stretched thin. EMS services are experiencing difficulty negotiating extra traffic and requiring more personnel, equipment and trucks. And you just heard from our dispatch, they’re overwhelmed with additional calls, too, right now. Even the ReWa, which now is in charge of providing sewer to that part of the county will have to expand also.

Our state mandated Planning Commission is performing very well in their function of lawfully taking into consideration these and other elements and determining to recommend approval for the development proposals coming before them.

Our committee next examined the capital improvements and capital maintenance planning list for which the Planning Commission has already conducted a public hearing and forwarded on to our county council. The capital improvement planning CIP process is a strategic long range planning and financial tool. Each year the Planning Department requests all county departments to identify capital improvement projects of ten thousand dollars or more. The Planning Department compiles the information and forwards to the Planning Commission, County Council, the Administrator and Finance. The CIP process is beneficial to our county departments in several ways. It helps departments foresee large expenditures, allowing time to better manage their workloads and planning time tables for large projects.

Finally the CIP can enable coordination of projects among departments so as to avoid piecemeal improvements and duplication of expenses. Overall the CIP process can help the county departments maintain their continuity to service to the greatest benefit of our citizens and into the future.

Also included here as part of the overall CIP is
the capital maintenance plan, CMP, which focuses on
the maintenance and replacement of current assets so
these needs can be addressed in a timely and
coordinated manner.

This is also a state mandated requirement and must
be incorporated into our annual budget. Our committee
had many questions for which there will be answers
provided and further discussions at the next scheduled
Planning and Public Works Committee meeting on 9 March
at 1:30. And y’all are all invited to come.

At that meeting our Waste Water Division Director
will be providing plans and updates that are also part
of the CIP.

Do my fellow council members have any additions to
this report?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: I don’t have an
addition, but I would like to have the minutes.
CINDY WILSON: The minutes are being
written now and they will be approved at the meeting
on the 9th. And they’ll be incorporated.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and all who participated.
Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Chairman
Wilson. Appreciate the report.
Moving on -- number 12 has been pulled; that’s
executive session for legal matters. That’s not ready
to move forward.

Does anyone have any appointments I don’t know
about?

Hearing none, we’ll go on to requests by council
members. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
I just have one. From the District 6 recreation
account, I’d like to appropriate three hundred and
fifty dollars to Shalom House Ministries,
Incorporated. I make that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr.
Davis. Do we have a second.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: No, sir. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?
BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, I have two.
I would like to distribute funds from my rec account
in the amount of five hundred to VMD Scholarship
Fund/Crappie USA. Also, Shalom House Ministries, five hundred, as well, sir.  
TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr. Sanders. Do we have a second.  
CINDY WILSON: Second.  
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Sanders?  
BRET SANDERS: No, sir.  
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, you ready or do you want me to move on?  
GRACIE FLOYD: No, I’m ready. I’m ready. But I didn’t get anything from the Shalom House. Is that apart of the VMD Scholarship Fund?  
TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am, that’s something that just come up, an emergency, but they got all their paperwork, so they asked to get their ---  
GRACIE FLOYD: I’m looking for the Shalom thing, but I didn’t ---  
TOMMY DUNN: That’s what I’m talking about. I think it was on our desk tonight. I had it here somewhere another. They had an emergency come up with sewer, my understanding. But it wasn’t in there.  
JIMMY DAVIS: Their sewer collapsed.  
TOMMY DUNN: That’s it, Ms. Floyd. Do you see it?  
GRACIE FLOYD: No, sir. I’m going to do -- I’m going to allocate five thousand dollars to the Men at Work. Every year about this time they plan an educational trip for the youth that they’re responsible for. It’s a skill development program, excuse me. I put that in the form of a motion.  
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Floyd. Have a second?  
JIMMY DAVIS: Second.  
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Floyd?  
GRACIE FLOYD: Now the other thing, I did not get a copy of it. District 2 doesn’t give out funds unless I have sat down and talked with the person. And I’m sure that’s appreciated because we get calls for funds, for money, all the time. But District 2 is in the habit of talking to the people, finding out what the funds are for, finding out if they have the credentials to do this. But I’m a little disappointed in that last one. Who was it?
Shalom House, yeah. But that’s all I have today.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’d like to make a motion for five hundred dollars toward Shalom House Ministries. They are in my district, District 3. They’re very active; do a lot of good for the entire county for members, citizens throughout the county. No particular district. They have been in operation for quite sometime and just does tremendous work. So I’d like to present five hundred dollars from my rec fund on that.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Anything else, Mr. Graham?

Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. District 7, likewise, would like to appropriate five hundred dollars to Shalom House. They come before us every year. And we do have requirements now that any beneficiary of an appropriation has to report back to council as to how the funds were used and make sure it was all done properly. Thank you.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

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

I make a motion for five hundred dollars for the VMD Scholarship Fund for Crappie USA and a thousand dollars to the Shalom House. Put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.


JIMMY DAVIS: I was getting a little ahead of myself.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Moving on now to Administrator’s Report.

RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time.

Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Now moving on to citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please address the chair. You’ve got three minutes.

Mr. Harmon.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: Speak up.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, see if that -- there it goes.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I hope some of you have -- that have come tonight have realized that it’s more than a one-issue thing that goes on here. A lot of information that came over tonight. You can go on the Anderson County website and you can look and get this whole packet that I have. It tells you what the agenda is going to be, the minutes, and all of that. You can do that.

The report from the Planning Committee, there were several issues there that are relevant. One, I went to a trash talk meeting in Greenville. They actually named Anderson County as having some severe problems. One is the VIVA recycling. Did you know they had a big fire this week that DHEC is not doing their due diligence to make them clean that up. DHEC is not doing their due diligence to help get the Kinder-Morgan thing cleaned up.

Also in this packet tonight, Ms. Wilson was talking about some of the proposed ways that the money that you’re taxed for is going to -- really this is one that has to be looked through. Big stuff there.

The ordinance or the bill that Brian White and so forth has written, it’s a beginning. But I see in here a problem. And that is that there is no way to keep the Federal government from taxing you. They say you can have these things. You can have firearms, you can have the Amendments. You can have the so-forth. But if the Federal government decides to tax you five hundred dollars on every case of ammunition what good is it to want to have a gun if you haven’t got anything to shoot. So there’s some problems with that.

I do want to address last week. Today we started our meeting at 6:32, which is fine. Want to get everybody settled. But the Chairman didn’t seem to want to realize last week that we started early, which I mentioned because I didn’t get to sign my name. We had actually done the pledge and the prayer and I turned around and looked at the clock and the long hand was just on the six, which means we had started.
early. I don’t like it when I say these thing. I
don’t make them up. And the Chairman always has to
come back with some kind of thing. Sometimes, Mr.
Dunn, you are wrong. It behooves the council to want
to have people to come speak. And I happen to be one
of those people. But to get that kind of response
really makes me both angry ---

LEON HARMON:    Time, Mr. Chairman.
ELIZABETH FANT:    --- and sad.
TOMMY DUNN:    Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Next?

LEON HARMON:    Next speaker is Randy
Jones.

RANDY JONES:    Again, my name is Randy
Jones. I’m from District 7.

I just want to thank the council for what you’re
doing for us. I do want to apologize for Ms. Floyd,
too, as well, because she was the one person that I
haven’t had a chance to speak with personally, but I
will get with you because I think it is important to
understand more about what our Second Amendment is,
what being a Second Amendment sanctuary county for us
as citizens.

I do want to -- I think we’re headed in the right
direction. I think it didn’t transpire exactly like I
was anticipating from our meeting earlier today. But
I do think that if we get to an ordinance at the next
meeting that we can work on, I’ll be glad to do what I
can as a citizen of Anderson County and my information
from South Carolina Carry to help work on that as a
group. You’ve got my support in trying to make that
happen.

It is important for me for us to do it the right
way. I agree with your comments there. So we want to
make sure that we have an ordinance that’s good for
everybody. What’s good for our county should be good
for the citizens of Anderson County, as well. That’s
been my desire the whole time for being involved in
this. You can be assured that I’m going to do
everything I can to support the group that’s here
today. I appreciate all the people that spoke up. I
think they really let their voice be heard with what
they think about trying to get an ordinance
(inaudible). I support that.

