

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL

October 7, 2008

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Jack Estridge offered the invocation.

County Council members present were Chairman Rudy Carter, Vice-Chairman Fred Thomas, Secretary Wesley Grier, Wayne Kersey, Jack Estridge, Fred Thomas, and Larry Honeycutt. Bryan Vaughn was not in attendance. Also present were Steve Willis, Mike Ey, Veronica Thompson, Irene Plyler, Chris Karres, Norman Anderson, and one member of the press.

The following press were notified of the meeting by mail or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: Lancaster News, York Observer, Kershaw News Era, The State, The Rock Hill Herald, Fort Mill Times, WRHI Radio, Cable News 2, Channel 9, and the local Government Channel.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Requests were made to add an executive session to discuss an economic development issue and a legal issue, add an action item regarding shelving, and a BZA item regarding Haile Gold Mine. If Council approved, Chairman Carter stated that these would be added to the agenda before the Consent Ordinance Readings, and the executive session would be held at the end of the meeting.

MOTION was made by Fred Thomas to approve the agenda as amended. SECONDED by Wesley Grier. PASSED 6-0

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The following individuals represented the Humane Society of Lancaster County. Ms. Hallman from Newberry County briefly reviewed with Council a successful adoption program they have initiated in Newberry County. She would like to come back to Council to give a full presentation at a later date.

Mary Reimers, 2007 Green Peach Road, 285-1401

Dawn Wagner, 305 Shiloh Unity Road, 772-528-6565

Brandy Sweisberger, 2001 Sunny Lane, 283-4043

Deena Hallman, 11494 SC Highway 34, Newberry, SC, 321-2185

Committee Reports

Fred Thomas advised that County Council and a representative from Public Works, Jeff Catoe, met with Ms. Sarah Buckles from SC DOT today. She holds the position that Baylis Mack and Bobby Jones had held in the past. She gave an overview on how things are handled at DOT, how state roads are chosen in Lancaster County to be paved, and why some roads receive preventative maintenance. There is a packet she made available for those Council members who could not attend.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney advised that he would have a matter in executive session.

Catawba Regional Council of Governments – Health Ride Grant

During the last meeting, Sherron Marshall from the Catawba Regional Council of Governments spoke to Council about an application for a grant with the Sims Foundation to provide non-emergency transportation for non-Medicaid residents of Lancaster County to their medical appointments for a small fee. The program would be operated by the Council on Aging. No cash match was required for this grant. Chairman Carter had asked that this be moved to an action item on this next agenda.

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to approve submitting an application to the Sims Foundation for the Health-Ride Grant. SECONDED by Fred Thomas. PASSED 6-0

HAILE GOLD MINE

Steve Willis advised that Marco is the company managing the Gold Mine. A request had been made to the Board of Zoning Appeals by someone who has property adjacent to the gold mine for a variance to put in permanent hunting campers on that property. The folks at Haile Gold Mine are concerned with folks having guns that close to the gold mine as they have had problems in the past with trespassing and ATV vehicles going onto the mining property. Marco has advised those folks that it is private property and asked them to leave, but this has been ignored. Jack Estridge advised that Marco is not so concerned about responsible hunters, but it's those folks who trespass with their ATV vehicles and race. They understand that County Council cannot make the decision, but Marko wanted to ask County Council to give Board of Zoning Appeals their recommendation.

MOTION was made by Jack Estridge to go on record that County Council does not support allowing the variance for permanent hunting campers on the property adjacent to the Haile Gold Mine property. SECONDED by Fred Thomas. PASSED 6-0

SHELVING – DONATION

Steve Willis advised that URS would like to donate the rotary files formerly used by HSBC to Lancaster County. Some of the files had never been used. The cost to Lancaster County would be disassembly at URS, transportation to Lancaster, and set-up at a cost of \$24,458.75. These files are high storage capacity units that fit into compact areas, therefore more than doubling the storage capacity in the same space. The files would be used by the Sheriff's Office and Records Management in the County Administration Building. The files are worth \$120,487.55. Steve Willis asked for Council's approval to use the Contingency Fund to accept these units.

