

MINUTES  
UNION COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.  
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE COURTHOUSE AT 210 WEST MAIN STREET  
STREAMED TO FRANK HART UNION COUNTY  
SUPERVISOR FACEBOOK PAGE

Present: Chairman Frank Hart, Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey, Councilwoman Tracie Campbell, Councilman David Sinclair, Councilman John Flood, Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly and County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros.

Absent: Councilman Ralph Tucker

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed, emailed or delivered to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, Jeff Fellers with Clemson Extension, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Robert Small, Mr. James Kollock, Mrs. Casie Jolly, Daniel Prince at WBCU Radio Station, Graham Williams at the County News, the News Room at the Spartanburg Herald Journal, Shell Suber at MHISC, and Michael Lee with MHISC as well as to elected officials and heads of various county departments and offices. A notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda were also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order. Councilman David Sinclair gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Tracie Campbell, District 1 – Present

Ralph Tucker, District 2 – Absent

David Sinclair, District 3 - Present

Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present

District 5 - Vacant

John Flood, District 6 – Present

David Sinclair: Made a motion to approve the minutes as written of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on February 8, 2022.

John Flood: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart presented service award certificates and gift certificates for Christina M. Lamb for 5 years of service, for Robert C. Fraim for 15 years of service and for Lisha S. Blackwell for 30 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was Robert Alexander to discuss EMS and 911 but he was not present at the meeting.

David B. Pittman addressed Council about the Buffalo Mill Village Park Project. He asked when they were going to get results for Phase II of that project. Chairman Frank Hart said the County was applying for a Brownfield Grant to help finance the Phase II testing. Mr. Pittman said he has 40 years of

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experience and would be willing to do pro-bono work on the project since he is retired if the County was interested. Chairman Frank Hart asked if he would be willing to serve on the Committee in Buffalo and said he would like to talk to him about it further.

Andrew Dobson with Halliday, Schwartz & Company presented the Union County Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 which included a separate Single Audit. He went over the Audit Letter and the summary sheet. He stated Union County had a really good year in that the Fund Balance increased by \$1,320,910.00 for the year to a total of \$9,119,422.00. He went over the factors that contributed to the increase in funds.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider approval of the Prioritized Community Needs list submitted by the Catawba Regional Council of Governments as a result of the public hearing held on February 8, 2022.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to adopt the Prioritized Community Needs list as presented.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any requests to fill any vacant budgeted positions but there were none.

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was any requests for capital funds. He stated Council had approved not to exceed \$220,000.00 for the purchase of four vehicles for the Sheriff's Office at their last monthly meeting. They had anticipated the vehicles would be paid from funds in the 2022-2023 Union County Budget but the vehicles are available for purchase now. If Council approves the purchase now then it would replace the Sheriff's vehicle allotment in the 2022-2023 Budget.

John Flood: Made a motion to approve the purchase of the four vehicles for the Sheriff's Office at a cost not to exceed \$220,000.00 from the 2021 GO Bond Proceeds.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the County received a grant through the South Carolina Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$173,661.00 for the purchase of three new vehicles for School Resource Officers and additional equipment to be reimbursed from the grant. He requested Council approve the purchases using the procurement process.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to purchase the vehicles and other equipment that can be reimbursed from the State grant for the School Resource Officers as requested.

Tracie Campbell: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated there were various departments that need new vehicles and he had provided Council with a list of the vehicles and the costs. He recommended the vehicles be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$620,000.00 from the 2021 General Obligation Bond proceeds.

John Flood: Made a motion to approve the purchase of the vehicles recommended by Chairman Frank Hart at a cost not to exceed \$620,000.00 from the 2021 General Obligation Bond proceeds.

Tracie Campbell: Seconded the motion. Councilman John Flood stated most of the vehicles that need to be replaced had between 150,000 and 300,000 miles on them. Councilman David Sinclair said they had been putting off the purchase of these vehicles because the County didn't have the funds. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated Council needed to consider appointments to the Building Code Board of Appeals as they need to hold a hearing. He had provided Council with names of individuals that would be willing to serve on the Board.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to reappoint Jon Kendrick.

Tracie Campbell: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

John Flood: Made a motion to appoint Trad Bruce.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tracie Campbell: Made a motion to appoint Paul Sanders.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart asked if any elected officials wanted to address Council but there were none.

Chairman Frank Hart presented an Inducement Resolution providing for a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement between Union County and Project Vidar. He stated this was just a technicality to finalize the documents needed to complete Project Vidar.

John Flood: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the Inducement Resolution providing for a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement between Union County and Project Vidar.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart presented a resolution to create a commission pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, SC Code Ann. § 4-10-300, ET SEQ.; to provide for the appointment, composition, duties and responsibilities of such commission and to provide for other matters relating thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution to create a commission pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, SC Code Ann. § 4-10-300, ET SEQ.; to provide for the appointment, composition, duties and responsibilities of such commission and to provide for other matters relating thereto.

John Flood: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for first reading in title only a Union County ordinance authorizing the lease of certain Union County-owned real property and improvements thereon; and other matters related thereto. He said this was the lease related to County-owned property at 103 W. Main Street.

David Sinclair: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the Union County ordinance authorizing the lease of certain Union County-owned real property and improvements thereon; and other matters related thereto.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. Chairman Frank Hart stated the City of Union had allowed the people currently occupying the building to relocate temporarily to the Main Street Junction. After the Sheriff's Office moves to the old Wells Fargo Building then they plan to use space in the old jail. Councilman John Flood asked about the timeline if the current people using that location were being allowed to use space at the Main Street Junction. Chairman Frank Hart stated they would be using office space located on the second floor of that building so it should affect functions being held.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

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Chairman Frank Hart stated he had provided Council with a copy of his Supervisor's Report. He cautioned Council that the General Fund Balance in the Audit report has other items lumped into the \$9.1 million balance. The unrestricted General Fund Balance went from \$7.2 million to \$8.3 million.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports. He told Councilwoman Tracie Campbell the members of the Fair Board want to meet with her committee to discuss the Council's plans for use of the stadium and fairgrounds.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the members of Council had been provided with the proposed dates for the first three budget workshops.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any other business but there was none.

Tracie Campbell: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss economic development and personnel matters.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council went into executive session to discuss economic development and personnel matters.

Chairman Frank Hart stated they were ready to close executive session and no votes were taken during executive session.

John Flood: Made a motion to close executive session.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council returned to regular session.

Tracie Campbell: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chairman  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council