

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, September 19, 1989 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members except Dr. Earle present. Mr. Brandt, County Attorney was also present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WBES Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Ron Barnett - Anderson Independent & Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier.

All other persons who have asked to be notified of meetings were also notified by mail.

Other Persons

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Mr. Harper.

Invocation

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that the minutes of the August 15, 1989 meeting be adopted as presented.

Minutes

Sheriff Earl Holcombe addressed Council regarding the method used to pay overtime for the deputies. The Fair Labor Standard Act requires protective service personnel be paid overtime if they work more than one hundred, seventy one (171) hours in a twenty-eight (28) day work period. This is the method currently used by Oconee County and if it were changed to pay overtime on a fourteen (14) day basis it would require more funds than is budgeted.

Deputy Overtime

After discussion, this request was referred to the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee.

Mr. Robert Winchester, Sewer Commission Director, addressed Council regarding impact fees for the wastewater facility. After considerable discussion as to how this would affect industries and individuals this was referred to the Law Enforcement, Safety, Health, Welfare & Services Committee.

Impact Fees

The committee scheduled a meeting Thursday, September 21, 1989 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers for further discussion.

At the recommendation of the Library Director, Mrs. Dorothy Chandler, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that Library Corporation be awarded the bid for an automated cataloging system for the Library. (See attached bid)

Catalog System for Library

At the recommendation of the Rural Fire Commission, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that Grumman-Triad Fire & Safety be awarded the bid for the pumper truck at \$126,077 with \$6,377 of this coming from contingency as bid price is that much over what was budgeted for the truck. The Rural Fire Commission stated the low bid did not meet specifications. (See attached bid)

Pumper Truck (Contingency)

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 3 - 0 (Mr. Harper out of room, Dr. Earle absent) that the attached lease agreement between Oconee County Rural Fire and South Carolina State Forestry be approved for the lease of a 1963 tanker truck, serial number 160330.

Rural Fire Agreement

Mr. Robert Buse of KOBA addressed Council regarding the improvement of two (2) green box sites - D-6 and C-19. KOBA would like to have these sites paved, fencing placed around them and a light placed at each of these sites. KOBA is willing to pay up to \$2,000 toward the improvement of these sites. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to ascertain the adjacent property owners to these sites as right of ways would have to be secured from these persons as well as the South Carolina Department of Highways and Transportation before any work of this type could be done.

KOBA

Mr. Buse also requested the county make signs similar to the state "adopt a road" signs for organizations and/or individuals adopting county roadways.

Mrs. Alta Gregory addressed Council regarding maintenance on the roadway to her summer home. After considerable discussion, Mr. Crain referred this to the Roads & Transportation Committee which scheduled a meeting Monday, September 25, 1989 at 9:00 AM to look at this roadway.

Road Maintenance

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, that Ordinance 89-4, "Oconee County Cablevision, Inc. Ordinance" be adopted on third and final reading.

Ord. 89-4

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) the ordinance be amended to read: This franchise is granted pursuant to Article 8, Section 25 of the Constitution of South Carolina and Sections 4-9-30(11) and 58-12-30 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, and is subject to all franchises and permits heretofore granted by the Council to use the streets, alleys, lanes and public places of the County by public utility or public service corporations. It is not intended by the grant of this franchise to abridge the exercise of police power heretofore or hereafter granted to the County by the General Assembly. The grant of this franchise is subject to all Ordinances and Resolutions of the Council as the same now exists or may be amended, revised or modified in the lawful exercise of the police power or in the lawful exercise of any other power granted to the County by the General Assembly.

Also that Section 26 (b) be amended to read: The grantee shall file annually with the Supervisor and Council not later than sixty (60) days after the end of the Grantee's fiscal year, a copy of its report to its stockholders (if it prepared such a report), an income statement applicable to its operations during the preceding twelve (12) months period, a letter prepared or approved by a certified public accountant attesting to the net worth of the Grantee as of close of the immediately preceding year and such other reasonable information as the Council shall request with respect to the Grantee's properties and expenses related to its CATV operations within the County.

Ordinance 89-4 as amended was then adopted 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent)

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that Ordinance 89-5, "Cable TV Ordinance for Friendship Cable of SC, Inc." be adopted on second reading as amended.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that the attached transfer for PRT transferring \$500 from operational special into maintenance equipment be approved.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that Tilson Mechanical be awarded the bid for an HVAC system for Purchasing and Motor Pool at a cost of \$5,286.75. (See attached bid)

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that the attached listing of items to be auctioned by the county be approved.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 3 - 0 (Mr. Stone out of room, Dr. Earle absent) that K-Mac Services, Inc. be awarded the bid for roofing the stockade at a cost of \$14,986.33. (See attached bid)

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that the county take bids to remove the house and/or out buildings on the property near the airport known as the Richardson property as it is in the line of flight. (See attached letter)

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that the county accept with regrets Dr. Donald E. Neal's resignation from the Library Board.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that Mr. Kenny Johns, P. O. Box 153, Walhalla, S. C. 29691 be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Neal which expires June 30, 1991.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that Mr. Lewis Chastain, P. O. Box 283, Walhalla, S. C. be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Bruce Cannon on the Planning & Development Commission with his term expiring December 31, 1989.

At Mr. Dyar's inquiry, Mr. Crain informed Council the two (2) job classifications that were in question would be forwarded to COG in the very near future for re-evaluation.

Also at Mr. Dyar's inquiry regarding the heating and air conditioning system at the Walhalla Library Mr. Crain informed Council when the new maintenance man became more familiar with the county buildings, he was going to ask him to look at the heating and air conditioning unit at the Library as it did not seem to be working properly at this time.

Ord. 89-5

PRT Transfer

HVAC System
for Purchasin
& Motor
Pool

Auction
Listing

Stockade
Roof

House near
Airport

Library
Board

Planning
Commission

Job
Classifica-
tions

Library
Heat & A/C

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, that the Veterans Affairs Office be moved back to Walhalla.

V/A Office

After considerable discussion as to where the office could be located and what the offices in Westminster would be used for Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) this motion be tabled and referred to the Building & Grounds Committee.

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) the attached EMS Grant be approved.

EMS Grant

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that Council go into executive session to discuss a personnel and liability matter.

Executive Session

When Council resumed open session, upon the recommendation of the County Attorney, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that the ceiling fans in the tax center be taken down and the employees and/or department heads address their concerns about cigarette smoke to Council.

Open Session
(Fans in
Tax Center)

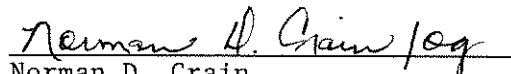
Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that the attached agreement between Oconee County and the City of Seneca to house the aerial platform fire truck be adopted.

Agreement
to House
Fire Truck

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle absent) that Mr. Crain be allowed to settle the PRT personnel matter at his discretion.

PRT Personnel

Adjourn: 7:20 PM


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council