



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Special Called Council Meeting
December 15, 2020
5:09 p.m.

County Square - Council Chambers
Remote Participation by Council Members

Council Members

Mr. Butch Kirven, *Chairman, District 27*
Mr. Willis Meadows, *Vice Chairman, District 19*
Mrs. Xanthene Norris, *Chairman Pro Tem, District 23*
Mr. Joe Dill, *District 17*
Mr. Mike Barnes, *District 18*
Mr. Sid Cates, *District 20*
Mr. Rick Roberts, *District 21*
Mr. Bob Taylor, *District 22*
Mrs. Liz Seman, *District 24*
Mr. Ennis Fant, Sr., *District 25*
Mr. Lynn Ballard, *District 26*
Mr. Dan Tripp, *District 28*

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted online and on the bulletin board at County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Council Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*
Mark Tollison, *County Attorney*
Kim Wunder, *Assistant County Attorney*
John Hansley, *Deputy County Administrator*
Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*
Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*
Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant*

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Kirven

Invocation

Councilor Joe Dill

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) Approval of Minutes

Action: Councilor Ballard moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020, Regular Council Meeting
Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) Recognition of Outgoing Council Members

Chairman Kirven presented Councilor Bob Taylor, Councilor Sid Cates and Councilor Rick Roberts with a gift to commemorate their service on the Greenville County Council. The gentlemen addressed the audience and were thanked for their years of service.

Item (6) Public Hearings

a. Conveyance of County-owned Property to the City of Greenville

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to authorize the transfer of county-owned property located along the Reedy River between S. Hudson Street and the eastern right-of-way for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad to the City of Greenville, and to authorize the execution of a quit-claim deed related thereto.

There being no speakers, Councilor Taylor declared the public hearing closed.

Item (7) Appearances - Current Agenda Items

- **Jeremy Krober** - appeared regarding Item 11.a.iv. Proposed Council Email Policy
- **Dawn Pyle** - appeared regarding Item 11.a.iv. Proposed Council Email Policy
- **Penny Lillis** - appeared regarding Item 11.a.iv. Proposed Council Email Policy

Item (8) Resolutions

a. Support for a Co-Located Countywide Dispatch Center

Action: Councilor Roberts moved for adoption a resolution in support of a co-located countywide dispatch center for the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenville County Emergency Medical Services and local fire districts, to promote operational and financial efficiencies for the health and safety of Greenville County citizens.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) Ordinances – Third Reading

a. Conveyance of County-owned Property to the City of Greenville

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to authorize the transfer of county-owned property located along the Reedy River between S. Hudson Street and the eastern Right-of-Way for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad to the City of Greenville, and to authorize the execution of a quit-claim deed related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust

Action: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to establish the Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust to protect lands with significant natural, cultural and/or historic resources in Greenville County, South Carolina.

Vice-Chairman Meadows stated it appeared that *Upstate Forever* was already doing the same thing the Historic and Natural Resources Trust was designed to do. *Upstate Forever* had the organization, staff and community support to be effective; working with them would take the County out of a position to buy land and subsequently take it off tax rolls.

Action: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to hold the item and return the ordinance to the Committee of the Whole to explore the feasibility of working with Upstate Forever in a public / private relationship.

Councilor Seman stated *Upstate Forever* was a non-profit; its role was of a convener and educator. The vision of the proposed Historic and Natural Resources Trust was bigger than just one non-profit; it was important for Greenville County to have a seat at the table when discussing conservation. The objective of the proposed trust was for the County to play an important role regarding the issues of land use and conservation, such as those outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Seman stated the trust was not a commitment to expend funds; it merely put Greenville County in a position to be a part of the conversation.

Chairman Kirven stated it was his understanding that *Upstate Forever* supported the proposed trust, but had not volunteered to operate it.

Motion to hold was denied by a roll call vote of five (Barnes, Meadows, Cates, Taylor and Norris) in favor and seven (Dill, Roberts, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in opposition.

Action: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to amend Section 3 of the ordinance as follows:

Section 3. Board.

- a. The Trust is governed by a ~~seven-member~~ **twelve-member** Board appointed by Greenville County Council in accordance with the following requirements:

Section 3. Board.

