



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
May 3, 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, Ashton Hester / Keowee Courier & Stephen Bradley / The Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council in support of personal property rights.

Mr. Steve Moore addressed Council in opposition to the purchase of land for a permanent location for the Agriculture Center / Heritage Fair and his support for moving forward with outsourcing the Broadband program.

Ms. Becky Ballenger addressed Council voicing concerns with the City of Westminster utility costs.

Ms. Susan Ramey, City of Westminster Council member, addressed Council requesting assistance from the County to help open the city swimming pool.

Mr. Stanley Gibson addressed Council in support for the purchase of land for a permanent location for the Agriculture Center / Heritage Fair.

Ms. Jean Jennings addressed Council questioning the need for award of RFP 15-20.

Mr. Phil Jackson addressed Council in support of developing a long term Solid Waste plan for Oconee County.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Mr. Thrift addressed Ms. Ramey's request noting that after the City has developed their plan for rehabbing the facility and operation to please present the plan to the Administrator who will potentially [not guaranteed] provide some assistance.

Mr. McCall also addressed Ms. Ramey noting that he had provided a lot of the work for the City of Walhalla at his own expense. He suggested that the City of Westminster work to identify corporate sponsors who can help with costs and/or supplies for the project.

Ms. Cammick asked Mr. Moulder to address Ms. Jennings questions during his Administrator's report.

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. McCall 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 5 – 0 to approve the April 19, 2016 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:

- Proclamations: P2016-01
- First Readings: Ordinance 2016-01, 02, 03, 15, 17 & 19 [in title only]
- First & Final Readings for Resolutions: R2016-05
- Discussion Regarding Action Items
- Board & Commission Appointments
- Council Committee Reports

First & Final Reading for the Following Proclamations

Proclamation P2016-01 "A PROCLAMATION FOR PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY"

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-01** on first and final reading.

Mr. Cain along with Sheriff Mike Crenshaw and several officers present stepped forward to receive the Proclamation.



First Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-01 [in title only] “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR **OCONEE COUNTY** AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, AND FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017”

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-01** on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2016-02 [in title only] “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY** (the “School District”) AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017”

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-02** on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2016-03 [in title only] “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE **KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT** AND TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-03** on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2016-15 [in title only] “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND **PROJECT WALES**; THE GRANTING OF SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-15** on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2016-17 [in title only] “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF OCONEE COUNTY PERTAINING TO COMMITTEES IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE **OCONEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD**; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-17** on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2016-19 [in title only] “AN ORDINANCE CANCELLING, REVOKING, AND RESCINDING OCONEE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2013-22; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

[Rescinding the Patillo Land Swap Ordinance]

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-19** on first reading in title only.

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

R2016-05 "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY BY OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT WITH **PROJECT WALES** WITH RESPECT TO A PROJECT IN THE COUNTY WHEREBY THE PROJECT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES IN LIEU OF TAXES, AND WOULD BE PROVIDED CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS AGAINST FEE PAYMENTS; AND RELATED MATTERS"

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Resolution R2016-05** on first & final reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items:

RFP 15-20 / Title Search Services / Delinquent Tax / \$186,000

Mr. Moulder deferred to Mr. Root to address questions regarding the necessity of and advantages to the County for awarding this RFP to include the fees being recovered as part of the penalties and fees assessed; limited liability to the County; and the cost savings related to personnel costs to the County.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to (1) approve the award of RFP #15-20, Title Search Services for Delinquent Tax Office to Anna Prater, LLC, of Pickens, SC, not to exceed the estimated amount of \$186,000 for a one year period, and (2) authorize the County Administrator to approve up to four, one-year renewals of this contract, if services are satisfactory.

ITB 15-21 / Two Fire-Dive-Rescue Boats / Emergency Services / \$132,712

Chief Charlie King addressed Council regarding various aspects of the ITB to include boat / engine size; number of engines; gas vs. diesel; and, Coast Guard and Federal regulations.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve the award of ITB 15-21 for two Fire-Dive-Rescue boats with trailers, to Miracle Marine of Potosi, MO, in the amount of \$132,712; contingent upon bank approval.

PO 50044 / Change Order #3 / Sewer South Project / \$160,075

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve Change Order #3 for PO 50044, to URS Corporation of Greenville, SC, to perform additional general engineering services for the Sewer South Project, per the attached proposal, not to exceed \$160,075.

Old Business:

None at this meeting.

New Business:

Trucks for Emergency Services

Mr. McCall noted he had conversations with Emergency Services personnel who informed him of the ISO and Federal regulations regarding the age of trucks allowed; noting he withdrew any objections to the vehicle purchase plan currently in place.

Board & Commission Appointments

Planning Commission / District IV

Mr. Thrift requested that this be deferred to a future meeting as he is soliciting candidates in his district.

Board of Zoning Appeals / At Large Seat

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, to nominate Mr. Charles Morgan to the At Large seat on the Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals with their seat being co-terminus with District II, IV & V council seats.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mr. McCall, to nominate Ms. Darlene Green to the At Large seat on the Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals with their seat being co-terminus with District II, IV & V council seats.

Mr. Thrift and Ms. Cammick noted their nominee's commitment and experience.

Mr. Root stated that the voting needed to be in the order of nomination with a candidate receiving a majority being appointed to the Committee. Lastly, he noted that each Council member may vote only once.

Mr. Cain called for the vote on Mr. Morgan. The nomination received three votes from Mr. Thrift, Mr. Dexter and Mr. Cain.

Council Committee Reports

Budget, Finance & Administration Committee

Mr. Cain read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the activities and discussions at the April 26, 2016 committee meeting.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by McCall, approved 5 – 0 to affirm the Committee's recommendations to [1] remove the two shared planner positions from the budget, [2] fund one part time magistrate judge [removing one part time judge from the budget] for bond hearings at the detention center, [3] remove \$446,400 for a bond payment to Tri County Technical College for their Student Success Center, and [4] direct the Administrator to incorporate Mr. Dexter's suggestions as presented on the handout into an updated budget document as Version #2.

Adjourn

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council