

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
April 17, 2012
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4:31 PM

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time and place of the agenda was posted on the bulleting board at the entrance of the Council Office and mailed to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Willis Meadows
Xanthene Norris
Liz Seman
Lottie Gibson
Joseph Baldwin

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Paula Gucker
Kimberly Wunder
Rick Brookey
Mellone Long

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Willis Meadows

INVOCATION:

Councilor, Xanthene Norris

Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting of PWI Committee for April 3, 2012

Motion: Councilor Xanthe Norris made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Discussion: Councilor Joe Baldwin stated that he would like to amend the minutes. The motion he made concerning the Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board was not properly reflected in the minutes.

Motion: Councilor Baldwin moved to amend the minutes of the regular meeting of April 3, 2012 to state: "Councilor Joseph Baldwin made a motion to request that the Chairman schedule a meeting as soon as practical with the Committee of the Whole and the Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, at a time that would be convenient for the Disabilities and Special Needs Board so they could be present."

Action: The amendment to the minutes was approved.

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Proposed Water Line Grant Assistance – 2435 & 2436 East Georgia Road

Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator for Public Works, explained that the county received an application for the Water Line Grant Assistance Program from the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue Department and from Mr. and Mrs. Wilson who were at the meeting. Mrs. Gucker stated that the Wilsons and the Fire Department had provided all the necessary documentation and the 50% match; and she stated that there was enough money in the account to cover this grant.

Rick Brookey stated that the water line is approximately 5,000 LF on E. Georgia Road from Epps Rd. to the Fire Department. Mr. Brookey stated that the applicants provided documentation that shows that the Wilsons well was dry and all the other required documentation as Mrs. Gucker stated.

Motion: Councilor Liz Seman moved to approve the proposed water line grant assistance for 2435 & 2436 East Georgia Road.

Action: The motion carried

Proposed Resolution City View Special Tax District Referendum

Kim Wunder, Assistant County Attorney, stated that the street lighting in the City View area had been paid for the past 15 years using the left over tax revenue from the Town of City View. The Town was dissolved in 1996 and those funds have now been depleted. The county received a citizen driven effort to request that County Council create a special tax district. There are two methods to create a special purpose tax district under state law. The method being used here requires 15% of the registered voters sign a petition requesting that County Council hold an election and the voters get to decide then if they want to create a special purpose tax district.

Chairman Meadows asked if he was correct that the tax millage was 20 mills and Mrs. Wunder stated that was correct and they had included a statement on the petition that there was a maximum millage of 20 mills. Mrs. Wunder stated that John Hansley had provided the numbers, and it is anticipated that it will take a levy of 12 mills to raise enough money. The light bill is approximately \$16,000 to \$17,000 per year.

Motion: Councilor Norris moved to approve the proposed Resolution for the City View Special Tax District Referendum and forward to Council.

Councilor Joe Baldwin asked when the election would be held and Mrs. Wunder stated that there were a few deadlines to comply with; they have to apply for preclearance with the U. S. Department of Justice that

will take a minimum of 60 days and they have to give 30 days notice in the newspaper but that can run concurrent with the 60 days. As of today they are looking for a date of July 24th for the election.

Action: The motion carried

Requests and Motions

Councilor Lottie Gibson requested that PWI send Council the request from the last meeting.

Councilor Liz Seman requested an update on the lake.

Mrs. Gucker stated that Oak Grove Lake was drained in approximately 5 hours. Currently there was a contractor on site putting in soil and erosion control methods so that when heavy rains come there will be no silt going down stream. The Dam Safety Engineers from Columbia met with the county on Friday and suggested that the county put together a dam repair program for review and approval; we are looking at a 2 to 4 month process.

Adjournment

Councilor Xanthe Norris moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 PM. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy C. James,
Administrative Coordinator