



**MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 11, 2018**  
**LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**ATTENDANCE:** **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT** - County Council Chairman Joe Wood, Vice Chairman Keith Tollison and County Council Members: Diane Anderson, Stewart Jones, Garrett McDaniel, and David Pitts.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT-** Ted Nash (illness).

**COUNTY STAFF:** Laurens County Administrator, Jon Caime; Laurens County Clerk to Council, Betty Walsh and Laurens County Attorney, Sandy Cruickshanks.

**STAFF ABSENT:** None.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT:** Debi Parker, Human Resources Manager; Lesa Inabinette, Judge, Magistrate Courts; Jim Coleman, Laurens County Auditor; Greg Lindley, Director, Laurens County Fire Service; Dale Satterfield, Director of Public Works and Chuck Bobo, County Codes Officer.

**INVITED GUESTS** – Jeff Field, Director, Laurens County Water/Sewer Commission and Robert Templeton, Broker, Upstate Realty.

**PRESS:** Vic MacDonald, *The Clinton Chronicle*; Iva Cadmus, WLBG Radio and John Clayton, *The Laurens County Advertiser*.

**SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS – DECEMBER 11, 2018** – 1.) Call to Order; 2.) Invocation – Councilman McDaniel; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda – December 11, 2018; 5.) Approval of Minutes - November 13, 2018, Regular Session; 6.) Reports To Council – Acknowledging outgoing Council Members; 7.) Old Business: a.) Public Hearing Ordinance # 854, Amending Ordinance #831 Subdivisions; b.) Third Reading Ordinance # 854, Amending Ordinance #831 Subdivisions; c.) Second Reading Ordinance #855, Project Autumn”; d.) Second Reading Ordinance #856, “Project Gator”; 8.) New Business: a.) First Reading, Ordinance #857, Flame Spray; b.) Resolution 2018-44, Laurens County Water/Sewer Commission, Easement Approval; c.) Approval, Subdivision Variance Request - TM Enterprises; d.) Approval, Cooks Cell Tower; e.) Requested Budget Amendment, Fire Department; 9.) Public Comment- Fifteen (15) Minute Period for Public Comment; 10.) County Council Comments; 11.) Executive Session; a.) Employment Matter - Planning Position and IT Position; b.) Contractual Matter - Solid Waste Transfer Station; Adjournment.

**MEETING NOTIFICATION** – The requesting general public, department heads and Press were informed of the meeting in a timely manner. Postings of the Agenda were posted in County facilities on their bulletin boards and also posted on the County Web Site.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN UPS** – None.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Councilman McDaniel provided the invocation and all were invited to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Wood recognized that today was Diane Andersons birthday.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA –DECEMBER 11, 2018** – Chairman Wood asked for approval of the agenda with any additions to or deletions from the agenda.

The following was added to the Agenda: Swearing in of Codes Officer.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the December 11, 2018 agenda with the one addition; COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDDING; VOTE 6-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 13, 2018 COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the minutes with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

a.) Chairman Wood Acknowledged outgoing Council Members Nash and Tollison.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE # 854, AMENDING ORDINANCE #831 SUBDIVISIONS – Chairman Wood opened the Public Hearing at 5:40 P.M. for public comments. Having no one wishing to address Council, Chairman Wood closed the Public Hearing at 5:41 P.M.

THIRD READING ORDINANCE # 854, AMENDING ORDINANCE #831 SUBDIVISIONS – Administrator Caime reviewed the changes as follows:

- a.) The combination of existing or recombination of existing parcels that are already recorded allows land owners to clean up parcels of land that may have been subdivided in such a way that is no longer appropriate. This does not increase the number of parcels but allows for owners to have better lot configurations that meet their needs. This also allows parcel owners to purchase parts of adjacent lands and combine them with their own.

Proposed Exemption wording – “The combination of portions of previously platted lots where the total number of lots is not increased and the resultant lots are equal to the standards of this chapter”.

