



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 13, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne McCall, Chairman, District II

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee scheduled at 5:30 PM [meeting immediately followed the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting also scheduled at 5:30 p.m.] in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present, Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Mike Crenshaw, Capt. Travis Tilson, Lt. Mike Holmes

Emergency Services: Chief Charlie King, Deputy Chief Scott Krein

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 to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler / Anderson Independent

Call to Order

Chairman McCall called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 3 – 0 to approve the October 11, 2016 minutes as presented.

New Business:

Interagency Radio Issues Discussion

Sheriff Crenshaw, Capt. Tilson & Chief King addressed the committee regarding ongoing issues related to interagency radio issues and their request to along with Council develop a long term strategy to address issues in a phased approach. Lengthy discussion followed with various issues discussed to include but not limited to:

- Fire on VHF, Sheriff's Office on UHF
- Volunteer Fire Fights have historically provided some of their own radios
- Topographic Issues / Tower placement to help eliminate dead zones
- Frequencies & Bands
- Digital vs. Analog: Sheriff & Fire recommend digital system

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to recommend to full Council to move forward with additional voter sites with available funding and in tandem to work on a viable long term capital plan to address the radio issues.

Noise Ordinance / Sheriff Mike Crenshaw & Mr. Chad Rawlings

Mr. Rawlings, Superior Sound, was unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency at his business.

Sheriff Crenshaw addressed the Committee noting that he and Mr. Rawlings have a meeting scheduled the beginning of January 2017; noting after which he will come back to Council with a draft ordinance.

Fall Creek Park Update

Sheriff Crenshaw stated that increased coverage during the summer helped alleviate issues at this park. He noted that on the 4th of July weekend officers were turning away 75-80 vehicles per hours at some times for safety reasons.

Duke Energy Turning Fall Creek over to Oconee County

Mr. McCall questioned what the holdup was related to the County taking over operation of this park from Duke Energy. Mr. Moulder noted that Duke is ready to turn the park over and that the County is willing to accept the park; however, until Council addresses and allocates funding for staffing, operations and maintenance he would not recommend acceptance of the park. Discussion followed.

The Committee took no action on this matter at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council