



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2018

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: Norm Cannada / Daily Journal.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment Session

None at this meeting.

County Council Response to Public Comment

None at this meeting.

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. Cain 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 January 2, 2018 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:

- E. Morris Oconee County Conservation Bank Board Easement Funding
- Second Reading of Ordinance: 2017-32, 33
- First Reading of Ordinance: 2018-04
- First & Final Reading of Resolutions: 2018-01, 02
- Board & Commission Appointments
- Unfinished Business
- Council Committee Reports

Proclamation 2018-01

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Proclamation 2018-01** and to be read at the January 29, 2018 County Council Special Meeting.

E. Morris Oconee County Conservation Bank Board Easement Funding

OCCB UNANIMOUSLY REQUESTED APPROVAL ON DECEMBER 18, 2017 FOR COUNCIL TO APPROVE FUNDING OF \$12,500.00 FOR EASEMENT.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve funding of \$12,500 for E. Morris Oconee County Conservation Bank Board Easement funding.

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

None at this meeting.

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

None at this meeting.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2017-32 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AS LESSOR AND KENT CROOKS AS LESSEE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LOCATED AT 207 CROOKS ROAD, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2017-32** on second reading.

Ordinance 2017-33 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING THE LAKE OVERLAY DISTRICT WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE BEING MADE TO THE NATURAL VEGETATIVE BUFFER; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2017-33** on second reading.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2018-04 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING SETBACK LANGUAGE FOR COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

[Commercial Structure Setback Language]

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-04** on first reading.

First & Final Reading of the Following Resolutions

Resolution 2018-01 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PUBLIC ACCESS AREA LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC, AS LESSOR AND OCONEE COUNTY, AS LESSEE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

[South Cove County Park Access]

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Resolution 2018-01** on first & final reading.

Resolution 2018-02 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PUBLIC ACCESS AREA LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC, AS LESSOR AND OCONEE COUNTY, AS LESSEE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

[High Falls County Park Access]

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Resolution 2018-02** on first & final reading.

There was a Scribner’s error on the agenda regarding Resolution 2018-01 and Resolution 2018-02. Resolution 2018-01 refers to South Cove County Park Access and Resolution 2018-02 refers to High Falls County Park Access.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

None at this meeting.

Board & Commission Appointments

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.

Old / Unfinished Business

Mr. McCall asked about the recycling signs at the convenience centers and Mr. Moulder noted they have been put up. Mr. McCall noted Convenience Center #10, Ebenezer, did not have a sign. Mr. Moulder noted that was one of the first convenience centers that had a sign put up. Discussion continued to include updates on recycling numbers.

New Business

None at this meeting.

Council Committee Reports:

Mr. McCall read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] outlining the discussions held at the January 9, 2018 Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee meeting.

Per Mr. McCall's request, Sheriff Crenshaw addressed Council highlighting the following to include but not limited to:

- 500 more incident reports department wide filed by deputies in 2017 vs. 2016
- Extra patrol at events
- Student housing
- Taken on calls for service
- Covering for Westminster, Walhalla, West Union, & Salem when police departments are not on duty
- Church safety
- Deputy stationed at the Oconee County Tax Office during tax season
- Fair Oak Youth Center
- Tri-County Technical College
- Visible law enforcement presence

Mr. Cain thanked Sheriff Crenshaw for his presentation. Mr. Cain asked to what extent through recreation mentoring can prevent the next generation from turning to a life of crime. Sheriff Crenshaw noted there is value in investing in recreation and noted the following to include but not limited to:

- Increase in school resource officer program
- Recreation Review Task Force
- Decrease in juvenile arrests
- Leadership camp

Mr. McCall thanked Sheriff Crenshaw and his staff for all they do for Oconee County.

Mr. Hart read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] outlining the discussions held at the January 9, 2018 Transportation Committee 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] “to receive legal advice and discuss a possible claim against the County and/or others regarding ownership of a certain parcel of real property located within Oconee County.”

[2] “discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Golden.”

Council entered Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:23 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. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. .

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council