TOMMY DUNN:    Mr. Harmon?
LEON HARMON:    Next speaker is Brent
Powell.

BRENT POWELL:    As to my point of
clarity earlier, according to Roberts Rules of Order,
I’m going to take my three minutes to ask that now.
There is still some confusion about what was actually done on number 9 earlier.

Chairman, you had a motion to table it. There was some motions to second that. Then he asked what was going on. And then he had a motion to not table it but to put a ordinance name at the next meeting. Then there was some yada yada yada. And then nobody heard anything after that. You closed it out. Shut everything down. So I’m wondering what actually happened so that there is no this, that and the other.

I want to know exactly what happened at the end of that where we know where we’re at now.

TOMMY DUNN: I’ll address that in my closing comments. This is not a back and forth; you ask questions to council. That’s in our ordinance. But I’ll be glad to address that in my closing comments.

BRENT POWELL: All right. Can you do it now during my three minutes?

TOMMY DUNN: No.

BRENT POWELL: Why not?

TOMMY DUNN: I just told you. Our ordinance don’t allow a back and forth. It’s not that way. But I’ll be glad to -- in my closing comments ---

BRENT POWELL: Well, I would like to go on record as saying that I’m not being opposing to you, I’m not being confrontational; I just have some serious questions. So I understand you might be having a bad day or a bad evening ---

TOMMY DUNN: No.

CINDY WILSON: Our ordinance ---

BRENT POWELL: But there’s some tension there that I don’t think necessarily needs to be there. There was some miscommunications all throughout the day between the ordinance not being done, a resolution getting thrown out. The world wonders why there’s so many conspiracy theories. It’s because there’s no communication.

So what we need to know is just where we stand; where you guys stand, so that there is no more miscommunication. I was clarified by what was said tonight. I’ve been encouraged by what was said tonight. Because I did not know that the ordination (verbatim) was still being looked at by the attorney. The only information that was thrown out to everybody that we know in the Facebook world is that the ordination (verbatim) was unconstitutional and it was thrown out and we get this watered down resolution.

So what I’m just asking for is so that when I go home
tonight that my wife asks me what happened; you didn’t
go to jail, did you? I’m like, no, I didn’t go to
jail. So I can explain to her what happened; where
we’re at right now. That’s all.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Now comments from council members. Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.
Chairman. And I definitely want to thank everyone
here tonight.

Our ordinance governing the meeting format is such
-- is what Mr. Chairman was trying to explain. We
don’t have a back and forth conversation during
citizen comments. But I’m hoping that we can all take
our conversations and discussions tonight and go
forward with a far greater participation in your local
government.

Your local government, in the form of school
boards and your county council and your town council,
that’s where the rubber really hits the road locally.
We probably have more jurisdiction or authority over
your lives than the Federal government. So it’s very
important that we have greater participation.

For example, your school boards -- your school
districts take about seventy to seventy-five percent
of your tax dollar. Did you know that? The county
doesn’t get quite as much and we try to work really
hard up here together and with y’all to be the best
stewards of your tax dollars.

We do have some issues with South Carolina DHEC.
You’re most cordially invited to the Cheddar Community
the 31st of March to hear what South Carolina DHEC has
to say for themselves. We’ll be very professional but
very adamant in requiring greater attention to the
environment that our citizens have to live in over
there that we all have to pay for.

So thank you for coming tonight. We’ll be working
hard on this ordinance. And I’m looking forward to
seeing and hearing a great deal more from all of you.
Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr.
Chairman. First of all, I would definitely like to
commend Anderson County fire service for their
tireless efforts of bringing the -- noted the fire
that we’ve had under control. It was -- I know it was
a long several days out there for those guys and
girls. And also the county departments that assisted. I know Homeland Park was out there, very instrumental with it. And also multiple employees throughout the county; EOC, sheriff’s department. I mean the list just goes on and on. Dispatch, I’m sure y’all was bombarded with multiple calls from it, as well.

The county has been working tirelessly on trying to get that mess, and that’s exactly what it is, cleaned up. Hopefully this will bring some more attention and hopefully we can get it cleaned up and get that just disgusting look out from the community.