- b.) This allows for families to give land to other immediate family members. We have generational land owners here in Laurens County and it is a part of our community fabric that family desire to stay intact on land owned by families for several generations. This will allow that to happen.

Proposed Exemption Wording- A parcel of land that is divided into five or fewer parcels, each parcel being of sufficient size to meet the requirements of the health department and each parcel is deeded to a member of the owner's immediate family. For the purposes of this paragraph, immediate family is defined as the owners spouse, mother, father, sister, children grandchildren”.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #854 upon third reading, as presented with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE #855, PROJECT AUTUMN”- Attorney Cruickshanks reported the following:

5. AMENDMENT: The following language shall be added to Ordinance 831:

Exemption 1: “The combination or recombination of portions of previously platted lots where the total number of lots is not increased and resultant lots are equal to the standards of this chapter.” The combination of existing parcels or recombination of existing parcels that are already recorded allows land owners to clean up parcels of land that may have been subdivided in such a way that is no longer appropriate. This does not increase the number of parcels, but allows for owners to have better lot configurations that meet their needs. This also allows parcel owners to purchase parts of adjacent lands and combine them with their own.

Exemption 2: “A parcel of land that is divided into five (5) or fewer parcels, each parcel being of sufficient size to meet the requirements of the health department, and each parcel is deeded to a member of the owner's immediate family. For the purpose of this paragraph, immediate family is defined as the owner's spouse, mother, father, sister, brother, children, or grandchildren.” This allows for families to give land to other immediate family members. We have generational land owners in Laurens County, and it is a part of our community fabric that families desire to stay intact on land owned by families for several generations. This allows that to happen.



VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #854 upon third reading, as presented with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**SECOND READING ORDINANCE #856, “PROJECT GATOR”** – County Attorney Cruickshanks reported that this is an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement between Laurens County and Project Gator that will provide for payment of a fee in lieu of taxes.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #856 upon second reading, as presented with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FIRST READING, ORDINANCE #857, FLAME SPRAY** – Mr. Jonathon coleman replorted thatthis was an eight million dollar project.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #857 upon first reading, as presented with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

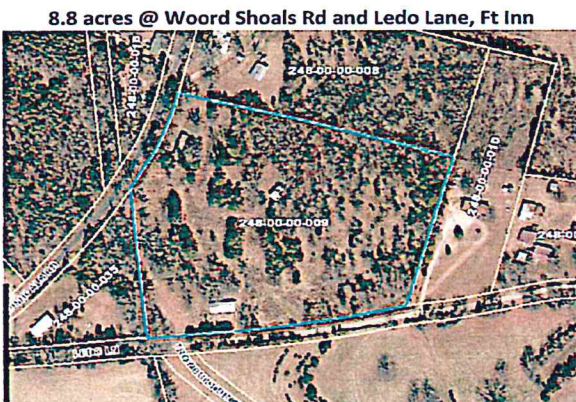
**RESOLUTION 2018-44, LAURENS COUNTY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION, EASEMENT APPROVAL** – Mr. Jeff Field, Director, Laurens County Water / Sewer Commission approached Council saying that the Water / Sewer Commission is requesting a ten inch (10”) easement in front of Fire Station on Stagecoach Road in order to install a twelve inch (12”) waterline.

A Council Member asked what method would be used to install. Mr. Field replied that it would be bored under the pavement.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve Resolution #2018-44, as presented with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

