



County Council Committee Minutes

Public Safety and Judiciary Committee February 18, 2019

The Public Safety and Judiciary Committee of Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, February 18, 2019, in County Council Chambers of the County Administrative Office Building. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties. The following were in attendance: Honorables Whitney Farr and Bob Walker, Committee Members; along with Honorables Manning Lynch, Jack Mabry, David Britt, and Roger Nutt, Council Members. Also attending were Cole Alverson, County Administrator; Jim Hipp, Deputy County Administrator; John Harris, County Attorney; and Ginny Dupont, County Attorney. Honorable Michael Brown, Chairman, was absent.

I.

Honorable Whitney Farr called the meeting to order.

II.

- A. Mr. Lawrence Flynn, Pope Flynn, presented information in reference to a Resolution calling for a public hearing to be held upon the questions presented by and through the anticipated enactment of **Ordinance No. O-19-08 of Spartanburg County, South Carolina related to the Consolidation of the Woodruff Community Fire Service Area into the Trinity Fire Service Area**; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Lee Bailey, City Manager, City of Woodruff, was also in attendance to answer any questions. Motion made by Mr. Walker to adopt Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Farr and carried.
- B. Mr. Lawrence Flynn, Pope Flynn, presented information in reference to an Ordinance authorizing certain amendments, modifications and changes to the County's Code of Ordinances; authorizing the **Consolidation of the Woodruff Community Fire Service Area into the Trinity Fire Service Area**; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Consolidated Fire Service Agreement between Spartanburg County, South Carolina and the City of Woodruff, South Carolina to provide for the provision of fire service within the Municipal Limits of the City of Woodruff, the inclusion of the City's Municipal Limits and Fire Service Area within Trinity Fire Service Area (as amended), and the receipt of certain fire-related assets from the City to the County; authorizing the appropriation of County Funds and the execution and delivery of Promissory Note(s) by the Consolidated FSA; authorizing

the redemption or restructuring of outstanding Lease Obligations; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Lease Agreement with the City of Woodruff; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Flynn stated there is some outstanding debt associated with both entities. There are two fire engines that are lease/purchased by the City. There is authorization in this Ordinance to assign those leases to the County in the County's name as a lease/purchase. It is not debt of the County. It is an obligation secured by the fire trucks. The recourse would be to take that back to the bank. It just needs to be authorized and assigned by BB&T, the debt holder. The authorization is built into the Ordinance. In addition, there is authorization for a General Obligation Bond that was issued in 2009 by the Woodruff Fire Service Area. The debt is obviously levied only within the boundaries of the Woodruff Fire Service Area. There is authorization built into this document for the County to take its debt service millage to pay that outstanding debt off. Paying that outstanding obligation off is a condition precedent to this moving forward. It will immediately authorize the full consolidation to go forward. Everything will be effective as of July 1, 2019. There is a Note Payable attached to the back of this Ordinance that would authorize the County to then enter into an Agreement with the new Trinity Fire Service Area, where they would be indebted to the County. If they decided to take it out with a future General Obligation Bond, the obligation would be taken out and wiped clean. The County is taking that out just for the process of moving us forward. Motion made by Mr. Walker to render first reading to an Ordinance authorizing the consolidation of the Woodruff Community Fire Service Area into the Trinity Fire Service Area. Motion seconded by Mr. Farr and carried.

- C. Motion made by Mr. Walker to authorize the **Commission of Mr. Andrew Long**, Animal Control Division, as a Spartanburg County Code Enforcement Officer. Motion seconded by Mr. Farr and carried.
- D. Updated information received regarding activities of Building Codes

Meeting adjourned.