

**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, September 3, 2002 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members and the County Attorney 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: Amanda Rylander - Daily Journal, Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Dave Williams - Anderson Independent.

**Other Organizations Notified:**

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

**Call to Order:**

Supervisor-Chair Hughes called the meeting to order.

**Invocation:**

Mr. Ables gave the invocation.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 20, 2002 be adopted as printed.

**Bike Across Nation:**

Mrs. Sammie Lipscomb addressed Council regarding her bike ride across the nation, a total of 4250 miles campaigning against litter. (See attached brochure)

**2002-03 Millage:**

Upon recommendation of Mr. Kenneth F. Williams, Oconee County Auditor, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the following millage rates for 2002-03 be adopted:

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**2003-03 Millage Continued:**

County Operations	54.7 Mills
Economic Development	1.0 Mills
School Operations	117.3 Mills
Tri County Operations	1.8 Mills
Total County Operations:	174.8 Mills

The Bond Millage set by Mr. Williams is 22.2 Mills for a total of 197 Mills for fiscal year 2002-03. (See attachment)

**ATAX Grants:**

Upon Mr. Gerald Foster, ATAX Committee, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 – 0 that the following ATAX Grants be adopted:

Walhalla Auditorium Restoration Committee	\$16,400
Devils Fork State Park	\$ 6,467
Oconee County PRT	\$ 2,762
March of Dimes/Jerry Rhyne Fishing Tournament	\$ 5,000

(See attachments)

**Bids for Rock Crusher & Veterans Affairs:**

Upon recommendation of Ms. Marianne Dillard, Procurement Director & Mr. Tommy Crumpton, Rock Crusher Director, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 – 0 that the bid for an excavator and hydraulic hammer be awarded to Blanchard Machinery Company at a total cost of \$407,458. (See attached bid sheet)

Upon recommendation of Ms. Dillard & Mr. Jerry Dyar, Veterans Affairs Director & members of the Veterans Memorial Park Committee, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that the bid for the plaques for the Memorial Park be awarded to Ralph's Store & Trophy Shop at a total cost of \$38,811.55. (See attached bid sheet)

**Ordinance 2002-13:**

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 to allow Mr. Brian Seal to address Council regarding Ordinance 2002-13, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYEES".

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**Ordinance 2002-13 Continued:**

Mr. Seal expressed concerns about some of the language in the ordinance and after considerable discussion; Mrs. Hughes suggested a conference call between Mr. Seal and the two attorneys to discuss the areas of the ordinance that Mr. Seal is uncomfortable with.

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2002-13 (titled above) be adopted on second reading.

**Ordinance 2002-12:**

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2002-12, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2001-15, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CENTRALIZED PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 85-12" be adopted on third and final reading.

**9/11 Proclamation:**

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that the attached proclamation declaring September 11, 2002 as *9/11/Day of Remembrance* be adopted on first and final reading.

**LEC Agreement (Contingency):**

Upon recommendation of the County Attorney, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the attached agreement with Belton for the housing of juveniles be adopted and that \$300 be taken from contingency for this cost if the Law Enforcement Center does not have the funds.

**Planning Retreat:**

Mr. Lyles suggested the Council plan a retreat for the purpose of discussing capital improvement plans such as the present courthouse, the library and museum with the possibility of using someone from the SC Appalachian Council of Governments as the facilitator.

**Public Comment Session:**

Ms. Susie Cornelius expressed her appreciation for the approval of the ATAX Grants.

Mr. Steve Sokol commented on the way Council says the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Adjourn:**

Adjourn: 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green  
Council Clerk