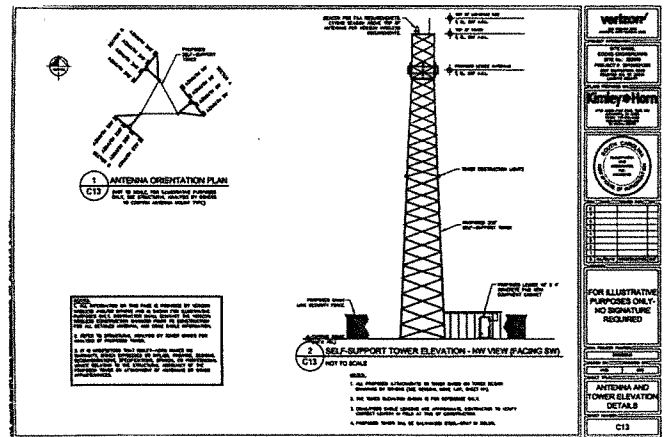
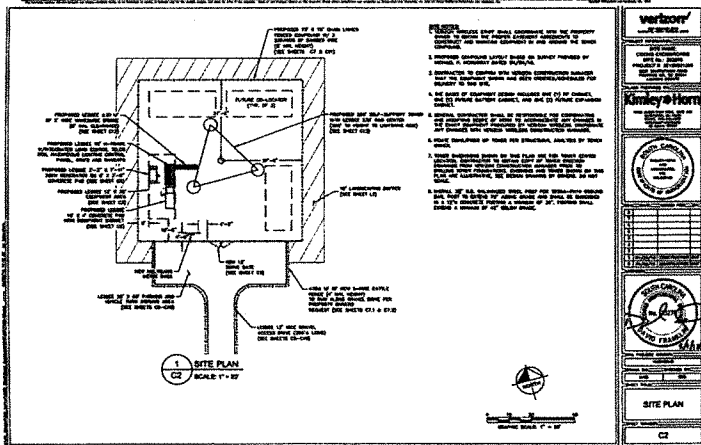
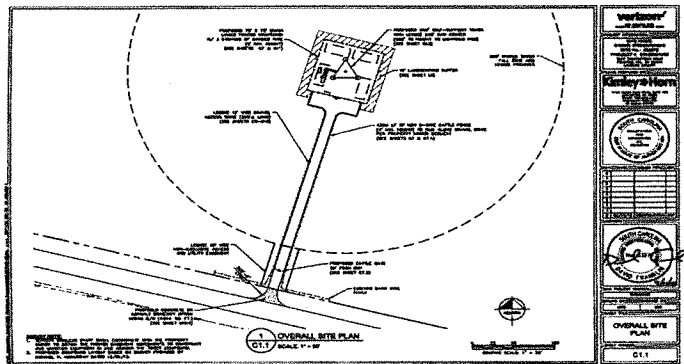
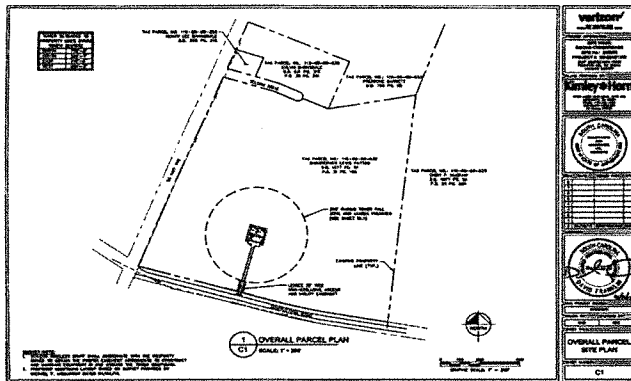
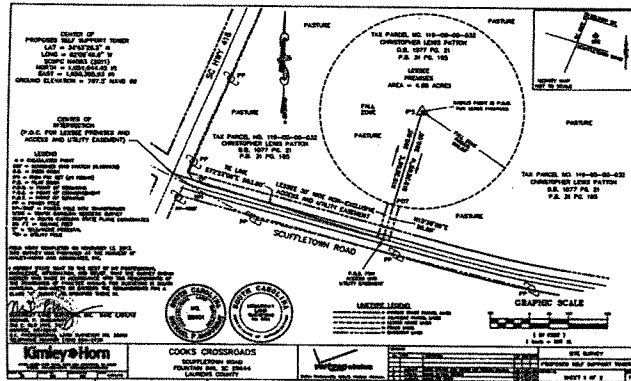
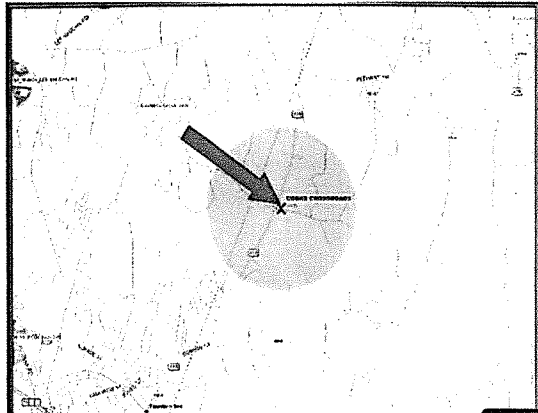
**APPROVAL, SUBDIVISION VARIANCE REQUEST - TM ENTERPRISES** – Mr. Robby Templeton, Broker, Upstate Realty approached Council requesting a variance to allow at least one residential lot of a proposed nine acre parcel to have less than one hundred feet (100’) of road frontage on Wofford Shoals Road.

