



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
October 3, 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, 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.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: Stephen Bradley / Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Ms. Cammick called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Ms. Lauren Richardson, Our Daily Rest, addressed Council and thanked them for their support and investment that they gave to citizens who happen to be residents at one time or another at Our Daily Rest.

Mr. Devoe Blackston addressed Council regarding his opposition to the corridor overlay and noted he had not been informed of this information.

Mr. Randy Dewese, Plant Manager at Ideal Steel, addressed Council noting millage rates for industry taxes are going up and also addressed issues with skilled laborers coming out of Tri-County Technical College.

Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council regarding private property rights.

Mr. Andy Gramling addressed Council regarding change from control free to a zoning matrix.

Sheriff Mike Crenshaw addressed Council reading from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] regarding adoption fees for animals in Oconee County.

Mr. Tom Markovich addressed Council in support of Ordinance 2017-25 but with the objection of the 50 acre requirement.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Mr. McCall commended Sheriff Crenshaw on his idea for the adoption fees.

Per Ms. Cammick's inquiries, Mr. Moulder noted the fees are structured as part of the budget ordinance and there is a fee schedule for all County fees. The adoption fees are established as part of the budget. There is a budget amendment based on previous Council discussions that will be coming up in the near future. Discussion continued.

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. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the September 19, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Presentation to Council

Doug Wright with Senior Solutions was scheduled to present a presentation to Council. This presentation has been rescheduled until further notice.

Proclamation 2017-08

Mr. Cain read the proclamation into the record.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Proclamation 2017-08**.

Ms. Nancy Linvill, Chairman of the Founding Committee of the Lakes & Bridges Charter School, addressed Council thanking them for receipt of the proclamation. She noted 66% of fourth graders in South Carolina are not reading on grade level and many of these students have dyslexia. Further, she noted the school will be opening in 2018. As long as parents are residents of South Carolina, children may attend this school. The school will be part of the state charter school district.

Susan Dooley, Founding Member for Lakes & Bridges Charter School, addressed Council thanking them for their support.

Ms. Nancy Linvill and Ms. Susan Dolley came forward to accept **Proclamation 2017-08** from Mr. Cain.

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:

- Presentation to Council: Senior Solutions / Doug Wright
- Proclamation: P2017-08

- First Reading of Ordinance: 2017-25
- Board & Commission Appointments

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2017-25 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS PERTAINING TO “AMENDMENTS AND REZONING” GENERALLY AND “METHODS OF INITIAL REZONING” IN PARTICULAR; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Ordinance 2017-25** on first reading.

Lengthy discussion followed to include:

- Relates to provisions for small area method rezoning
- Reduce the minimum requirement from 200 acres to 50 acres
- Removes petition method
- “Donut hole provision”
- Control free
- Small area zoning discussion on agenda for the joint County Council & Planning Commission Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017
- Table ordinance until after workshop
- Motion to postpone instead of tabling ordinance so the ordinance may be brought up at a later date

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, to postpone **Ordinance 2017-25** until further notice.

Discussion continued to include:

- Easier access to change the zoning if landowners do not want control free and want another area of zoning
- Control out of the County and puts more with the landowner
- Property rights for landowners
- Oconee County is the only county in the state that has an acreage requirement

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. McCall, it was approved 5 – 0, to postpone **Ordinance 2017-25** until further notice.

Board & Commission Appointments

Ms. Cammick inquired about having an email list to send out to the builders and contractors in the area for the Building Codes Appeal Board. Mr. Moulder noted there is a list serve of email contacts for all registered builders. Ms. Cammick asked Mr. Moulder to send an email to the contacts to let them know there is one (1) At Large position open.

Building Codes Appeal Board

No nominations were made.

Conservation Bank Board

No nominations were made.

Board of Zoning Appeals

No nominations were made.

Agricultural Advisory Board

No nominations were made.

Planning Commission

Mr. Cain made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Alex Vassey as the District III representative on the Planning Commission.

Old / Unfinished Business

None at this meeting.

New Business

None at this meeting.

Council Committee Reports

None at this meeting.

Executive Session:

Mr. Davis 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 Omega.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0.

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

Adjourn

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. .

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council