

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II
Mr. Harry R. Hamilton, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Oconee County Council met Tuesday, June 4, 2002 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members and the County Attorney was also present.

Press:

Members of the press notified (by mail): Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, Daily Journal, WYFF TV, WLOS TV.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, Amanda Rylander- Daily Journal, Dave Williams - Anderson Independent & Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier.

Other Organizations Notified:

Also notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

Call to Order:

Supervisor-Chair Hughes, who welcomed those present, called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

Mr. Ables gave the invocation.

Minutes:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the May 21, 2002 meeting be adopted with an amendment to correct the date on the first page and also a correction to reflect Mr. Lyles being absent.

Sewer Commission Budget:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Howard Adams, Chairman & Mr. Robert Winchester, Oconee County Sewer Superintendent, Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the attached Sewer Budget for fiscal year 2002-03 be adopted.

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Airport (Contingency):

Upon recommendation of Mr. Robert Banks, Airport Director, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the attached work authorization for Talbert & Bright for the runway justification study and airport layout plan update be adopted and \$3,000 be taken from contingency for the 5% local match funds.

Commerce Center:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the attached "Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for Oconee County commerce Center" be adopted on first and final reading.

Solid Waste:

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, defeated 2 - 3 (Mr. Hamilton & Mr. Moore voting in the affirmative / Mr. Ables, Mr. Lyles & Mr. Johns voting in the negative) that \$40,000 be taken from contingency and \$20,000 in excess insurance funds be used to build a retaining wall at the number ten manned convenience center.

Council also asked Ms. Grant, Solid Waste Director to develop a questionnaire to possibly determine the number of residents presently using the Ebenezer site would use the new site when it is completed.

Consideration of the bids for the retaining wall at the number ten site was not considered by Council.

Rural Fire & Emergency Management:

Upon recommendation of Mr. John Murray, Communications Director; Mr. Dewitt Mize, Rural Fire Marshal; Mr. Henry Gordon, Emergency Management Director & Ms. Marianne Dillard, Procurement Director, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 – 0 that the bid for radios for these departments be awarded to Diversified Electronics for fifteen (15) portable radios at a total cost of \$9,377.25 and Gunby Communications, Inc. for seventeen (17) mobile radios at a total cost of \$18,088. (See attached bid sheet)

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Road Department:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Hoyt Orr, Roads & Bridges Superintendent & Ms. Dillard, Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that the bid for culvert for approximate quantities be awarded to Lane Enterprises for a cost of approximately \$115,355. This is a one-year bid with option to renew. (See attached bid sheet)

Rock Quarry:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Tommy Crumpton, Rock Quarry Director & Ms. Dillard, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the bid for drilling and blasting at the quarry be awarded to Southern Blasting Services, Inc. for fiscal year 2002-03 at a cost of approximately \$273,910. (See attached bid sheet)

Law Enforcement Center:

Upon recommendation of Captain Terry Wilson & Ms. Dillard, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 – 0 that the bid for the lease of a fire detection system at the LEC be awarded to Carolina Burglar & Fire Alarm at a cost of \$10,051 to install and \$528 a month for three years. (See attached bid sheet)

Ordinance 2002-10:

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2002-10, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2002; TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO" be adopted on second reading.

Ordinance 2002-11:

After a brief discussion Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, defeated 3 – 2 (Mr. Ables, Mr. Lyles & Mr. Moore voting in the negative / Mr. Johns & Mr. Hamilton voting in the affirmative) that Ordinance 2001-11, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A REFERENDUM TO ALLOW THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO VOTE TO RETAIN THE FIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS DISTRICTS OR CHANGE TO SEVEN COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICTS" be adopted on first reading.

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Amendment to May 7, 2002 Minutes:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 – 0 that the attached amendment to the minutes of the May 7, 2002 Council Meeting be adopted.

Solid Waste Commission:

Mrs. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that Mr. Rex Blanton be appointed as the at-large member of the Oconee County Solid Waste Commission.

Commission Appointments:

Mr. Moore reminded Council of the commission appointments that need to be made.

Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee Recommendation:

Upon recommendation of the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee, Council voted unanimously to replenish the \$160,000 match needed to purchase the property adjacent to Chau Ram Park from local accommodations tax funds.

City of Westminster:

Ms. Vera Duke, Mayor, City of Westminster addressed Council regarding funds needed by the city for housing of the new fire truck Westminster will be receiving. Mrs. Hughes requested Ms. Duke attend the Budget & Finance Committee meeting Monday June 10, 2002 and make the specific request at that time.

Public Comment Session:

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council stating she didn't deserve this Council after the defeat of Ordinance 2002-11.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding a cure that he has for fleas that he will be glad to discuss with Animal Control if they are interested.

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Adjourn:

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Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green
Council Clerk