- a. i. One Board member shall be appointed from each ~~of the following two combined Council districts~~ **County Council District:**
 - ~~Council Districts 17 and 19~~
 - ~~Council Districts 18 and 20~~
 - ~~Council Districts 21 and 22~~
 - ~~Council Districts 23 and 25~~
 - ~~Council Districts 24 and 28~~
 - ~~Council Districts 26 and 27~~

The primary residence of such Board member shall be in ~~one of the two districts. The primary residence of the seventh Board member may be anywhere in Greenville County~~ **his County Council district**. Board members shall elect, by majority vote, the chair of the Board.

Section 3. Board.

- b. ~~The initial term of the Board members from Council Districts 17 and 19 and from Council Districts 18 and 20 shall be for two years and thereafter for four year terms.~~

~~The initial term of the Board members from Council Districts 21 and 22 and from Council Districts 23 and 25 shall be for three years and thereafter for four year terms.~~

~~The initial term of the Board members from Council Districts 24 and 28 and from Council Districts 26 and 27 shall be for four years and thereafter for four year terms.~~

~~The initial term of the seventh Board member shall be for four years and thereafter for four year terms.~~

~~There shall be no limits on the number of terms that Board members and the Board chair may serve.~~

The initial term of the Board members from Council District 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 shall be for two years and thereafter two years.

The initial term of the Board members from Council District 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 shall be for three years and thereafter two years.

Board members will be limited to two terms but may reapply after being off the Board for one term.

Motion to amend carried by a roll call vote of nine (Dill, Barnes, Meadows, Cates, Roberts, Taylor, Norris, Seman and Tripp) in favor and three (Fant, Ballard and Kirven) in opposition.

Action:

Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to amend Section 5 of the ordinance as follows:

Section 5. Trust Account.

The Greenville County Treasurer shall establish an account for the Trust that is separate and distinct from all other funds appropriated by County Council. ~~The Trust shall receive revenues according to one or more funding measures approved by Greenville County Council. The Council acknowledges and agrees that funding measures shall be undertaken as soon as feasible in order to avoid escalating land costs and lost acquisition and protection opportunities.~~ Any funds not fully expended during the fiscal year shall remain in the Trust and be available for grants in subsequent years unless the Council expressly provides otherwise. The Board may at any time request the Council to appropriate additional funding for the Trust.

Chairman Kirven stated the proposed ordinance did not require County Council to approve any funding; Council could request funding, if needed.

Vice-Chairman Meadows withdrew the motion to amend Section 5.

Action:

Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to amend Section 4 of the ordinance as follows:

Section 4. Board Duties and Responsibilities

- a. ~~iv. Receive contributions to the Trust in satisfaction of any public or private obligation for environmental mitigation or habitat conservation, whether such obligation arises out of law, equity, contract, regulation, administrative proceeding, or judicial proceeding. Such contributions shall be used as provided for in this Ordinance.~~

Vice-Chairman Meadows stated he felt the funds referred to were similar to those received for events such as oil spills; the Trust could request those funds, but, it should not be a given. The funds could be needed for other, more pressing, issues.

Action: Councilor Seman offered a friendly amendment to revise the section to indicate the funds could be given to the Trust, as approved by Council, rather than deleting it from the ordinance in its entirety.

Councilor Cates requested clarification of the amendments.

Vice-Chairman Meadows stated if the County received funds for the purposes stated in Section 4.a.iv., those funds could be used to mitigate the situation, but would not automatically be given to the Trust; Council would have the final say.

Action: Vice-Chairman Meadows revised his motion to include Councilor Seman’s friendly amendment as follows:

- a. iv. Receive contributions to the Trust in satisfaction of any public or private obligation for environmental mitigation or habitat conservation, whether such obligation arises out of law, equity, contract, regulation, administrative proceeding, or judicial proceeding, **as approved by County Council**. Such contributions shall be used as provided for in this Ordinance.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to amend Section 9 of the ordinance as follows:

Section 9.

- d. All interests in land acquired with a grant from the Trust shall be held by the Eligible Trust Recipient approved by the Board to acquire the interest in land; except that an interest in land obtained with a grant from the Trust may be assigned from one Eligible Trust Recipient to another upon approval of the Board by ~~majority~~ **two-thirds** vote.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

c. Unification of Sewer Collection Services

Action: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing (1) the consolidation of Berea Public Service District; Gantt Fire, Sewer and Police District; Marietta Water, Fire, Sanitation, and Sewer District; Parker Sewer and Fire Sub-District; Taylors Fire and Sewer District; and Wade Hampton Fire and Sewer District into Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict; (2) Approving a plan of consolidation in connection therewith; and (3) other matters related thereto.

