

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II
Rev. William "Bill" Rinehart, 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, February 17, 2004 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members present. Acting County Attorney Mimminger Wiggins was also present.

Press:

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

Members of the press present: Ray Chandler – Daily Journal, Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, 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:

Interim Supervisor-Chair Hamilton called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

Mr. Rinehart gave the invocation.

Minutes:

By consensus, Council adopted the minutes of the regular meeting held February 3, 2004 as printed.

Oconee County Early Ozone Plan:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Art Holbrooks, Oconee County Ozone Coordinator, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that the attached *Early Action Ozone Plan* be adopted.

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County Vehicle Clarification:

Mr. Tom Hendricks, Planning Director, presented the attached recommendations regarding county vehicles in the 2002-03 capital improvement plan.

Tri County Technical Request:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that the request of \$100,000 for an economic development building at Tri County Technical College be reduced to \$75,000 which is proportionate to what Oconee County gives to Tri County and this \$75,000 be given over a two year budget period and this be considered during their budget request.

2004-05 Capital Improvement Plan:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 – 0 that the attached 2004-05 capital improvement plan as presented by Mr. Hendricks be accepted as information only.

Parks & Recreation (Contingency):

Upon recommendation of Ms. Vickie Satterfield, Parks Director, Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 – 0 that Parks apply for a PARD Grant in the amount of \$7,475 with a \$2,975 match (already in budget) for two gazebos and two arbors at Chau Ram Park.

Also, upon request of Ms. Satterfield, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 – 0 that \$2,100 be taken from contingency for radio repeaters for the parks.

Solid Waste:

After presentation of the attached report regarding the closure of the municipal solid waste portions of the Seneca Landfill Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 4 – 0 (Mr. Johns had left at this time) that additional quotes be secured before an award be made.

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 4 – 0 that if the quote of Goldie & Associates is the lowest quote obtained they be allowed to go ahead with the closure.

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Solid Waste Continued:

Ms. Grant also presented the attached Solid Waste Annual Report to Council. Some of the highlights of the report are as follows:

MSW Tons (Transfer Station)

FY 02 38,764 tons

FY 03 40,441 tons

C & D Tons

FY 02 13,638 tons

FY 03 15,549 tons

Tipping Fees

FY 02 \$539,864

FY 03 \$598,282

C & D Fees Received First Quarter FY 03 \$29,572

C & D Fees Received First Quarter FY 04 \$55,852

Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003:

Mrs. Phyllis Lombard, Finance Director & Mr. Mark Payne, Independent Auditor presented the attached audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2003 to Council, Mr. Payne informed Council, that to his knowledge, this is the first time Oconee County has ever received an unqualified audit.

Ordinance 2004-01:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 4 – 0 that Ordinance 2004-01, "AN ORDINANCE CREATING A COUNTY APPOINTED LAKEVIEW ASSISTED LIVING COMMISSION" be adopted on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2004-03:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2004-03, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-3, SICK LEAVE POLICY, ORDINANCE 97-14" be adopted on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2004-02:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 4 – 0 that Ordinance 2004-02, "AN ORDINANCE REORGANIZING THE OCONEE COUNTY RURAL FIRE COMMISSION AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 2001-07" be adopted on second reading.

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Ordinance 2004-04:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 4 – 0 that Ordinance 2004-04, "AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE COUNTY POLICY REQUIRING OCONEE COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS, THE OCONEE COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM, OCONEE RESCUE SQUADS, THE OCONEE COUNTY SPECIAL RESCUE SQUAD AND THE OCONEE COUNTY DIVE TEAM TO SPEND ALL BUDGETED AMOUNTS WITHIN EACH FISCAL YEAR" be adopted on second reading.

Ordinance 2004-05:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 4 – 0 that Ordinance 2004-05, "AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE FALSE FIRE ALARMS TO WHICH OCONEE COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS RESPOND" be adopted on second reading.

Ordinance 2004-06:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 4 – 0 that Ordinance 2004-06, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 97-14, THE OCONEE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL, SPECIFICALLY POLICY 1-11, USE OF COUNTY VEHICLES" be adopted on second reading.

Employee Relative Listing:

Mr. Moore made a motion that the Supervisor ask the County Department Heads for a listing of their employees and their relatives working for the County, however, this motion died for lack of a second.

Emergency Gravel (Contingency):

Upon recommendation of Mrs. Phyllis Lombard, Finance Director, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 4 – 0 that \$1,000 be taken from contingency for emergency gravel for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Veterans Affairs (Contingency):

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 4 – 0 that \$411 be taken from contingency and placed in the Veterans Affairs operational budget. These funds are needed due to the cost of the plaque placed at the Veterans Memorial Park at the new Courthouse.

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Veterans Affairs (Contingency) Continued:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 4 – 0 that \$891 be taken from contingency to move the Veterans Memorial to the new Courthouse.

Commission Appointments:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 4 – 0 that the following commission appointments be made:

Recreation & Tourism Commission:

Mike Lemons District I

Larry Brandt District II

Pat Cromer District III

Ken Davis District IV

Tim Mays District V

Mike McCurry At Large

Tourism Commission:

Mary Ewing District I

Betsy Comiskey District II

Mario Suarez District III

Mildred Spearman District IV

David McMahan At Large

Dive Team/Special Rescue Team:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 4 – 0 that \$4,000 be taken from Miscellaneous Capital Improvement Funds and a grant of \$2,000 be given to the Dive Team and \$2,000 be given to the Special Rescue Team.

Rural Fire:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles that a Training Officer be hired for Rural Fire only, however, after a brief discussion, this motion was withdrawn.

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Vehicles:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 4 – 0 that the Sheriff's Department, IT & Building Codes be permitted to order vehicles as requisitioned and Mr. Hamilton conduct the survey as suggested in Mr. Hendricks' earlier presentation.

Personnel & Intergovernmental Meeting:

Mr. Ables scheduled a Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing several issues.

Public Comment Session:

Mr. Eddie Martin addressed Council regarding the preservation of the old Courthouse.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding preservation of the old Courthouse, Edgewater Drive and other County matters.

Adjourn:

Adjourn 5:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green, Clerk to Council