



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
February 7, 2012

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Council Chairman
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I, Vice Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Archie Barron, District III
Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

Oconee County Council met on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Thomas L. Martin County Attorney, County Administrator Scott Maulder, Assistant Administrator Glenn Breed and Clerk to Council, Elizabeth G. Hulse present.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council/]. In addition it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Ashton Hester – Keowee Courier & Carlos Galarza – Daily Journal.

Call to Order: Mr. Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Extended Public Comment Session: None scheduled for this meeting.

Public Comment Session [related to specific agenda items]:

Several citizens signed up for Public Comment that deferred their comments to the Public Hearing scheduled for the business portion of the meeting.

Mr. Scott Maher addressed Council in opposition to passage of Ordinance 2011-21 as presented.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council in opposition to passage of Ordinance 2012-06 as written on second reading.

Public Comment Session [related to non-agenda items]:

None at this meeting.

County Council Response to Public Comment: None at this meeting.

Meeting Recess: Mr. Thrift announced a recess at 6:08 p.m, until 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Reconvene: Mr. Thrift reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. McCall led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Minutes:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2012 regular meeting as presented.

Presentation by Outside Organizations:

Mountain Lakes Convention Visitor's Bureau / Mr. Ken Sloan

Mr. Phil Shirley, PRT Director, and Mr. Sloan addressed Council reading from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] announcing that the Mountain Lakes Convention Visitor's Bureau won the Southeastern Tourism Society's "CVB of the Year" award.

Mountain Lakes Business Development Corporation [MLBDC] / Mr. Carl Cliche

Mr. Cliche addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the activities and accomplishments of the MLBDC.

Public Hearings Regarding the Following Ordinances:

Ordinance 2011-21 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OCONEE COUNTY ZONING ENABLING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 2007-18, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY, AS TO REZONE A SERIES OF PARCELS SPECIFIED HEREIN, AND TO RATIFY AND AFFIRM ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE 2007-18 NOT AMENDED OR MODIFIED HEREBY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO" *[McClure & N. Return Church Roads Request]*

Mr. Thrift opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. Jonathan Price addressed Council in support of passage of Ordinance 2011-21 with the traditional rural [TDR] zoning classification as presented.

Mr. Harvey Price addressed Council in support of passage of Ordinance 2011-21 with the TDR zoning classification as presented.

Ms. Nancy Ratliff addressed Council in support of passage of Ordinance 2011-21 with the TDR zoning classification as presented.

Ms. Debbie Morehead addressed Council in support of passage of Ordinance 2011-21 with the TDR zoning classification as presented.

Ms. Janie Rothell addressed Council in support of passage of Ordinance 2011-21 with the TDR zoning classification as presented.

Mr. Shane Boggs addressed Council in support of passage of Ordinance 2011-21 with the TDR zoning classification as presented.

Mr. Thrift asked if any citizens wished to address Council regarding this ordinance; no citizen stepped forward.

Mr. Thrift opened the floor for any other citizens wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance.

Mr. Robert Breeland addressed Council in support of passage of Ordinance 2011-21 with the TDR zoning classification as presented.

Mr. Doyle Pierce addressed Council in support of passage of Ordinance 2011-21 with the TDR zoning classification as presented.

Mr. Thrift asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Thrift closed the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2011-21.

Ordinance 2011-34 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCES NO. 2006-027, 2008-017, 2010-04, 2010-24, 2010-32, 2011-09, 2011-15 RELATING TO THE INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK OF OCONEE AND PICKENS COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK”

Mr. Thrift opened the floor for Public Comment.

No citizens signed up to address Council.

Mr. Thrift asked if any citizens wished to address Council regarding this ordinance; no citizen stepped forward.

Mr. Thrift asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Thrift closed the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2011-34.

Consideration of the Following Resolutions:

Resolution R2012-01

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Resolution R2012-01** “A RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF A CANON NP6030 COPIER TO THE MOUNTAIN LAKES BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION” on first and final reading.

Consideration of the Following Ordinances:

Ordinance 2011-21

Mr. Aaron Gadsby, County Planner, addressed Council regarding a memo [copy filed with these minutes] outlining citizen input since Council’s last reading. He noted that after the Public Hearing he clarified the two issues in the memo. The citizen owning parcel 266-00-02-024 changed their mind and wished to be included in the zoning request. In addition, the two citizens requesting removal reconsidered and wish to remain in the ordinance.

