



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2016

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Vice Chairman
Ms. Edda Cammick, District I, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV
Mr. Reg Dexter, 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 Elizabeth G. Hulse, 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.oconeese.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: Ray Chandler / Anderson Independent & Stephen Bradley / The Daily Journal.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment Session

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council requesting disbandment of the Planning Commission.

Ms. Jean Jennings addressed Council in opposition to zoning and offering suggestions for saving tax dollars to include vehicle reduction, stopping tax incentive agreements and the sale of county owned properties.

Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council in opposition to the formation of an Agriculture Advisory Committee.

Mr. C. W. Richards addressed Council in opposition to a millage increase for FY 2016-2017 when reassessment is one year away.

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council in opposition to a millage increase for FY 2016-2017 when reassessment is one year away.

Mr. John Morrey addressed Council in support for salary increases in the Sheriff's office if they can be paid for without a tax increase.

County Council Response to Public Comment

None at this meeting.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Cain asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

The 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. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 4 – 0 – 1 [Mr. Dexter abstained – form filed with these minutes] to approve the April 5, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve the April 14, 2016 special 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:

- Public Hearings & Third Readings: Ordinances 2016-10 and 2016-14
- First Readings: Ordinance 2016-15 [in title only]
- First & Final Readings for Resolutions: R2016-05
- Discussion Regarding Action Items
- Board & Commission Appointments
- Council Committee Reports
- Executive Session

Public Hearing Regarding the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-10 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND **THE NASON COMPANY**; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES; THE PLACEMENT OF THE PROJECT IN A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK; AND RELATED MATTERS"

Mr. Cain opened the floor for Public Comment.

Noting that no citizens signed up to address Council; Mr. Cain opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance. No citizens addressed Council.

Mr. Cain asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Cain closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2016-10**.

Ordinance 2016-14 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND OCONEE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2015-01, THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2016, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

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Mr. Cain asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Cain closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2016-14**.

Third and Final Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-10 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND **THE NASON COMPANY**; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES; THE PLACEMENT OF THE PROJECT IN A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK; AND RELATED MATTERS”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-10** on third and final reading.

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Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-14** on third and final reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items:

RFP #15-11 / Custom Pumper Truck for Oakway / \$412,535

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the award of RFP 15-11 for a Custom Pumper Truck for Oakway Rural Fire Station One to Fireline, Inc., of Winder, GA, in the amount of \$412,535.

RFP #15-14 / Phase 2: Lease & Operation of Fiber Network Assets & Services / FOCUS (Fiber Optics Creating Unified Solutions) – Broadband Services

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to [1] conditionally approve the award of RFP 15-14 to One Tone Telecom, of Seneca, SC; and, [2] Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate the contract.

Old Business:

None at this meeting.

New Business:

None at this meeting.

Board & Commission Appointments

Conservation Bank Board / District II Seat

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to appoint Mr. Robert J. Davis to the District II seat on the Oconee County Conservation Bank Board with their seat being co-terminus with District II, IV & V council seats.

Council Committee Reports

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare / Mr. McCall

Mr. McCall read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the activities and discussions at the April 12, 2016 committee meeting.

Executive Session:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 enter into Executive Session as allowed for in §30-4-70 (a) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, 1976 for the purpose of:

[1] discussion of a personnel/contractual matter related to the County Administrator.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:14 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Thrift, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0.

Mr. Cain stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Adjourn

Mr. Dexter made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council