But again, just wanted to commend the fire service for all their hard work over the several days that that went on.

The other thing is just back on the Second Amendment. And again, I don’t want to beat a dead horse, but Ms. Croegaort, if you could make a note, I would like that to be placed on the agenda. I just want to let that be on the record that I am requesting that. I am also requesting Chairman Dunn if you would continue on with the committee and definitely support you a hundred percent on doing that. And my hope there is again that that committee will be able to collectively come across with a solution to bring back to full council to move forward with this.

Again, I cannot stress enough, it’s not that we put that ordinance in place. It’s that we put the right ordinance in place. I assure you, I’m not trying to drag it out, but I do want it to be the right thing. I do want to set precedence. I do want to make sure that when we put that in place we are the leader in the state because we took the right action.

I can say honestly tonight, and I feel like the other council members can, as well, your voices have been heard. Continue the fight. Do it the right way. Do it the professional way. Let’s come together and let’s make Anderson County better.

Mr. Chairman, that’s all I’ve got. I do appreciate it. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I was looking through the minutes from the last meeting and maybe I missed it, if I did will somebody please call me, that I didn’t see the fact that there was an ordinance about this thing in the last meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: No, there wasn’t; not on the agenda.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I didn’t see that where it was even proposed. So I was wondering why it
changed. But see, there was no agreement, no vote, no
nothing, then ---
TOMMY DUNN: It wasn’t on the
agenda.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, you was right to
have this time to change it.
Okay. We had a community meeting on Thursday last
week in the fire department at Homeland Park. This
meeting was to try to get the information together
because we are writing a grant for -- is Mr. Newton
still here? Okay. We are writing a grant. I think
that grant is three hundred and fifty thousand dollars
for District 2, Homeland Park area, so we can tear
down those houses and we can clean up some areas
around there. So we worked to do that. We will be
having some more meetings. Is anybody from Homeland
Park in here now? Okay. Good. District 2. Let me
put that in there; okay. District 2 Homeland Park.
All right. But we are compiling the problems in that
area so it can be written into the grant so hopefully
we can get some money.
I know what the Second Amendment means. I
honestly do. I am a law abiding person. And before I
armed myself, I found out that I could, according to
the ... So I would love to talk to you, Mr. Jones,
about the other things. And the other things are
what’s the -- like I told you earlier, there was four
different -- four different things that I got when I
asked the question what is this about? There was four
different. So if you and I could talk about it and
see just -- and get it down to one so I can know what
I’m going to vote for or what I’m going to vote
against, I would appreciate knowing that.
It’s been a long night and it was good to see
y’all. Come back. And maybe we can work together in
understanding the county council meeting system.
Okay? Because we’ve had this system for as long as I
can remember and I’ve been in here twenty-eight years.
Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr.
Sanders. Thank you, Mr. Sanders. Mr. Davis.
JIMMY DAVIS: Just one real quick.
We do have by our ordinances which are set long before
I ever got voted in; not that long ago, but of how we
have to have meeting. And until we, as a council,
change those ordinances, that’s how we have to go
about it. It’s our rules of conduct here. It’s our
rules of behavior. And we try to adhere to it. And
you know, I invite all of you back. This is a great
piece of your local government. What we do here has
impact on your life. And we take it very, very
seriously; every single one of us. We all come from
different backgrounds and different career choices,
but we take it very, very seriously. Anybody that
sits up here that doesn’t is not here very long. But
I take this position with great reverence.
And I appreciate you being here tonight. We
invite you back again. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.
Just real shortly to answer this gentleman’s
question back here in the back, what transpired
tonight, the resolution was tabled with the amendment
to it that no later than the first meeting in April
we’ll have an ordinance written. Mr. Graham is asking
for a title only on the next council agenda.
Hopefully we can have something by next council
meeting wrote. The reason again it looks a little bit
plain because if I tell you we’ll have something in
writing and we don’t, then we’re all a bunch of liars.
We’re just trying to give us time to get something
worked out. It’s a little bit of a complex issue, but
we’re going to get started on it and there will be a
committee.
Thank y’all very much for coming out.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15 P.M.)