Mr. Dexter made a motion seconded by Mr. McCall, approve **Ordinance 2011-21** “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OCONEE COUNTY ZONING ENABLING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 2007-18, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY, AS TO REZONE A SERIES OF PARCELS SPECIFIED HEREIN, AND TO RATIFY AND AFFIRM ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE 2007-18 NOT AMENDED OR MODIFIED HEREBY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO” [*McClure & N. Return Church Roads Request*].

Mr. Dexter made a motion seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to add 266-00-02-024 to **Ordinance 2011-21**.

Mr. Thrift called for the vote on **Ordinance 2011-21**. Council approved 5 – 0 to approve Ordinance 2011-21 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OCONEE COUNTY ZONING ENABLING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 2007-18, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY, AS TO REZONE A SERIES OF PARCELS SPECIFIED HEREIN, AND TO RATIFY AND AFFIRM ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE 2007-18 NOT AMENDED OR MODIFIED HEREBY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO” [*McClure & N. Return Church Roads Request*] on third and final reading as amended.

Ordinance 2011-34

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2011-34** “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCES NO. 2006-027, 2008-017, 2010-04, 2010-24, 2010-32, 2011-09, 2011-15 RELATING TO THE INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK OF OCONEE AND PICKENS COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK” on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2012-05

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, to approve **Ordinance 2012-05** "AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND ARTICLE IV. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION AND ARTICLE II. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF CHAPTER 24. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO" on second reading.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to amend **Ordinance 2012-05** to include consistent language denoting that an individual Council member will make a recommendation for a seat on a board and/or commission which will be affirmed by vote of full council.

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil to amend **Ordinance 2012-05** to include a maximum of 12 year term limits for all boards and/or commission appointed by Council not superseded by state law. Discussion followed regarding this issue as well as "at will" removal and attendance requirements.

Mr. Barron withdrew his motion; Mr. Corbeil withdrew his second.

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to table voting regarding second reading until such time as staff can provide draft language for Council's review based on discussion.

Ordinance 2012-06

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, to approve **Ordinance 2012-06** "AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND *DIVISION 2. MEETINGS OF ARTICLE II. COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION* OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO" on second reading.

Mr. McCall addressed a potential ban on cell phone use during Council meetings.

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to table voting regarding second reading until such time as staff can provide draft language for Council's review based on discussion.

Discussion & Possible Action Items

ITB 11-13 / RADIO EQUIPMENT / EMERGENCY SERVICES / \$81,899.80

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to award ITB 11-13 for radio equipment to Communication Services Center of Greenville, SC; in the amount of \$81,899.80.

Board & Commission Appointments

PRT Commission

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to appoint Ms. Becky Wise / Whitewater Ltd. to the PRT Commission.

ACOG Board of Directors

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to re-appoint Mr. Bob Winchester and Mr. Benny Cunningham to the ACOG Board of Directors as citizen appointees.

Commission & Board Reports to Council:

None scheduled for this meeting.

Council Committee Reports:

None scheduled for this meeting.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Moulder addressed Council regarding two issues:

[1] **Council Redistricting Map:** Mr. Moulder noted that a letter has been received from the Department of Justice approving the 2010 proposed redistricting map. He stated that the new map became effective immediately. Lastly, he noted that he is working with Voter Registration staff to initiate public education regarding the new districts and voting precincts.

[2] **MGT Compensation/Classification Study Sole Source Approval/\$67,000:** Mr. Moulder requested approval for a compensation/classification study to be conducted by MGT [treating this as a sole source vendor [1] as they conducted the last survey and have all base data already in their system, and [2] an RFP is not required for professional services] in the amount of \$67,000.

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to approve \$67,000 for a compensation / classification study with MGT.

Old Business:

None scheduled for this meeting.

New Business:

County Council Planning Retreat:

Mr. Thrift noted that the Planning Retreat held earlier in the day was very productive and he thanked Mr. Moulder and staff for the thorough information provided.

Adjourn:

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council