

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. J. R. Earle, District I Mr. Jerry 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, December 4, 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, 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: Tom Johnson - Greenville News, Ron Barnett - Anderson Independent, Robin Boyles - Seneca Journal & Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio.

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. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the November 20, 1990 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

At the request of Mrs. Dottie Chandler, Library Director, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached contract between the City of Salem and Oconee County for the county to pay the telephone service and utilities for the Salem Branch Library subject to the contract being approved by the County Attorney.

Library

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Library be approved.

Library
(Transfer)

Mrs. Chandler also informed Council the library would be closed for about two (2) weeks beginning December 10, 1990 to bar code the books.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the attached agreement renewal between Oconee County and the South Carolina Department of Corrections to house sentenced inmates be approved.

LEC

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Resolution 90-17, "A Resolution Supporting the South Carolina Highways & Public Transportation's Request for Proposals for the Strategic Highway Plan for Improving Mobility and Safety Funds for Public Transportation Projects" be approved on first and final reading.

Res. 90-17

Mr. Crain informed Council Members that the county had been asked to place red ribbons on the county vehicles in support of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and place yellow ribbons on the vehicles in support of the Oconee County troops, especially those in the middle east.

Ribbons

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, that Resolution 90-18, "A Resolution SEvering Oconee County's Relationship with the Humane Society" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 90-18

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, defeated 3 - 2 (Mr. Strickland, Dr. Earle & Mr. Stone voting against) Mr. Harper & Mr. Dyar voting for) that the motion be tables until after January 1, 1991.

After a brief discussion as to the reason for the proposal, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session to discuss the reason a former employee of the shelter had quit as Mr. Strickland gave that as one of the reasons for his proposal.

Executive Session

When Open Session resumed, Mr. Dyar expressed his strong opposition to the proposal and excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Open Session

Resolution 90-18 was then adopted 3 - 1 (Mr. Harper voting against, Mr. Dyar absent).

The meeting was then opened for comments. Mr. B. W. Ferguson, Mr. Adam Rusoshosky, Dr. Robert Morehead, Dr. Jake Carter & Mr. Jeff Marcengill all expressed opposition to the resolution.

Comments

Mrs. Lindsay Fields stated at the beginning of the public comments that hose speaking spoke as individuals and not for the Humane Society as the society had a prepared statement.

By reason of Resolution 90-18, County Attorney Larry Brandt stated that the spay an neuter contract with the Humane Society would end in thirty (30) days and the other agreement would terminate immediately.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Dyar absent) that the attached transfer for the Motor Pool be approved.

Motor Pool (Transfer)

Mr. Harper informed Council the first meeting in January would be January 1, 1991 which is a holiday. Mr. Crain asked Council to make a decision whether to have this meeting at the December 18, 1990 meeting.

First Meeting In January

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Dyar absent) that Mr. James Moore be appointed to the Health & Sanitation Commission representing the City of Walhalla. (See attached letter)

CCS Appt.

Mr. Crain informed Council that the pasture land and farm land at the county farm had been put out for bids.

Pasture
& Farm Land
Engineer

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Dyar absent) that \$1,800 be taken from contingency and placed in line item number 10 018 00150 18440 for an engineer for the water project at High Falls.

Mr. Crain informed Council that he had met with representatives of Tribble Construction and had informed the bonding company regarding the fact they had only completed about half of the work and we considered them to be in default.

Road Paving

However, Oconee County is agreeable to their completing the work if they do not pull off the job again until it is completed for any reason other than weather.

He further informed Council that the Purchasing Department had obtained costs from other construction companies in the event the work was not completed and Sloan construction had the best price.

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney informed Council the county had been requested to abandon a portion of a county roadway adjoining Rayford Lee's property and he had asked Mr. Lee's attorney to draw up an agreement for the county.

Roadway

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Dyar absent) that \$16,000 be taken from contingency for a 90-10 cost share for mechanical protection devices for Southern Railroad Crossings 717194S & 717205C. (See attached letter)

R/R Crossing

Mr. Crain informed Council he had received a letter from Command Cable requesting a franchise in Oconee County. There were no objections from Council for Mr. Crain to inform this company that it would be best to wait until new committees were assigned in January, 1991 before assigning it to a committee.

Cable TV

Mr. Brandt informed Council that Aquenergy had applied for a permit to operate and the county has until December 20, 1990 to file a protest of these permit.

Protest

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Dyar absent) that the county attorney research the matter act accordingly to protect the county's interest.

Mr. Brandt also informed Council we need to make sure we have proper medical information on file for all volunteer fire fighters.

Proper
Medical
Info.

Mr. Crain informed Council that the Department of Transportation had determined that all companies who have commercial drivers will have to have a drug testing program in place and this will apply to Oconee County December 21, 1990. The Anderson-Oconee Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission will assist the county with this program which will involve testing drivers when they are hired and also random testing throughout the year. Mr. Crain did not have a cost for this, he will try to have one at the next meeting.

Drug Testing

Adjourn: 9:10 PM

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