Action: Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to amend Appendix A.G. of the ordinance as follows:

- G. Amendment.** Pursuant to the Consolidation Ordinance, the County Administrator of the County (the “County Administrator”) is authorized, with the advice of the County Attorney, to agree to such amendments to the Consolidation Plan as are, in the discretion of the County Administrator, necessary to effect the Consolidation and which are not detrimental to the County. In the event that the provisions of the Consolidation Ordinance are amended for any reason, including to remove any Consolidated District from the Consolidation, the provisions of this Consolidation Plan shall be additionally amended accordingly ~~and the County Administrator, with the advice of the County Attorney, has been authorized to give final approval to any such amendment to this Consolidation Plan. The provisions of this Consolidation Plan may be superseded by agreements between the County, Metro, and any other affected entity,~~ **if approved by County-Council.**

Vice-Chairman Meadows stated if Council approved the ordinance as originally presented, it could be changed substantially at a later date; Council would have no authority to take any subsequent action. Mr. Meadows stated he had “great faith” in Mr. Kernell and Mr. Tollison; however, any amendments or other changes were the responsibility of Council and should be approved by Council.

Chairman Kirven stated the proposed ordinance was carefully crafted to give the flexibility, from the time Council approved the process through the ordinance, to allow for a time period of approximately six months to flesh out the details and reach agreements with the parties involved. The intent was not to submit any changes agreed upon by the parties involved to County Council for consideration; the submission of those changes to Council would be redundant.

Vice-Chairman Meadows stated any changes to the ordinance were the responsibility of County Council. If Council Members chose not to approve the amendment, they would be shirking their duty.

Chairman Kirven stated he disagreed as the ordinance was very clear regarding Council’s approval to move forward and follow through with the specifications contained in the ordinance, by the parties involved. The process outlined in the ordinance would be carried out over the next six months, if the parties involved agreed; Council should not be involved in every detail.

Vice-Chairman Meadows stated the issue was brought forward in a hasty manner; a number of questions that remained unanswered. He did not see anything wrong in requesting that Council be involved in the entire process; his next motion would be to hold the item until all questions had been answered. Mr. Meadows stated he would withdraw his motion if Council had clarity; currently, questions remained unanswered and Council did not have clarity.

Motion to amend was denied by a roll call vote of five (Barnes, Meadows, Cates, Taylor and Norris) in favor and seven (Dill, Roberts, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in opposition.

Action:

Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to hold the item until such time Council Members’ questions have been answered.

Motion to hold was denied by a roll call vote of four (Barnes, Meadows, Cates and Taylor) in favor and eight (Dill, Roberts, Norris, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in opposition.

Motion as presented carried by a roll vote of eight (Dill, Roberts, Taylor, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in favor and four (Barnes, Meadows, Cates and Norris) in opposition.

d. Creation of the Berea Fire Service Area, Gantt Fire Service Area, Parker Fire Service Area, Taylors Fire Service Area, and Wade Hampton Fire Service Area

Action:

Vice-Chairman Meadows moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance creating the Berea Fire Service Area, Gantt Fire Service Area, Parker Fire Service Area, Taylors Fire Service Area, and Wade Hampton Fire Service Area, each in Greenville County, South Carolina, and boards of fire control for each such fire service area, approving the annual levy and collection of Ad Valorem taxes and/or the imposition of rates and charges for the operation and maintenance thereof within each fire service area, approving the issuance of general obligation bonds on behalf of each such fire service area, and other matters relating thereto.

Motion carried by a roll vote of ten (Dill, Barnes, Roberts, Taylor, Norris, Seman, Fant, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in favor and two (Meadows and Cates) in opposition.

Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

- i. **CZ-2020-65:** Property of Elaine Means Haugabook and Erin Means Mellen, located on Old Bramlett Road and Frady Road, requesting rezoning from S-1 to R-M10. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion was denied unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Meadows stated he was under the impression the applicants had withdrawn the request. He asked if the request was withdrawn, it would make a difference regarding when the applicants could reapply. Mr. Meadows then inquired if could Council could reconsider the item at a later date if the applicants had withdrawn the request.

Chairman Kirven stated the item could also be held, if Council chose to do so.

Councilor Seman stated a member of Council, on the prevailing side, could ask for reconsideration of the item and then hold it.

