

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, October 6, 1987 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, The Oconee Leader, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WCCP Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Members of the press present: Sue Nolan - Seneca Journal, Dave Partenheimer - WSNW Radio, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Cindy Landrum - The Oconee Leader & Randall Holcombe - Greenville News.

The invocation was given by Dr. Earle.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the September 15, 1987 meeting be adopted as presented.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the special meeting held September 29, 1987 be adopted as presented.

First on the agenda was a public hearing to solicit comments and suggestions from citizens concerning Oconee County's application for an Appalachian Regional Commission grant to upgrade the Perkins Creek pump station.

Oconee County is seeking funds to upgrade the Perkins station at a cost of \$457,000 with half of the funding coming from Engelhard Corporation and half of the funding coming from ARC grants, this will increase the waste water limits for Engelhard from 218,000 gallons per day to 500,000 gallons per day.

Although there were a large number of citizens present, no one presented Council with written and/or oral comments concerning the upgrading of the Perkins Creek station. However, there was one unidentified gentleman who asked what the capacity was that Engelhard used each day.

Next on the agenda Dr. W. Alan Axson, spokesman for the group of citizens presented Council with a petition with 1,417 signatures expressing their concern over the location of the Engelhard plant, the noise level of the plant, the fact the plant is self insured, the chemicals the plant uses and what the plant will do to the value of the surrounding properties.

Mr. Cecil Cox, who lives closest to the plant expressed his concern about the odor coming from the plant and the noise level coming from the plant.

Mr. O. C. McClain also expressed his concern about the odor coming from the plant, the majority of people present seemed to be most concerned about the odor and what harm the chemicals could do to them and their children.

Press

Invocation

Minutes

Public  
Hearing

Engelhard  
Discussion

Mr. Rufus Barber of Engelhard suggested the citizens compile a list of their questions and concerns and have a group meeting at a later date. He also suggested that the citizens use Engelhard's twenty-four (24) hour a day information line to have some of their questions and concerns addressed.

After much discussion Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Council go on record requesting DHEC to withhold any further action on issuing any extension or any permanent licensing of permitting (of Engelhard) until all these environmental concerns are answered to the satisfaction of the concerned citizens and that they report to this governing body what their answers and actions are.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 87-8, "Animal Control Act & Repeal of Ordinance 78-4" be adopted on third and final reading.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Edwards Auto be awarded the bid for a 4X4 1988 Ford vehicle for Emergency Preparedness at a cost of \$14,800, the bid for a three quarter ton pickup 1988 Ford truck including a utility body be awarded to Edwards Auto at a cost of \$13,100 and a onehalf ton 1988 Ford pickup be awarded to Roper Auto at a cost of \$10,200 for the road department. Mr. Williams' motion included taking \$2,250 from contingency and placing it in line item number 10 022 00150 00870 to include the cost of the utility body. (See attached bid sheet)

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Day Enterprises be awarded the bid for renovation of the former SHARE portion of the DSS Building at a cost of \$9,948. (See attached bid sheet)

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that in the future when state agencies request funds for operation and capital expenditures that these requests be denied and forwarded to the proper agency in Columbia.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached list of items be sold at auction November 14, 1987 with a rain date of November 21, 1987.

Mr. Ken King of Farmer's Home Administration presented Resolution 87-14, "Acceptance Letter of Conditions for Grant to Upgrade Perkins Creek Station" to Council. Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that this resolution be adopted on first and final reading.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that \$7,000 be taken from contingency and placed in line item number 10 011 00150 00852 for runs at the animal shelter.

Ord. 87-8

Vehicles

DSS Renovation

State Agencies

Auction

Res. 87-14

Contingency

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Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer be approved.

Transfer

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Frank Clary's resignation from the Sewer Commission be accepted and Mr. Thomas Petty be appointed to represent the Town of Walhalla with his term commencing immediately and expiring January 1, 1990.

Commission  
Appointments

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Howard Adams be reappointed to serve as a Sewer Commission member with his term commencing immediately and expiring April 1, 1991.

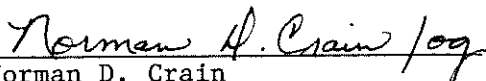
Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the two (2) attached arts contracts be approved.

Arts Contracts

Council had no objections to Duke Power mounting a meter on the wall of the DSS Building to monitor the amount of electricity being used by that building and the time the most electricity was being used.

Duke Power

Adjourn: 9:30 PM

  
Norman D. Crain  
Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council

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