Mr. Templeton said, “My agency is the listing agency for the eight (8) acre plus site on Ledo and Wofford Shoals Road in Fountain Inn. The property currently has one old double wide manufactured home and three old single wide mobile homes. None of the dwellings have any value. There are five (5) existing septic systems and public water is available from both Ledo Lane and Wofford Shoals Road. The proposed purchaser is planning to subdivide the property in to residential lots for resale. The property would be cleaned up including the removal of the structures and debris”.



COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to grant the variance and for the actual ordinance to be revisited for clarity. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 5-1 (Chairman Wood in objection).

**APPROVAL, COOKS CELL TOWER** – Administrator Caime reported that this item was coming to Council due to the Planning Commission not having a quorum present for a vote. Continuing Administrator Caime said, “Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon, is requesting approval for the construction of a wireless communication tower and related appurtenances located at 2637 Scuffletown Road, Fountain Inn, South Carolina”. The drawings include the site and the Verizon network objective of construction.



COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the cell tower, as presented with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**REQUESTED BUDGET AMENDMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Fire Service Director, Greg Lindley approached Council asking to move funds from the part time to the overtime line account due to the Thompson Road overtime budget is over budget.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the request as presented with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Each Council Members thanked Council Members Nash and Tollison for their dedicated service during their terms and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vice Chairman Tollison said, “I just want to thank several groups of people in making my time on Council. First, the citizens of Laurens County of District five (5) in allowing me to serve as your Councilman. Each vote that I made was made to best serve you and our county’s future. It truly was an honor to serve District five (5). Next is our department heads, employees and our immediate staff. Your hard work and countless hours and sometimes thankless endeavors truly makes Laurens County a place to live, work and raise a family. I thank each of you for your service. To each County Council Member, past and present, I also say thank you and that I have learned from each of you. To the leaderships of this Council, I want to thank the past and present Chairmen and Administrators. As a group we all worked well together. I believe we have made great strides in making Laurens County a better place and towards its continuing success. And lastly for my family. They have put up with the late nights and the continuous phone calls that took me away from them. For the hours spent with a variety of meetings. I wish my successor the best as he starts his term on the County Council”.

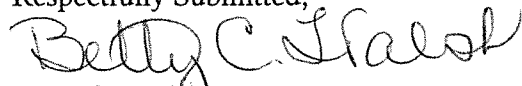
**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Upon a MOTION by COUNCILMAN PITTS and a SECOND from COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL to move into Executive Session at 6:45 P.M. to discuss: a.) Employment Matter - Planning Position and IT Position; b.) Contractual Matter - Solid Waste Transfer Station; VOTE 6-0,

- a.) **EMPLOYMENT MATTER - PLANNING POSITION AND IT POSITION** – Chairman Wood reported that no action was taken.
- b.) **CONTRACTUAL MATTER - SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION** – VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the purchase of two (2) rebuilt tractors and to not exceed ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) using the Solid Waste Funds. COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to reconvene in open session at 7:43 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT** – By CONSENSUS the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty C. Walsh

Laurens County Clerk to Council