

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Dr. J. R. Earle, District I    Mr. Jerry D. Dyar, District II  
Mr. Michael E. Harper, District III    Mr. Roy B. Strickland, District IV  
Mr. Johnny D. Stone, District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, October 2, 1990 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, Press  
Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville  
News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WBES Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV  
& WLOS TV.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio,  
Robin Boyles - Seneca Journal, Tom Johnson - Anderson Independent,  
Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier & Ron Barnett - Greenville News.

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. Strickland. Invocation

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, 9/18/90  
approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the September 18, 1990 be adopted Minutes  
as printed.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, 9/24/90  
approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the special meeting held Septem- Minutes  
ber 24, 1990 be adopted as printed.

At the recommendation of Mr. Robert Winchester, Sewer Commission Director, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, Powerline  
approved 5 - 0 that route "B" on the attached request for a power- Easement  
line easement for Blue Ridge Electric across Oconee County property  
at the sewer treatment plant on Hwy. 63 be approved.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, DHEC Fines  
approved 5 - 0 that \$10,000 in SCDHEC fines be returned to the Sewer  
Commission.

Mr. John Freed of the Greenville Humane Society addressed Council regarding the Humane Society resuming the responsibility of managing the Animal Shelter. Mr. Freed informed Council the Humane Society was managing other animal shelters very successfully and the cost to the counties had been the same or less as well as services to the citizens being increased. Humane

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, Animal  
approved 5 - 0 that the operation of the Animal Shelter remain the Shelter  
same, under the Supervisor-Council form of Government. Management

Mr. Dyar stated he felt something needed to be done at the shelter and he saw nothing wrong with the county entering into a contract with the Humane Society on a probationary period.

After further discussion, Mr. Strickland asked to withdraw his motion regarding the Animal Shelter. This was approved 5 - 0.

Withdrawal  
of Motion

Mr. Strickland then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the Humane Society be given thirty (30) days to bring to Council a proposal regarding their management of the Animal Shelter.

Humane  
Proposal

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the Town of Salem's request that the Oconee Magistrate's Office as as their recorder be granted.

Magistrate

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the county fund the computer program for collecting these fines up to \$2,500.

The motion as amended was then adopted 5 - 0.

Mr. Robert Winchester recommended to Council that they apply for a low interest loan through the Water Pollution Revolving Fund for improvement of the county wide sewer inflow problem.

Sewer  
Commission

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that this matter be referred to the Law Enforcement, Safety, Health, Welfare and Services Committee.

The committee then scheduled a meeting, Monday, October 8, 1990 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with the Sewer Commission and the Towns of Walhalla, Westminster & Seneca to discuss the possibility of applying for this loan. An alternate meeting date of October 11, 1990 was scheduled.

Committee  
Meeting

Mr. Jack Hirst, CCS Director, informed Council that DHEC would not grant an extension on the installation of the monitoring wells at the landfills as per attached letter.

Monitoring  
Wells  
(Contingency)

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that \$19,541 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 10 049 00150 04932 for the installation of the monitoring wells.

At the request of Mr. Tommy Crumpton, Rock Crusher Director, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the expenditure of \$11,600 be approved to repair the transmission in the Kline vehicle at the Rock Crusher.

Rock Crusher

After considerable discussion regarding the Rock Crusher in which Mr. Dyar stated the county had invested a sizeable amount in the screening operation at the Rock Crusher to allow us to provide stone not only for base but for plant mix, Mr. Dyar made a motion that asphalt produced from stone made at the Oconee County Rock Crusher be accepted for paving private streets and highways in Oconee County that are to be turned over to the county for future maintenance as long as the asphalt plants have sufficient independent testing analysis on their plant mix and as long as our quarry rock is tested and conforms to standards we are looking at here. (See attached letter from Highway Department)

Rock Crusher

Asphalt

After considerable discussion regarding the formula to be used to test the rock Mr. Crain asked the County Attorney if the motion were in order as the standard for acceptance of asphalt for roadways to be accepted into the county roadways system is already spelled out in Ordinance 82-14.

Asphalt  
Discussion  
Continued

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, advised Council the ordinance would have to be amended to allow for this change in the acceptance of asphalt.

Mr. Crain then ruled the motion out of order.

Mr. Dyar then made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 3 - 1 (Mr. Strickland voting against, Mr. Harper abstaining) that Ordinance 90-11, "An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 82-14 to Provide for Acceptance of Roads Constructed With Asphalt With Rock From the Oconee County Rock Crusher or Equivalent Grade" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 90-11

Mr. Crain wanted the following statement made a part of the official record: I strongly oppose accepting plant mix made from rock from any quarry that does not meet state specifications. The first year I was Oconee County Supervisor every road, every road that had been put down by the former administration came up because it had been put down with sub standard materials. Our road paving money is to precious to gamble with, our road paving money is to precious to gamble with. We get enough money to improve paved roads about every fifteen (15) to twenty (20) years, it should be done every ten (10) years. We have 250 miles of county maintained dirt and gravel roads. We get enough money to pave about five (5) miles a year, you can figure out how long it's going to take to do these roads one time, much less having to go back and do them the second time. There's too much at stake to play with. I respect local vendors, I would love to do business with local vendors and we have local vendors to look out for but we also have the other citizens to look out for and to waive the quality of the materials that we are using to improve our roads is too much of a price to pay.

Statement

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Harper abstaining) that further testing of the rock at the crusher be conducted while Council is waiting for the ordinance to be drafted.

Testing  
of Rock

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Future Homes of Walhalla be awarded the bid for a new mobile home for Parks, Recreation & Tourism with \$7,680.35 of the funds coming from contingency.

Mobile  
Home for  
PRT  
(Contingency)

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that any transfer requests approved for PRT for fiscal year 1990-91 be put back into the mobile home account line item 10 018 00150 18855.

PRT  
(Contingency)

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached agreement with PRT and Christmas Spectacular be adopted.

PRT Agreement

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached PARD Grant for materials at the parks be adopted.

PARD Grant

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 90-10, "An Ordinance to Amend Article VII, Section 3.2 of Ordinance 79-4 to Increase the Penalties for Violations of Ordinance 79-4 from TWO HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$200.00) DOLLARS Per Day Per Violation to TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS Per Day Per Violation to Provide for Enforcement of the Penalties as Provided in Section 6-11-285 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as Amended" be adopted on third and final reading.

Ord. 90-10

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Emergency Preparedness be allowed to put in a new phone line in Emergency Preparedness with fax for emergency type transmissions only with funds given by Duke Power Co.

Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Strickland informed Council that Mr. Brandt had an ordinance drafted by the Humane Society regarding vicious animals however, there are changes that need to be made in the ordinance and he could not support the ordinance as is.

Vicious Animal Ordinance

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Sheriff's Department be approved.

Sheriff (Transfer)

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the Sheriff's Department be allowed to purchase two (2) alcohol detector machines using \$1,100 in ABC Grant funds and \$279.70 from DEA funds.

Alcohol Detectors

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that up to \$125 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 10 026 00220 02226 to change the locks on the Public Service Building and only personnel that have business in the building have a key.

Locks (Contingency)

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the City of Westminster be allowed to use one office space in the Governmental Building in Westminster.

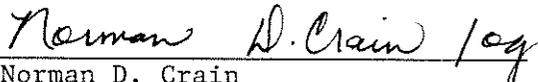
Office Space Westminster

Mr. Brandt informed Council the referendum on the jail and the local option sales tax will have to be advertised by October 15, 1990.

Advertisements

It was consensus of Council that Mr. Brandt take care of these advertisements.

Adjourn: 10:45 PM

  
Norman D. Crain  
Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council