Vice-Chairman Meadows stated he wanted to be fair to the applicants, even though he was opposed to the current request.

Councilor Dill stated he had received no communication from staff; the only information he had received was the recommendation for denial.

Chairman Kirven stated he had just received confirmation from Paula Gucker that the request had been denied.

- ii. **CZ-2020-66:** Property of Karen Gibbs and Timothy Gibbs, located on Rosamond Drive, requesting rezoning from S-1 to R-S. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- iii. **CZ-2020-68:** Property of Greenville Revitalization Corporation and PR Designs, located on E. Parker Road and Woodside Avenue, requesting rezoning from C-2 to C-3. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- iv. **CZ-2020-69:** Property of Jeff and Dorie Fann, LLC, located at 647 Congaree Road, requesting rezoning from C-2 to S-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- v. **CZ-2020-73:** Property of Hicham M. Hatoum, located on 2813 Wade Hampton Boulevard, requesting rezoning from S-1 to C-2. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried with Councilor Cates voting in opposition.

- vi. **CZ-2020-74:** Withdrawn

- vii. **CZ-2020-77:** Withdrawn

- viii. **CZ-2020-78:** Property of Sikes Properties, LLC, located at 5151 Pelham Road, requesting rezoning from C-1 to C-2. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- ix. **CZ-2020-79:** Property of Chris Hill of Southern Land Company LLC, located on Bel Aire Drive and Easley Bridge Road, requesting rezoning from R-7.5 to FRD. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval with conditions.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to amend the request to include the conditions outlined in the November 6 staff letter to the applicant; the letter was attached to the Council agenda for reference.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

- x. **CZ-2020-80:** Property of Greenville County Redevelopment Authority, located on Buncombe Road, A Street and Hammett Street, requesting rezoning from I-1 to PD. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval with conditions.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to amend the request as follows:

1. *Submit a traffic impact study for review and approval.*
2. *Meet all of staff's comments provided to the applicant in the letter dated 11-06-2020, attached to the Council agenda for reference.*

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment – Project Underwood

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park to include certain parcels owned by an entity identified by the County as Project Underwood.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment – Project Ammo

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Greenville And Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park to include certain parcels owned by an entity identified by the County as Project Ammo.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Project Backyard / Fee in Lieu of Tax And Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement

Action: Councilor Taylor moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Backyard with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments of lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Taylor left the meeting.

Item (11) Committee Reports

a. Committee of the Whole

i. Memorandum of Understanding with Berea Public Service District and MetroConnects

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to authorize the Chairman and the County Administrator to execute the approved Memorandum of Understanding with Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict and the Berea Public Service District on behalf of Greenville County.

Motion carried with Councilor Cates voting in opposition.

ii. Memorandum of Understanding with Marietta Water, Fire, Sanitation and Sewer District and MetroConnects

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to authorize the Chairman and the County Administrator to execute the approved Memorandum of Understanding with Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict and the Marietta Water, Fire, Sanitation and Sewer District on behalf of Greenville County.

Motion carried with Councilor Cates voting in opposition.

- iii. Memorandum of Understanding with Wade Hampton Fire and Sewer District and MetroConnects

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to authorize the Chairman and the County Administrator to execute the approved Memorandum of Understanding with Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict and the Wade Hampton Fire and Sewer District on behalf of Greenville County.

Motion carried with Councilor Cates voting in opposition.

- iv. Proposed Council Email Policy

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Meadows moved to approve the proposed Council email policy as presented in the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of seven (Dill, Roberts, Norris, Seman, Fant, Ballard and Kirven) in favor, four (Barnes, Meadows, Cates and Tripp) in opposition and one (Taylor) absent.

Item (13) Appearances – Items not on the Current Agenda

- **Hannah Jones** – appeared regarding proposed skate park in Poe Mill
- **Stevie Kline** – appeared regarding Drexel Terrace Subdivision
- **Michael Stansell** – appeared regarding ad valorem taxes vs. usage fees

Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

Chairman Kirven stated he had received clarification from staff regarding Item 10.a.i. The item had been withdrawn by the applicant; an error was made in transferring the information to the evening's docket.

a. Zoning Ordinances

- i. **CZ-2020-65:** Property of Elaine Means Haugabook and Erin Means Mellen, located on Old Bramlett Road and Frady Road, requesting rezoning from S-1 to R-M10. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to reconsider the item.

