

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 21, 1979

The regular meeting of County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with the invocation by Mr. Crain. Mr. Frady was absent.

Motion by Mr. Crain second by Dr. Earle and carried to adopt minutes of the July 17th meeting as furnished.

Representative Bob McLellan announced a new industry would be locating in the County. The Armaloy Company of Statesville, North Carolina plans to start construction immediately of a facility which will do metal plating. Mr. Thomas W. Shorts, son of the President of Armaloy and future manager of the Seneca plant, told Council that his company's products are used in textile, plastics and tobacco industries. Mr. Shorts further stated there are only seven other plants in the United States that use a similar process in their work. In the beginning of the operation there will be approximately 20 employees and when in full operation about 60 people will be hired. Thrift Brothers of Westminster will construct the plant which will be located in the Seneca area back of the skating rink off the belt-line.

Mr. James Reeves, along with Appeals Board Chairman, Mr. Rex Blanton, met with Council to appeal the tax assessment ratio on his residence. Since Mr. Reeves moved to Oconee from another state he was not aware of the legal residence declaration form which had to be filed in the Tax Assessor's Office by May 1st. Council told Mr. Reeves they could not legally change this for one individual. Council did agree, however, to appoint a Committee to determine the best way to inform new and continuing homeowners of the legal declaration of residence.

Resolution 79-5 appointing Mrs. Sara Mills Norton as an Ex-Officio Member of the Library Board was adopted. Motion by Dr. Earle second by Mr. Ables. The vote 4 Yes and 0 No.

Mrs. Jennings announced that Resolution 79-6 pertaining to Resource Recovery planning will be read later as some of the wording is being corrected.

Ordinance 79-11, "Providing for the Issuance of Construction Permits in Oconee County", was adopted on Third and Final Reading. Motion by Mr. Ables second by Mrs. Jennings. The vote 4 Yes and 0 No.

Ordinance 79-12, "An Ordinance to Amend Certain Provisions of Ordinance 78-8", was adopted on Third and Final Reading. Motion by Mr. Crain second by Mr. Ables. The vote 4 Yes and 0 No.

The following update on the construction of the hospital addition, libraries and South Cove residence was given by Mr. LeCroy:

Westminster Library: Complete and in operation

Walhalla Library: Complete and will be ready for operation by September 1st.

South Cove Residence: A punch list has been given to the contractor which hopefully will be corrected this week.

Motion by Mr. Ables second by Dr. Earle and unanimously carried to ratify the millage of 135 mills as set by the County Auditor. Forty-eight mills are for County operation and 87 mills for operation of the School District.

Mr. Ables moved to pay from the Contingency Account \$575.00 to the Community Theatre. This represents the final quarter of their appropriation for the 1978-79 budget which they failed to request. Mr. Crain seconded Mr. Ables' motion which was carried.

Mr. Crain's update of the crusher operations revealed for the period July 1 through August 17, 5,616 tons have been sold at a cost of \$1.75 per ton for private driveways and 7,972 tons have been used on County roads. He further announced the County can expect 100% gas allocation for August which is the same as last year.

Mr. Lay announced that Ordinance 79-13 pertaining to the issuance of Hospital Revenue Bonds for the Oconee Geriatric center was scheduled for this meeting but has not been completed yet. In order for it to have three readings, it will be necessary to hold a special meeting August 28 for First Reading, Second Reading will be at the regular meeting September 4th and a special meeting for Third Reading will be September 11th (both special meetings scheduled for 9 A.M.).

Meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.