

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, August 15, 2006 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 (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: Peter Kent – WGOG Radio, Dave Williams – Anderson Independent, Brett McLaughlin – Daily Journal & Ashton Hester – Keowee Courier.

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

Minutes:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 (Mr. Rinehart & Mr. Lyles abstaining due to their not being at the August 8th meeting) that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 8, 2006 be adopted as printed.

Public Comment Session:

Ms. Amanda Bannister, College Street Baptist Church, presented Council with a “Teenage Bill of Rights” adopted by the youth attending a rally August 6, 2006.

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council regarding item #7 “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX FOR OCONEE COUNTY” and impact fees in the County.

Mr. Berry Nichols addressed Council regarding a duplication of services in the County, the timer bought for the public comment session, capital projects in the budget, the Library and budget revenues.

Ms. Linda Lovely addressed Council regarding enforcement of 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 (1000’) FEET OF LAKES KEOWEE, JOCASSEE AND HARTWELL AND ON SUBDIVISIONS, SITE PLANS AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS FOR SUBDIVISIONS THAT WILL RESULT IN THE NEED TO UPGRADE COUNTY ROADS”

Mr. Francis X. Maloney addressed Council regarding the hiring of personnel in the Planning Department and the proposed one cent sales tax.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding the public comment session.

Public Hearing RE: Ordinance 2006-20:

At this time Council conducted a public hearing to receive written and/or oral comments regarding Ordinance 2006-20, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 99-14, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 6 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY UNIFIED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS CONCERNING SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT”.

There was no one present with written or oral comments regarding Ordinance 2006-20.

Public Hearing RE: Ordinance 2006-21:

At this time Council conducted a public hearing to receive written and/or oral comments regarding Ordinance 2006-21, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX FOR OCONEE COUNTY".

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed this ordinance stating that she was disappointed that there were no funds in the ordinance for operation and maintenance for the facilities if the referendum is adopted in November.

Mr. Francis X. Maloney stated he supported the ordinance, but was afraid that it would promote sprawl.

Ordinance 2006-20:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 4 – 1 (Mr. Lyles voting against) that Ordinance 2006-20, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY UNIFIED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS CONCERNING SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT" be adopted on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2006-21:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2006-21, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX FOR OCONEE COUNTY" be adopted on third and final reading.

Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management Committee Assignments:

The following items were assigned to the Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management Committee:

- (1) Lease Agreement between Oconee County & Joshua Thornton for housing of livestock
- (2) Courtesy car sign-out policy and hourly charge for Oconee County Regional Airport transient crews
- (3) Long term auto parking fee at Oconee County Regional Airport

The committee scheduled a meeting Friday, August 18, 2006 at 1:30 pm in Council Chambers to discuss these matters.

Council Committee Reports:

There were no Council Committee reports.

County Administrator Report:

Mr. Hendricks informed those present that if anyone wanted to bush hog the commercial site in Fair Play or dismantle the old buildings on the site for the lumber they needed to contact the Procurement Department.

Tribble Center (Contingency):

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 5 – 0 that \$600 be taken from contingency to furnish the Tribble Center with eighty (80) tons of pea gravel. (See attached request).

Executive Session:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that Council go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel/litigation matter subject to attorney/client privilege.

Open Session:

When open session resumed there was no action regarding the executive session.

September 5th Meeting:

It was the consensus of Council to change the September 5th meeting of Council to August 29th at 3:00 pm due to the “Apple Festival” being on the 5th.

Adjourn:

Adjourn: 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green,
Clerk to Council