

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, July 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with Council Members Ables, Crumpton & Rinehart present. Acting Attorney Julia Mahon 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, WSNW Radio & WIRX Radio.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, Dave Williams – Anderson Independent, Brett McLaughlin – Daily Journal & WYFF TV.

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. Ables led the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag.

Minutes:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 27, 2006 be adopted as printed.

Public Comment Session:

Mr. Larry Linson addressed Council regarding implementation of reassessment and giving fee-in-lieu to industries.

Public Comment Session Continued:

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council regarding the adoption of Resolution 2006-13, "A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A REFERENDUM TO ALLOW THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO VOTE TO RETAIN FIVE COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS OR CHANGE TO SEVEN COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS" and fee-in-lieu for industries.

Mr. George Cleveland expressed support for Ordinance 2006-21, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX FOR OCONEE COUNTY"

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding jail overcrowding, commerce parks, garbage tipping fees and Department of Social Services.

Ordinance 2006-17:

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 3 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-17, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF SUNDAY WORK PROHIBITIONS UNDER SOUTH CAROLINA LAW" be adopted on second reading.

Ordinance 2006-20:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-20, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF ORDINANCE 99-14, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS CONCERNING SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT" be adopted on second reading.

Ordinance 2006-21:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-21, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX FOR OCONEE COUNTY" be adopted on first reading.

Ordinance 2006-22:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-22, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AS LESSOR AND PROJECT TROUT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2006-23:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-23, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT TROUT FOR GRANTING CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS TO PROJECT TROUT” be adopted on first reading in title only.

Resolution 2006-13:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 that Resolution 2006-13, “A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A REFERENDUM TO ALLOW THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO VOTE TO RETAIN FIVE COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS OR CHANGE TO SEVEN COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS” be adopted on first and final reading.

Resolution 2006-14:

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 3 – 0 that Resolution 2006-14, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT TROUT WHEREBY, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, OCONEE COUNTY WILL EXECUTE A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT FOR THE PROJECT INVOLVING NOT LESS THAT EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$18,000,000) INVESTMENT AND OCONEE COUNTY WILL PROVIDE AN INFRASTRUCTURE TAX CREDIT” be adopted on first and final reading.

Ordinance 2006-09:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-09, “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FALSE FIRE ALARMS TO WHICH OCONEE COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS RESPOND” be referred to the Planning Commission for study and possible recommendations regarding amendments.

Commerce Center at Fair Play:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 that Oconee County request bids for maintenance of the four hundred (400) acre commerce site located at Fair Play. This maintenance will include mowing of the pastureland and bush hogging of underbrush in specified areas, road embankments and roadways.

Rural Fire:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 2 – 1 (Mr. Ables voting against) that the bid for physicals for Rural Fire volunteers be awarded to North Greenville Fitness & Cardiac Rehabilitation Clinic, Inc. at an estimated cost of \$60,000 for the 2006-07 fiscal year and that the County Administrator be given the authority to renew their contract for up to four years as per the bid solicitation process and the work being satisfactory.

Council Committee Reports:

There were no Council Committee reports.

County Administrator Report:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 that Council affirm Mr. Hendricks' recommendation to move GIS from Information Technology to the Assessor's Office with IT retaining veto power over hardware and software and 911 addressing from IT to Planning/Building Codes where it is currently shown in the MGT staffing study.

August 1st Council Meeting:

Mr. Ables announced that regular meeting of Oconee County Council scheduled for August 1, 2006 will be moved to August 8, 2006 at 3:00 pm due to Council members attending the South Carolina Association of Counties Meeting.

Adjourn:

Adjourn: 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green,
Clerk to Council