

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, May 1, 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, Julie Belcher – Anderson Independent & 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. Moore, approved 5 – 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held April 18, 2006 be adopted as printed.

Ordinance 2006-07:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 4 – 1 (Mr. Lyles voting against) that Ordinance 2006-07, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 99-14 BY ADDING CHAPTER 7 TO THE UNIFIED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS WHICH ENACTS REGULATIONS FOR SUBDIVISIONS, SITE PLANS AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECTS WITHIN ONE THOUSAND (1,000’) FEET OF LAKES KEOWEE, JOCASSE AND HARTWELL AND ON SUBDIVISION SITE PLANS AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS FOR SUBDIVISIONS THAT WILL RESULT IN THE NEED TO UPGRADE COUNTY ROADS” be adopted on third and final reading.

Public Comment Session:

Mr. Berry Nichols addressed Council regarding proposed Ordinance 2006-10, “LITTER CONTROL ORDINANCE OF OCONEE COUNTY”, budget criteria, new animal control facility and the proposed vehicle fee.

Mr. Ben Turetzky read a press release of Mr. Al Babincz’s resignation from FOLKS and expressed appreciation for the adoption of Ordinance 2006-07.

Ms. Susie Cornelius informed Council that Mr. Rabun had transmitted information regarding the TYCO bond issue to her.

Mr. Jack Leggett addressed Council regarding preservation of Lake Keowee.

Mr. Ron Leopard addressed Council regarding taxes on other lake properties if the high rise condo is constructed.

A gentleman addressed Council regarding the adoption of Ordinance 2006-07 and expressed a desire for zoning in Oconee County.

Ms. Linda Lovely expressed appreciation to Council for the adoption of Ordinance 2006-07.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding animal control and school funding.

Ordinance 2006-09:

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-09, “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FALSE FIRE ALARMS TO WHICH OCONEE COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS RESPOND” be adopted on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2006-10:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-10, “LITTER CONTROL ORDINANCE OF OCONEE COUNTY” be adopted on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2006-11:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-11, “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF COUNTY ROADS” be adopted on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2006-13:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-13, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2003-12 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE KEOWEE FIRE TAX DISTRICT AND THE KEOWEE FIRE COMMISSION” be adopted on first reading.

Ordinance 2006-02:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-02, “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME OF THE INVESTMENT PERIOD UNDER THE EXISTING FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN TYCO HEALTHCARE GROUP L.P. AND OCONEE COUNTY” be adopted on second reading.

Ordinance 2006-14:

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-14, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9 OF ORDINANCE 2003-07, OCONEE COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL ORDINANCE” be adopted on first reading.

Ordinance 2006-15:

Mr. Moore informed those present that Council had held their first work session on the proposed budget and made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-15, “THE 2006-07 OCONEE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE” be adopted on first reading in title only.

Road & Transportation Committee Meeting:

Mr. Moore announced a Road & Transportation Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at 9:00 am in Council Chambers.

Budget, Finance & Procurement Meetings:

Mr. Rabun invited the public to attend the budget work shops for discussions of the proposed 2006-07 budget.

Contingency Request:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion that Dr. Marion McMillan be reimbursed \$15,000 in legal fees incurred when he made a proposal to Council regarding the hospital and the hospital property. Mr. Rinehart’s motion died for lack of a second.

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Meeting:

Mr. Crumpton scheduled a Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Meeting Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers.

Adjourn:

Adjourn: 4:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green,
Clerk to Council