

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 17, 1978

The regular meeting of County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with the invocation by Mr. Frady. Councilman Cox was the only Member absent.

Motion by Mr. Ables seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried to approve minutes of the October 3rd meeting as furnished.

Duke Power Company Representative, Mr. Hank Cheney, advised Council of Duke Power's application for license to transport used nuclear fuel from the Oconee Plant to the Plant in McGuire, North Carolina. He stated they would be transporting an assembly about every three days from January 1979 to 1981. A film was shown of the tests that have been made on the container to be used for transporting this fuel and the safety measures that have been taken. Mr. Cheney assured Council there would be do danger involved.

Mr. Lee and Mrs. McLain of the Youth Services Bureau in Anderson requested office space and a telephone for their Walhalla office. They only requested base rate for the telephone as they would charge long distance calls to the Anderson office. Mr. Crain moved this be referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee to find space and a telephone they can share with another agency if possible. Mr. Frady seconded the motion which was carried.

Ordinance 78-8 "Sale of Surplus Gravel" was adopted on Third Reading - Motion by Mr. Crain seconded by Mr. Bailes - The vote 7 Yes and 0 No.

An update on the activities of the PRT Commission was given by Recreation Director, Ben Sullivan. Additional funds for the completion of the Directors residence was discussed. Mr. Bailes moved for this to be referred to Mr. Ables Sub-Committee for recommendation. Mr. Crain seconded and it was carried. It was also suggested Building Inspector Jim LeCroy inspect this construction and make recommendations.

A motion by Mr. Ables to ratify action taken in executive session on October 3rd to approve the position of Project Manager for the Sewer Commission. The salary range approved was \$18,000-\$21,000 to be paid by EDA. Mr. Crain seconded and all votes were yes.

County Attorney Fedder introduced and explained Ordinance 78-9 for First Reading. This Ordinance proposed an alternative to Ordinance 78-6 for the funding of the new rock crusher. After discussing pros and cons of the two Ordinances, Ordinance 78-9 "To Authorize purchase of Oconee County General Obligation Anticipation Notes" was adopted on First Reading by a vote of 5 Yes and 2 No (Earle and Frady). Motion for adoption by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Crain.

Dr. Earle reported the Rural Fire Committee has authorized the purchase of a new fire truck with communication equipment, however, authority of where trucks would be located rests with the Rural Fire Board. His Committee also recommends Rural Fire expense vouchers and travel claims be held in line. He further stated they recommended approximately \$1200 from the contingency account be placed in the Rural Fire maintenance budget to replace funds used for a transmission

in fire truck unit # 3. He then moved to approve the above recommendation. Mr. Frady seconded and motion was carried. Mr. Frady suggested agencies such as the Rural Fire use a cost figure over a three year period when projecting budget requests in the future especially for maintenance. Council agreed.

Mr. Herring moved to fund an additional \$500 for travel for Building Inspector, Jim LeCroy. Mr. Bailes seconded and motion was carried. Mr. Herring also reported the bill for repair to the air conditioning unit at the Health Department was going to be high since our maintenance with Honeywell was cancelled. Mr. Thomas suggested some thought be given to a method of preventative maintenance for this unit and others in county buildings perhaps considering the hiring of a person for this. Mr. Herring said he had a request to cut a door between the communications room and the records room in the Law Enforcement Center. Council agreed to contact the Architect and Mr. Lecroy with regard to electrical wire etc, and if they agree it can be done without problems to go ahead.

Councilman Ables reported his committee has recommended an additional \$350 for clerical help in the Board of Registration Office (while regular clerk is on vacation) and he so moved. Motion seconded by Mr. Herring and carried.

Chairman Phinney announced the manpower buildings and Maintenance Crew has been making repairs to the roof and painting the old Smith Chevrolet Building. Council agreed a committee should be appointed to coordinate plans for this building.

Mr. Frady moved to go into a short executive session, Mr. Thomas seconded and it was agreed.