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to accept the storage units at a cost of \$24,458.75 for disassembling and moving to the Sheriff's Office and County Administration Building. Funds to come from the County Contingency Fund. SECONDED by Jack Estridge. PASSED 6-0

CONSENT ORDINANCE READINGS

MOTION was made by Wesley Grier to adopt the Consent Ordinance Readings as follows: SECONDED by Wayne Kersey. PASSED 6-0

- 1) 3rd reading – Ordinance #949 amending the county zoning map; specifically property petitioned by Michael Terrell located at 6686 Waxhaw Highway (tax map 20, parcel 4) from B-2 Community Business District to B-3 General Commercial District

- 2) 3rd reading – Ordinance #950 amending the county zoning map; specifically property petitioned by Glenda Wright located at 1806 Airport Road (tax map 86E, block C, parcel 5) from R-15 Moderate Density Residential/Agricultural District to B-3 General Commercial District
- 3) 2nd reading – Ordinance #951 amending the county zoning map; specifically property petitioned by Alvin Faile located at 415 Fairfield Street (tax map 81F, block A, parcel 12) from R-30 Low Density Residential/Agricultural District to R-30D Low Density Residential/Manufactured Housing/Agricultural District.
- 4) 2nd reading - Ordinance #952 amending the county zoning map; specifically property petitioned by David Snipes located at 2642 Charlotte Highway (tax map 49, parcel 50.01) from R-30 Low Density Residential/Agricultural District to B-3 General Commercial District.
- 5) 2nd reading – Ordinance #953 amending the county zoning map; specifically property petitioned by William Snipes located on Brooklyn Avenue (tax map 81H, block C, parcel 1) from R-15D to Multiple Family District.

ORDINANCE READINGS

Ordinance #955 traffic alleys and roundabouts

Chris Karres advised that the Planning Commission recommended by a vote of 5-1 to amend the UDO, Chapter 13, Section 13.7.10.8 Road Design to add design standards for one-way and two-way traffic alleys and for residential and commercial roundabouts. The planning staff and the Fire Marshal recommended this change.

MOTION was made by Fred Thomas to hold first reading of Ordinance #935 amending the text of the UDO, Chapter 13, Land Development Regulations (subdivision regulations), Section 13.7.10.8 Road Design (Geometric criteria) to add design standards for one-way and two-way traffic alleys and for residential and commercial roundabouts. SECONDED by Larry Honeycutt. PASSED 6-0

Ordinance #956 Roundabout and Clear Space

Chris Karres advised that the Planning Commission recommended by a vote of 7-0 to add a definition to the UDO, Chapter 19, for Roundabout and Clear Space.

MOTION was made by Wayne Kersey to hold first reading of Ordinance #956 amending the text of the UDO, Chapter 19, to add a definition for Roundabout and Clear Space. SECONDED by Wesley Grier. PASSED 6-0

Ordinance #957 – postponing reassessment

MOTION was made by Wayne Kersey to hold first reading of Ordinance #957 postponing countywide reassessment and equalization for the 2009 tax year. SECONDED by Jack Estridge. PASSED 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to go into executive session to discuss an economic development and legal matter. SECONDED by Fred Thomas. PASSED 6-0

MOTION was made by Jack Estridge to go out of executive session and back into regular meeting. SECONDED by Wesley Grier. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 6-0

As Council came out of executive session, Chairman Carter announced that Council discussed one economic development matter and one legal issue and a motion would be forthcoming on the legal issue.

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to adopt the revised Inducement Resolution and Inducement Agreement for Project Cotton as discussed in executive session. SECONDED by Wesley Grier. PASSED 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Wayne Kersey to adjourn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Plyler
Clerk to Council

Approved by Council 10-27-2008

Wesley Grier, Secretary