

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 18, 1978

The regular meeting of County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with the opening prayer by Mr. Crain. The only Members absent were Messrs. Bailes and Frady.

Motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Ables and carried to approve minutes of the June 20 and June 27th meetings as furnished.

A detailed update on the status of the county wide sewer system was given by Mr. Howard Adams, Mr. Jerry Balding and Mr. Lewis Chastain. It was pointed out by Mr. Adams that the Commission is serving in three committees during construction, Personnel, Finance and Facilities Committees. It is hoped, according to Mr. Adams that a projects manager will be hired by August 1st. They have received seventeen applications. It was also announced that the Arthur Young report (UCIR) is due around August 6th. Mr. Chastain, Finance Chairman and a representative of the Neil Byerley CPA Firm gave a financial report.

County Building Inspector, Jim LeCroy reported the hospital addition was progressing well and he felt they were four to six weeks ahead of schedule. According to Mr. LeCroy all additional and change orders have been absorbed by HBE.

Mr. Thomas moved to adopt on Second Reading, Ordinance 78-6 "Oconee County Rock Crusher Ordinance", Mr. Crain seconded. Councilman Earle then moved to amend Article 1 Paragraph 3 " to make gravel available for sale to citizens, real estate developers and others". The amendment was seconded by Mr. Crain. Mr. Crain then stated he felt that an Ordinance should be passed later for this. Mr. Ables agreed with Mr. Crain. The vote on the amendment 2 for (Earle, Cox) and 4 against (Ables, Crain, Thomas, Herring). The Ordinance was then passed on Second Reading by a vote of 4 for (Ables, Herring, Crain and Thomas) and 2 against (Earle, Cox). Budget Director, Richard Lay, announced that a public hearing on this Ordinance would be held at 6 P. M. August 1st before Third Reading. A notice to this effect has been sent to the news media.

Mr. Crain moved to work with the State PRT Commission, County Delegation, COG and others in the application of a grant to build a road connecting the Oconee Station to the Oconee State Park. Mr. Thomas seconded and all Members agreed.

Councilman Earle requested that fees charged to local contractors for dumping trash at the landfill be rescinded. He stated he felt this would help the overflow of the green boxes since much of this material is being deposited into the boxes. He moved to allow this until the CCS Ordinance can be amended. Mr. Thomas seconded and it was passed unanimously. It was further agreed to revise the Ordinance to allow private citizens (with one ton truck or less) to dump free also at the landfill. Commercial haulers, Cities and Industrial Plants would still be charged.

Mr. Ables reported he had a letter from the Democratic Party requesting input from the Council and Legislative Delegation in the re-establishing of County Council District lines.

County Attorney Fedder stated Reid Garrison has requested he be given a

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payment schedule as set forth in the Court Order in the Airport Settlement and he recommended this be done. Council concurred.

Sheriff Myron Green told Council Members he has had much dissatisfaction in his department with regard to the merit raise system. He was asked by Councilman Earle if all deputies are now working with the litter problem since the Litter Officer is now a regular deputy and Sheriff Green said they are. Council Members and Mr. Green discussed the purchase of new patrol cars for his department, however, no action was taken.

Mr. Cox moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel - it was agreed.