

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 1980

The regular February County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Phinney with the invocation by Planning Commission Chairman, Bob Gaillard. All Council Members were present.

Ordinance 80-1 "Concerning the Ratification and Authorization of Conveyance of a lot located at Mauldin, South College and South Catherine Streets, Walhalla, S.C. for Charitable Purposes" was adopted on Second Reading. Motion by Mr. Frady, second by Mrs. Jennings - The vote 5 Yes and 0 No.

As Chairman of the newly created Planning Commission, Mr. Bob Gaillard told Council that the Commission is receiving inquiries from prospective industries and requested that Council consider possible funding (on a case by case basis) for sewer hook-up with the county wide sewer system for these industries if they decide to locate in the county. ~~The cities provide this service if an industry locates inside the city limits.~~ Chairman Phinney referred this to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for study and recommendation.

An Update on the County wide Sewer Project given by Mr. Howard Adams, Chairman of the Sewer Commission and revealed that everything was progressing well and on schedule. He offered the following documents for Council's approval:

1. Addendum # 5 to the Engineering Contract with Piedmont Engineers for an additional \$7,290 (\$5,974 for inspection and completion of the West Union line and \$1,216 for completion and inspection of Boggs Trailer Court line) EPA will pay 75% of this amount with 25% being paid by the Sewer Commission.
2. Engineering agreement between Oconee County Sewer Commission and Piedmont Engineers which addresses the rehabilitation of the sewers in the towns of Seneca, Walhalla and Westminster so that inflo and infiltration into these sewers will be reduced.
3. Agreements between the Oconee County Sewer Commission and the Towns of Walhalla, Westminster and Seneca to effect rehabilitation of these towns collecting and distributing system so as to prevent excessive inflo and infiltration into the sewer system.
4. An Agreement between Oconee County Sewer Commission and the Town of West Union pertaining to the construction of facilities by the Town, of collector lines which would serve Anda-Ka Industries Corporation and a minimum of eleven residential customers and users.

Mr. Ables moved to approve these documents - Dr. Earle seconded and motion was carried by a unanimous vote. (Copies of these documents are on file in the Sewer Commission Office) Mr. Frady asked Mr. Adams if someone from the Sewer Commission would be available to contact for figures in connection with the request for funding for industries as requested by Mr. Gaillard. Mr. Adams stated there would be someone available and further stated that grants for these sewer hook-ups were possible. He also told Council that the 1980-81 budget for the Sewer Commission would be furnished for their information and review.

Dr. Earle moved to ratify Council's decision in executive session to continue into the new budget the position of Building Inspector. Mr. Ables

Mr. Ables seconded and the vote was 5 Yes and 0 No.

Mr. Crain moved for the appointment of Mr. Molgro England of Westminster to the CCS Commission - Dr. Earle seconded and the vote was 5 Yes and 0 No.

Mrs. Jennings entered a motion to supplement (from the contingency account) \$3,386.41 to the Rural Fire Account 05 20 00L (vehicle maintenance). She also added to her motion that tires be rotated from rural fire trucks to trucks in the Supervisor and CCS Departments as the rural fire truck tires are never worn out, they have to be replaced because of age. Dr. Earle seconded and motion was carried. Mrs. Jennings also told Council that three accounts in the CCS Department are over expended (tires, maintenance and gas, oil and grease). She requested this Committee meet with the Budget Chairman to make decisions as to what funds would be needed, the possibility of leasing a compactor and the possible use of revenue sharing funds for this department.

Mr. Frady, as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, moved to approve an option (\$5,000) for the purchase of two buildings and a parking lot (1.62A) a part of the "Brown Square" for \$250,000 from the Arthur Brown Estate. The purpose of the proposed purchase is housing for the DSS and Food Stamp Office. Buildings included are the Goodyear Building and Discount Mart Building. Mr. Frady pointed out that the \$5,000 option would apply toward the purchase price if Council agrees to this transaction. Mr. Crain seconded and motion was carried. The option would be valid until July 15, 1980.

The Townville Booster Club has requested to lease or purchase an old school bus which the County obtained from State Surplus for \$400 and was used to carry prisoners to Tri County Tec and in various CEIA programs. The County no longer has a need for this bus. County Attorney Fedder advised Council that in his opinion, since the Booster Club was an eleemosynary group the County could sell the bus for \$1.00 without advertisement. Mr. Frady then moved to sell this vehicle to the Townville Booster Club for \$1.00, if it can be done legally. Mr. Ables seconded and motion was carried.

In Mr. Crain's update on the ECAP Program he stated so far \$44,256 has been received and \$64,000 has been requested for February. So far 272 elderly/handicapped and 55 non elderly families have received aid in paying their fuel bills. He also told Council the County's gasoline allocation for February would be 82% of the amount used in February 1979. He estimated the new budget would have to allow approximately \$198,000 for gasoline and \$162,000 for diesel fuel due to the rising costs.

Dr. Earle moved to approve the transfer of \$317 from County Assessor budget Item # 17 0002 to 17 1109 to equalize the salaries of two appraisers who have the same qualifications. Mr. Frady seconded and motion was carried by a 4 Yes and 1 No vote (Jennings).

Chairman Phinney announced the next meeting of Council will be March 4th at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.