



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
February 21, 2017

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Paul Cain, District III
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Ms. Edda Cammick, Chairwoman, District I
Mr. Julian Davis III, Vice Chair, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chair Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root, Public Information Officer Amanda Brock, and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council 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.

Members of the press present: Ray Chandler / Anderson Independent & Stephen Bradley / Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Ms. Cammick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Ms. Jean Jennings addressed Council regarding litter in Oconee County, FARM, and concerns about the Oakway School Property and how the utilities, upkeep of the grounds, etc. would be paid for.

Mr. Stanley Gibson, Chairman of Foothills Agriculture Resource and Marketing Center Board addressed Council regarding the FARM center to include but not limited to identities of the principals and other stakeholders in the venture, financials to include present assets and income expenses as well as anticipated income and funding, specific plans and benchmarks for the operation, what the FARM center needs from the County, grants to apply for, business plan and bylaws, and Heritage Fair income and attendance.

Ms. Gwen McPhail addressed Council regarding the FARM center on the successes of the FARM over the past eight (8) years

Mr. Frankie Pearson addressed Council regarding gravel dust to the American Legion Hut and also addressed Council regarding the FARM.

Ms. Christa Just addressed the Council regarding Youth in Politics requesting a part time youth position to bring creative thoughts and new ideas.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Ms. Cammick thanked Mr. Crenshaw for the inmates collecting the litter in Westminster.

Moment of Silence

Ms. Cammick asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve the February 3, 2017 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0 to approve the February 3, 2017 Strategic Planning Retreat minutes as presented. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0 to approve the February 7, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented.

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:

- Proclamation 2017-01
- Public Hearing for Ordinance 2017-04
- Third and Final Reading of Ordinances: 2017-04
- Second Reading of Ordinances: 2016-32; 2016-42 (removed from consideration)
- Action Item Summaries
- Board/Commission Appointments
- First Reading of Ordinance: 2017-05 [Title Only]
- First & Final Reading of Resolution: R2017-02

Proclamation 2017-01

Proclamation 2017-01 “A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE WEST-OAK WRESTLING TEAM” on first and final reading.

Mr. Davis read the Proclamation 2017-01 honoring the West-Oak Wrestling team. Present were the wrestling team, managers, and coaches.

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2017-04 “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OCONEE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

There were no written or oral comments received regarding Ordinance 2017-04.

Noting that no citizens signed up to address Council; Ms. Cammick opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance. No citizen addressed Council.

Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2017-04 [Captioned above]

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve Ordinance 2017-04.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-32 “AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILITY CONSTRUCTION ALONG HIGHWAY 59, NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 59 AND FELTMAN ROAD ADJACENT TO THE GOLDEN CORNER COMMERCE PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 -0, to approve Ordinance 2016-32.

Ordinance 2016-42 “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT GOGGLES PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0 to remove Ordinance 2016-42 from Agenda.

Mr. Root explained the reason it would be removed from the agenda due to changes to the fee agreement and park agreement that would need to be settled upon and would put this ordinance on the next agenda.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

The Purchase of two (2) 2017 Ford Police Interceptor SUV’s for the Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$55,126. The budget was \$62,496 leaving a balance of \$7,370.

Mr. Davis asked if the balance of \$7,370 would go back into the Sheriff’s Department budget. Mr. Moulder explained that was in the Sheriff’s Department and the funds would remain in their budget and if they were not spent, they would roll back into the unspent funds of the County for the year and roll into fund balance as other unspent funds do.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve the purchase of two (2) 2017 Ford Police Interceptor SUV’s.

Approval of \$2,800 in gravel dust to American Legion Post 124 to be paid from Council Contingency

After Mr. Moulder highlighted various aspects regarding the Rock Quarry’s existence as an Enterprise Fund, Council held a brief discussion regarding the transfer of funds for donated gravel to any agency or department.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0 to approve the gravel to be paid from Council Contingency.

Telephone and Facsimile Line

Request for Council to fund the installation and monthly operational costs for a FAX and telephone line at the former Health Department Building, for Clemson University's Joseph F. Sullivan Center [Health Clinic]

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, tabled until the March 7, 2017 meeting.

Board & Commission Appointments

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Hart made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. John Menzies as the District V representative on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Conservation Bank Board

Mr. Hart made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Frank Ables as the District V representative on the Conservation Bank Board.

Agricultural Advisory Board

Mr. McCall made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Douglas Hollifield as the District II representative on the Agricultural Advisory Board.

Mr. Hart made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Ms. Vicki Willoughby as the District V representative on the Agricultural Advisory Board.

Mr. Davis made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Edward Land as the District IV representative on the Agricultural Advisory Board.

Mr. Cain made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Rex Blanton as the At-Large representative on the Agricultural Advisory Board.

Building Codes Advisory Board

Mr. McCall made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Matthew Rochester as the District II representative on the Building Codes Advisory Board.

Mr. Hart made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Kenneth Owen as the District V representative on the Building Codes Advisory Board.

Scenic Highway Committee

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to have Mr. Root draft an ordinance to remove the Scenic Highway Committee.

Old / Unfinished Business:

Mr. Hart made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Ms. Stacy Smith as the District V representative on the Arts & Historical Commission.

New Business:

Mr. McCall made a motion to send a letter to the Legislative Delegation regarding distracted driving. Mr. Root stated he would draft a letter to put on the next agenda for review.

Council Committee Reports:

None scheduled.

Executive Session:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0 to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

- [1] discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Entry.*
- [2] receiving legal advice and discussing a contractual matter related to the use and operation of approximately fifty-eight (58) acres of County-owned property located on Sandifer Blvd., TMS# 252-00-02-003.*
- [3] receiving legal advice and discussing a contractual matter related to the use and operation of the former Oakway School property.*

Council entered Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:09 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0.

Ms. Cammick stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart approved 5 – 0 for the Administrator to further negotiate Project Entry terms.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2017-05 [Title Only] “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SPECIAL SOURCE CREDIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT ENTRY; THE LOCATION OF PROJECT ENTRY IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.”

First & Final Reading of Resolution R2017-02

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY BY OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA OF A SPECIAL SOURCE CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT ENTRY WITH RESPECT TO A PROJECT IN THE COUNTY WHEREBY THE PROJECT WOULD BE PROVIDED CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND RELATED MATTERS.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart approved 5 – 0 to remove Ordinance 2017-05 and Resolution R2017-02 from the agenda.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0 to direct the Administrator to negotiate a potential lease term for use of the former Oakway Intermediate School.

Adjourn

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council