



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, September 8, 2020

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. John Elliott, Chair Pro Tem, District I
Mr. Paul Cain, Vice Chair, District III
Mr. Julian Davis III, Chairman, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & 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.oconeesc.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: No members of the press were present.

Call to Order:

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

Second Reading of the Following Ordinance

Ordinance 2020-18 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2020-01 THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE CAPITAL VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.”

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Ordinance 2020-18** on second reading.

Mr. Elliott noted there will be no tax or millage increase.

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Ms. Brock addressed Council utilizing a handout entitled “General Fund Budget Amendments for FY 2020-2021” [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief description of each department listed regarding an increase / decrease.

Mr. Root noted the highlighted portion under the budget provisos, section 3 [copy filed with backup materials] is regarding advertising with The Journal. He noted the initial budget version was to not advertise with The Journal or affiliated entities, unless legally required to do so. He further noted there were certain contracts with The Journal for advertising, such as pet adoption, tax sale, etc., however, this could not be done unless there was an amendment to the ordinance because the initial motion was made as part of the budget ordinance. Mr. Root noted there were three options: [1] amend the motion and delete the highlighted portion of Section 3, [2] reword the paragraph, or [3] if no motion is made to amend, the highlighted language would remain in the ordinance.

Discussion continued to include:

- Legal requirements to advertise
- Any and all advertising completed with The Journal as a matter of policy in-house would be brought for Council approval
- Anderson Independent’s distribution in the County is not to individuals but rather gas stations, supermarkets, etc.
- ATAX funding

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2020-18** on second reading.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council

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