Motion to reconsider carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to rescind denial of the item and document it as withdrawn by the applicant.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (14) Administrator's Report

Joe Kernell provided an update of the CARES Program; December 30, 2020, was the last day to submit receipts for valid expenses. Staff was working to distribute the remaining funds; the Small Business Program had experienced a small uptick in applications. The Hospitality Program was also working quite well; a number of restaurants had received funds in order to remain open. Staff continued to work with both hospitals regarding community health; funding had been provided to Prisma Health for the anticipated distribution of vaccine, which was expected to arrive very shortly.

Item (15) Requests and Motions by Council Members

- Councilor Norris stated she continued to work on issues in both Poe Mill and the Sterling area; she had enlisted the aid of some graduates from Sterling High School to assist with a particular home in the Sterling area. New Washington Heights was also still experiencing problems.
- Councilor Seman stated Lockheed Martin, SCTAC's largest tenant, recently won a 10-year contract with the U.S Air Force for F-16 depot maintenance; they expected to add 50 – 80 jobs in Greenville to support the program. Lockheed Martin and SCTAC would now produce and maintain the aircraft, making Greenville truly a center of excellence for the F-16's.

Ms. Seman thanked Dr. Taylor, Dr. Cates and Mr. Roberts for their service; she added that it had been a pleasure to serve with each of them. She appreciated everything they had done for Council and the citizens of Greenville County.

Ms. Seman wished her colleagues a Merry Christmas.

- Councilor Fant applauded Chairman Kirven for his extraordinary leadership with regards to and navigating through the sewer consolidation. It was his opinion that, previously, most Council Members had not given the issue much thought; initially, he really couldn't "wrap his head around" the issue of ad valorem taxes versus usage fees. Mr. Fant recently received a car tax bill and was surprised to see a charge from Gantt Fire and Sewer for \$76.45, which was 20% of the entire bill. The special purpose district concept was fine in the past; now that Greenville County had moved to a more metropolitan area, a better concept was needed.

Mr. Fant added that he would miss Mr. Roberts as they had developed a very special friendship.

- Councilor Ballard thanked Sheriff Lewis for attending the meeting. Mr. Ballard requested prayers for retired Fire Chief Ken Taylor who was still in the hospital; it was doubtful he would be home for the holidays.

Mr. Ballard stated the "Pelzer Light People" were once again out on the streets of Pelzer; they wrapped themselves in Christmas lights and waved at passersby on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Mr. Ballard stated he would miss the outgoing Council Members and wished them all the best. Both Dr. Taylor and Dr. Cates had mentored him when he was first elected; Mr. Roberts was a true friend.

- Chairman Kirven stated as we get older, we see things a bit differently. Differences fade away and we look for the good in people. Mr. Kirven stated he appreciated all of his colleagues and their hard work; Council had accomplished a lot in 2020. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Councilor Tripp recalled meeting Dr. Taylor 26 years ago when he was elected to the State Legislature; he appreciated the honor of serving with him. Mr. Tripp stated he was also honored to have served with Dr. Cates and Mr. Roberts; he wished them all the best of luck in the future. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Councilor Dill wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He had spent a lot of time the past couple of weeks with the subdistricts to understand the proposed consolidation; the final outcome depended on the negotiations. He had confidence that the fire districts and the sewer subdistricts would be better off in the end. Mr. Dill stated he would make sure that the elderly and the handicapped would not be taken advantage of in the process.

Mr. Dill stated he had enjoyed his time working with Dr. Taylor, Dr. Cates and Mr. Roberts. It took a "mixture" of people working together to get things done.

- Councilor Barnes wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Council Members had differences of opinion; he hoped they could start 2021 with a “clean slate” and a better attitude. He wanted Council to work together and get along with each other.
- Vice-Chairman Meadows stated it was a great time of the year; he reminded everyone to focus of the real meaning of Christmas. Mr. Meadows echoed Mr. Barnes sentiment for Council to start next year with renewed energy to do what was “right for the County.” He wished Merry Christmas to all.
- Councilor Cates stated he appreciated the opportunity to serve on Council the past 13 years. It had been a blessing in many ways and he had learned quite a bit. Dr. Cates stated he would miss his colleagues and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Councilor Roberts wished a Merry Christmas to all. He stated he would miss his colleagues and looked forward to their continued friendships.

Item (16) Adjournment

Action: Councilor Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council