



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
June 4, 2013

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Council Chairman
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I, Vice Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Archie Barron, District III
Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members [except Mr. Dexter], Thomas L. Martin County Attorney, County Administrator Scott Moulder, Assistant Administrator Glenn Breed and Clerk to Council Elizabeth G. Hulse present.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, Ashton Hester – Keowee Courier, Ray Chandler-Anderson Independent & Norman Cannada -The Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session [related to specific agenda items]:

None at this meeting.

Public Comment Session [related to non-agenda items]:

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding historical issues with the fire departments and ISO ratings.

County Council Response to Public Comment:

Mr. McCall updated those present regarding the status of the Walhalla swimming pool noting that donations are still coming in. He also thanked the local Delegation for assistance in obtaining state monies for the project.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Corbeil led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Minutes:

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 0 to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2013 regular meeting as presented.

Presentations by Outside Organizations to Council

Oconee County Capital Project Advisory Committee [CPAC]

Mr. Moulder & Mr. David Mead, Citizen At Large Representative

Mr. Moulder & Mr. Mead utilizing a written report [copy filed with these minutes] briefly reviewed with Council and for the public's benefit the activities of the CPAC to include two projects reviewed and forwarded to the Planning Commission and Council for inclusion in the budget as funding becomes available. Council thanked Mr. Moulder and Mr. Mead for their presentation.

SC Human Affairs Commission/Community Relations

Ms. Saundra Ligon, Sr. Consultant

Ms. Ligon addressed Council utilizing several handouts [copies filed with these minutes] regarding her agency's services. Council thanked Ms. Ligon for her presentation.

Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary

Mr. Moulder briefly reviewed with Council and for the public's benefit specifics related to the following matters before Council at this meeting:

Ordinance 2013-07 – Initially scheduled for Public Hearing and 3rd and Final Reading / Public Hearing cancelled and the ordinance was removed from consideration at this meeting

Ordinance 2013-15 – Second Reading

Ordinance 2013-16 – First Reading

Discussion Items to include:

RFP 12-13 / Financial Auditing Services / \$49,900

Keowee Falls Substation / \$219,622.83

Executive Session

Mr. Moulder announced staff who recently received recognition in their fields:

- **Mr. Richard Blackwell**, Oconee County Economic Development Director, received Certified Economic Developer designation from the SC Department of Commerce.
- **Ms. Ann Rogers** received from Governor Haley in Columbia recently the 2013 Direct Service Volunteer Award.
- The **Oconee County Finance Department** received notice [copy of press release filed with these minutes] that they will be awarded again this year the Government Finance Officers Association [GFOA] Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.
- **Ms. Sheila Ward**, Risk Manager, received from the South Carolina Counties Workers' Compensation Trust's 2012 Outstanding Safety Achievement Award.
- **Ms. Elizabeth Hulse**, Clerk to Council, authored an article "*South Carolina Clerks to Council: Role, Responsibilities and Certification*" which was published in the South Carolina Association of Counties, County Focus Magazine, Volume 24, Number 1.

Council congratulated the staff mentioned for a job well done.

Lastly, Mr. Moulder provided Council with a handout [copy filed with these minutes] from Mr. Blackwell with a listing of proposed names to replace the Echo Hills Industrial Park name for the property on Highway 11. Discussion followed. It was agreed to discuss this issue during New Business.

Public Hearing and Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2013-07 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Both the Public Hearing and Third & Final Reading of **Ordinance 2013-07** were removed prior to the meeting from consideration at this meeting to allow for document review/revision.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

[Note: Public Hearings will be scheduled at or before third & final reading for the following ordinances as required]

Ordinance 2013-15 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF EASEMENTS FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES ACROSS CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE SAME; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-15** on second reading.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2013-16 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY, AS TO THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 26-2 – PRIVATE ROAD STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS, THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 26-7(E) ENCROACHMENTS., AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDING AND FEES POLICY RELATING TO ENCROACHMENT POLICIES OF OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-16** on first reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

RFP 12-13 / Financial Auditing Services / \$49,900

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 0 to [1] award of RFP 12-13, Financial Auditing Services to Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, of Atlanta, GA, for the annual amount of \$49,900.00 for the first year, and [2] authorize the County Administrator to renew this contract for an additional four years, as long as the amount does not exceed the annual amount budgeted for this service.

Keowee Falls Substation / \$219,622.83

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 0 to table action regarding this item until the June 18, 2013 Council meeting so that staff can provide additional information and options.

Old Business

County to Host Duke Energy / Keowee Toxaway Relicensing Update Meeting in Chambers

Oconee County will be hosting a Duke Energy public information meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC regarding the Keowee Toxaway Relicensing Program.

New Business

Special Council Meeting

The Oconee County Council will be holding a Special Public Hearing Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to receive public input regarding budget ordinances for fiscal year 2013-2014: **Ordinance 2013-01, 2013-02 and 2013-03.** The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC.

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee

This Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, June 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss various topics. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC.

Planning & Economic Development Committee

The meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2013 has been cancelled and rescheduled to Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss various topics. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC.

Executive Session:

Mr. Moulder noted that the Executive Session is not needed at this meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously 4 - 0, to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council