



MINUTES
LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 9, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne McCall, Chairman, District II
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee scheduled at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present, County Interim Administrator Rick Martin, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Emergency Services: Chief Charlie King
Solid Waste & Recycling: Swain Still, Director

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

Members of the press present: Caitlin Herrington / Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Mr. McCall called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 3 – 0 to approve the May 3, 2018 minutes as presented.

Presentation on the Emergency Services Capital Plan – Chief Charlie King

Chief Charlie King, Oconee County Emergency Services, addressed the Committee utilizing a handout entitled “Capital Equipment Replacement Plan Proposal” [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Largest expenditure annually of taxpayer dollars across the County
- Vehicle replacement schedule
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus [SCBA]
- Cash Flow Smoothing Schedule
- Propose to finance the trucks that would allow a sixteen year loan to keep at \$1.2 million investment annually
- 330 breathing apparatus units on a 15 year replacement cycle totals \$1.8 million
- Grants
- Plan does not include ATV’s, Kubota’s, etc.
- Impact fees

- Taxes

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

EMS Update – GHS Director

Mr. Aaron Dix, Administrator of Emergency Medical Services, addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Over the last six months, there have been changes in leadership and added resources
- Dr. Thomas Blackwell, Primary Medical Director and Chief of the Division of Pre-Hospital Medicine
- Added 12 hour truck to the Keowee Key area
- Five ambulances, 24 hours a day/7 days a week; sixth ambulance is at Keowee Key for 12 hours a day/7 days a week; two additional ambulances stationed during the day to handle some of the discharge volume and priority two calls

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

Presentation regarding Solid Waste Ordinance & Animal Control Ordinance – Ms. Edda Cammick

Mr. Root noted with Ms. Cammick's participation, we had a concern that would potentially convert the meeting into a full Council meeting which wouldn't have been properly noticed. Out of an abundance of caution, we wanted to make sure it was properly noticed. On Tuesday, October 16, 2018, there will be an additional Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee meeting beginning at 5pm to address the solid waste ordinance and animal control ordinance and will be noticed at the same time as a concurrent notice and will be a Special Council meeting. Additionally, we generally do not have public comment during the discussion items for committees, however, Mr. McCall wanted to give the citizens that were in attendance an opportunity to speak.

Discussion Items

Mr. Swain Still, Director of Solid Waste & Recycling, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Oconee County Solid Waste & Recycling" [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Oconee County Solid Waste Mission
- Facilities & Operations
- Prior to 1991
- Recycle Centers
- Materials accepted at Recycling Centers / Issues at Centers Addressed in the Ordinance
- Landfill and Transfer Station History
- C&D Landfill / Issues Addressed in Ordinance
- Fees effect residents at Landfill
- Transfer Station / Issues Addressed in Ordinance
- Fees effect residents at Transfer Stations
- Accepts Recyclables at no charge
- Tires

Discussion continued to include:

- Glass recycling

- Pilot program
- Expansion of existing landfill
- Setbacks
- DHEC
- Tires

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

Discussion regarding the proposed Animal Control Ordinance

Corporal Shaun Honea, Director of Animal Services Division with Oconee County Sheriff's Office, addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Need to be very specific that shade and shelter applies to dogs and not livestock, etc.
- Cold weather requirements should be left up to the animal control officers' discretion
- Tethering
- Weight and / or age limit for tethering
- Campgrounds & parks
- Increase work load and potentially requiring additional officers
- State vs. County
- More intake of animals
- Number of animals that have to be put down will go up

Discussion continued to include:

- Unsupervised tethering
- Domesticated animals
- State laws
- Cat intake numbers are higher than dogs
- Call log
- Seize animals

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

Mr. McCall opened the floor to public comment.

Ms. Aubrey Miller addressed the Committee regarding the animal control ordinance and noted it needs to be revised, specifically the definitions.

Mr. Mark Sandifer addressed the Committee utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] regarding the animal control ordinance and The Humane Society of the United States.

Mr. Phillip Cheney addressed the Committee regarding tethering an animal outside of a restaurant or business.

Discussion regarding Mosquitoes

- Tires
- Advertisement regarding mosquitoes from Administrator & staff
- Standing water
- Spraying kills the honeybees

- Be proactive and dump standing water
- Non-working pools
- Property Maintenance Code
- DHEC
- Code Enforcement Officer

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

Other Business

None at this meeting.

New Business:

None at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council