



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
October 18, 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 / Daily Journal.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment Session

Ms. Andrea Toussaint addressed Council; presenting them with 710 signatures on a petition [copies filed with these minutes], in support of additional millage to place a School Resource Officers [SRO's] in each of the ten School District of Oconee [SDOC] public elementary schools.

Ms. Kristin Stevenson addressed Council utilizing several handouts [copies filed with these minutes] in opposition to passage of **Ordinance 2016-26** and requested that Council send the matter back to the Planning Commission for additional study and recommendation.

Ms. Teresa Owens addressed Council in support for SRO's at all SDOC elementary schools.

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council in opposition to the Waterline Relocation action item.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Ms. Cammick questioned Ms. Toussaint regarding her petitioners support for placement of SRO's in all elementary schools in Oconee County and not just those operated by the SDOC. Ms. Toussaint stated support for all schools but noted her petition related only to those schools where Council has funding authority.

Mr. McCall noted that he and Sheriff Mike Crenshaw plan to meet with SDOC personnel to address these concerns also.

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. Dexter 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 October 4, 2016 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:

- Second Reading of Ordinances: 2016-08, 2016-26, 2016-27 & 2016-28
- First Reading of Ordinances: 2016-31, 2013-32 both title only
- Discussion Items
- Council Committee Reports

Second Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-08 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 "ZONING" OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, INCLUDING ALL ZONING MAPS INCORPORATED THEREIN AND THEREBY, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"
[Tokeena-Dairy Farm]

Staff presented Council with a memo, dated October 18, 2016, providing additional citizen input regarding **Ordinance 2016-08**.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift to approve **Ordinance 2016-08** on second reading.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to amend **Ordinance 2016-08** and remove the three parcels, as outlined on the memo, from this ordinance.

Mr. Cain called for the vote. The motion passed 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-08** on second reading as amended.

Ordinance 2016-26 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 "ZONING" OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, INCLUDING ALL ZONING MAPS INCORPORATED THEREIN AND THEREBY, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"
[Burns Mill 2016-Sub 01]

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift to approve **Ordinance 2016-26** on second reading.

Council questioned staff regarding the proposed usage of the property to be rezoned. Dr. Oliver, the zoning petitioner, noted that his intent was to build storage units on the portion of his land that he is requesting be rezoned.

Mr. Cain called for the vote. The motion passed 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-26** on second reading.

Ordinance 2016-27 “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND **PROJECT LASER** PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-27** on second reading.

Ordinance 2016-28 “AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (**PROJECT LASER**) IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANDERSON COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK TO INCLUDE PROPERTY INITIALLY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SEC. 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH ANDERSON COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-27** on second reading.

First Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-31 [in title only] “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. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-31** on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2016-32 [in title only] “AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILITY CONSTRUCTION ALONG HIGHWAY 59, NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 59 AND FELTMAN ROAD ADJACENT TO THE GOLDEN CORNER COMMERCE PARK.”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-31** on first reading in title only.

Discussion Regarding Action Items:

Used Excavator with Hammer Tool / Quarry / \$209,420

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to [1] approve the purchase of one used, 2014 Hyundai R380L Excavator from May Heavy Equipment, LLC, of Columbia, SC, for the cost of \$209,420, and [2] approve the trade-in of the 2003 JCB Excavator as part of this purchase.

Waterline Relocation for Cities of Seneca and Walhalla / \$896,071

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to (1) Payment to Seneca Light & Water, a division of the City of Seneca, in the amount of \$607,260, (2) Payment to the City of Walhalla in the amount of \$207,350.00 for engineering and construction costs for the relocation of waterlines, plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$81,461.00, for a total award of \$896,071; and (3) authorize the County Administrator to approve any change orders within the contingency amount.

Council Committee Reports

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

Mr. McCall read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the activities and discussions at the October 11, 2016 committee meeting.

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved 5 – 0 to recommend the Sheriff's Office to apply for the methamphetamine investigator grant noting that Oconee County will have a 10% match for the first three years and bring the matter to Council for approval of award.

Transportation / Mr. Thrift

Mr. Thrift read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the activities and discussions at the October 11, 2016 committee meeting.

Old / Unfinished Business:

None discussed at this meeting.

New Business:

School Resource Officers

Mr. Cain directed the Clerk to place this matter on the agenda for the upcoming Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting scheduled for November 8, 2016.

Adjourn

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council