

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Thomas S. Crumpton, Jr., District II
Rev. William S. “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, April 4, 2006 at 3:00 pm in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members present. County Administrator Ron Rabun, Clerk to Council & Mr. Norton, County Attorney were also present.

Press:

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

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, & Brett McLaughlin – Daily Journal.

Other Organizations Notified:

Also notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association, Citizens for Recreation Center and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

Call to Order:

Chairman Ables called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

Mr. Rinehart gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Norton led the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag.

Minutes:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held March 21, 2006 be adopted as printed.

Public Comment Session:

Mr. Dale Graham addressed Council regarding the proposed moratorium on multi-family dwellings near the lake areas in the County. (See attached typed statement)

Ms. Pat Bonneau addressed Council regarding the proposed civic center/recreational complex.

Ms. Linda Lovely addressed Council regarding the proposed high rise condo on Lake Keowee.

Mr. James Rhudy, Ms. Clarice McKay & Ms. Ellie Taylor addressed Council regarding the proposed civic center/recreational complex.

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council regarding the consultants engaged to assist the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission and the Library system.

Mr. Berry Nichols addressed Council regarding the development of the County.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding I-85 sewer projects and DSS.

Resolution 2006-09:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that Resolution 2006-09. “A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK” be adopted on first and final reading.

Resolution 2006-10:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Resolution 2006-10, “A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SALE OF LAND IN THE SUMTER & FRANCIS MARION NATIONAL FORESTS” be adopted on first and final reading.

Ordinance 2006-10:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-10, “LITTER CONTROL ORDINANCE OF OCONEE, SOUTH CAROLINA” be adopted on first reading.

Ordinance 2006-11:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-11, “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF COUNTY ROADS” be adopted on first reading.

Ordinance 2006-12:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-12, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6: SUBDIVISION & LAND USE DEVELOPMENT OF ORDINANCE 99-14, OCONEE COUNTY UNIFIED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND LAND USE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCES 2001-04, 2002-05 & 2004-14” be adopted on first reading.

Ordinance 2006-07:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-07, “AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SIX MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF SITE PLANS AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WITHIN ONE THOUSAND (1,000’) OF LAKES THAT ARE WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO OCONEE COUNTY UNLESS SAID PROJECT INCLUDES A TWENTY-FIVE (25’) FOOT RIPARIAN BUFFER AND A SIX MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF SITE PLANS AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS FOR ANY SUBDIVISION AS DEFINED IN THIS ORDINANCE THAT WILL RESULT IN THE NEED TO UPGRADE A COUNTY ROAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ORDINANCE” be adopted on second reading.

Ordinance 2007-09

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2007-09, “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FALSE FIRE ALARMS TO WHICH OCONEE COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS RESPOND” be adopted on first reading.

Auction Listing:

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 – 0 that the attached listing of surplus properties be adopted and a date of May 6, 2006 be established for the auction.

Rural Fire (Contingency):

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that the bid procedure be waived and \$28,400 be taken from contingency for the purchase of equipment for the ladder truck housed at the Seneca Fire Department. (See attached letter for listing of equipment)

Grant Acceptance & Bid for Turning Lane near Valenite:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 – 0 that the attached SC Advisory Coordinating Council for Economic Development Grant in the amount of not to exceed \$145,000 for turning lanes near Valenite, Inc. be adopted.

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that the bid for the turning lanes near Valenite, Inc. be awarded to Thrift Development Corporation in the amount of \$92,713.

Council Committee Reports:

Mr. Moore reported to Council that the Road & Transportation Committee met Thursday, March 23, 2006 and discussed several issues such as traffic study; turning lanes, if required; emergency lanes, if necessary; riparian buffer; increasing the set back from 50' to 75' for septic systems near lakes; septic tank risers, right-of-way width, etc.

Mr. Crumpton scheduled a meeting of the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Rabun reminded Council of the First Friday breakfast Friday, April 7, 2006 at 7:30 am and the Oconee County Infrastructure Commission meeting Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Mr. Rabun also informed those present that employees would begin working five days per week April 24, 2006 ending the four day/ten hour days for most County employees.

Capital Projects Listing:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the following projects be submitted to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission for their consideration in the November 2006 referendum:

<u>Project:</u>	<u>Estimated Cost:</u>
Civic Center/Recreation Complex	\$ 8,000,000
Central Library Complex	\$ 8,070,000
Tamassee-Salem Convenience Center	\$ 300,000
Phase I of I-85 Sewer & Water project	\$ 8,859,440
Airport Sewer Expansion (Shiloh Road)	\$ 2,500,000

The motion also included the following secondary projects for consideration in the November 2006 referendum:

<u>Project:</u>	<u>Estimated Cost:</u>
Department of Social Services Building	\$ 4,920,000
Animal Shelter Complex	\$ 1,576,000
Phase II of I-85 Sewer & Water Project	\$10,151,107

County Budget:

Mr. Moore brought it to the attention of Mr. Rabun that there is an ordinance requiring the budget to be turned over to Council by April 1, however, Mr. Rabun informed Council this is too soon as the state has not released assessments at this time nor has the School District presented their request.

Mr. Crumpton stated he would like to have the budget adopted by June first meeting in June.

Adjourn:

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Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green,
Clerk to Council