



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting with the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority
June 26, 2008

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. George Blanchard District I, Chairman

Mr. Thomas S. Crumpton, Jr., District II

Mr. Mario Suarez, District III

Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV

Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

Oconee County Council met on Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members [except Mr. Crumpton], County Administrator Dale K. Surrett, Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council & Ms. Karen Ballenger [sitting in for Mr. Bradley A. Norton], 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 WSPA TV & WSNW Radio.

Member of the press present: Peter Kent – WSNW, Brett McLaughlin – Daily Journal and Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent.

Call to Order:

Chairman Blanchard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He noted that his meeting was a workshop meeting to discuss the SWAG agreement and to receive a status report regarding the Golden Corner Commerce Park.

Workshop Discussion with Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority [OJRSA]:

SWAG Agreement:

Mr. Blanchard introduced Mr. Bob Winchester, OJRSA Chair, and Mr. Mike Smith, Attorney for the City of Seneca, to discuss the status of the revised SWAG agreement. Mr. Smith stated that both the cities of Seneca and Walhalla had signed the document and that Westminster would be meeting soon to sign. Lengthy discussion followed regarding council members concerns that language in the agreement will limit a municipality's ability to make decisions regarding growth. Mr. Smith noted that the SWAG agreement was designed to encourage growth and promote economic development. Mr. Surrett noted that if a third party can decide where a utility will go that effective comprehensive planning will be impossible.

Golden Corner Commerce Park Update Report:

Mr. Winchester introduced Mr. Bob Froneberger, W. K. Dickson, who gave a brief PowerPoint presentation [filed with these minutes] to council regarding options for the Golden Corner Commerce Park. Discussion followed. No action was taken at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Blanchard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council