



**MINUTES**  
**OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 5, 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 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 Moulder and Amanda Brock, serving as Clerk to Council.

**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](http://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, Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, Carlos Galar9za - The Daily Journal.

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

**Extended Public Comment Session:** None scheduled at this meeting.

**Public Comment Session [related to specific agenda items]:**

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council regarding several issues: [1] 2012-21: voiced concerns regarding the changing of road names, and the public notification process; [2] 2012-24: expressed concerns regarding the terms and residency requirements of Commission members; and [3] ATAX funding for the CU Market Segmentation Study, specifically that the information obtained through the study should be made available to the Oconee County business community.

Mr. Bill Leonard addressed Council regarding two matters: [1] School District of Oconee budget: shared his opinion that the State should fund SDOC mandates; and [2] sewer matters: expressed his opposition to the County being involved at all in the sewer business.

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

Mr. Bo Horne addressed Council regarding rezoning matters throughout the County.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding zoning matters, and democracy.

**County Council Response to Public Comment:**

There was no response to Public Comment from any Council member.

**Meeting Recess:** Mr. Thrift announced a recess at 6:18 p.m.

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

## **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Dexter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

## **Minutes:**

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2012 special and regular meetings, as amended.

## **Public Hearing regarding the Following Ordinances:**

**Ordinance 2012-18** “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR OCONEE COUNTY IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Thrift opened the floor for Public Comment.

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 2012-18.

**Ordinance 2012-19** “ORDERING A REFERENDUM IN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE AUTHORIZATION PREVIOUSLY GRANTED IN A REFERENDUM HELD ON APRIL 13, 1976, SHALL BE MODIFIED TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE COUNTY TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WASTEWATER SERVICES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY AND TO UTILIZE FUNDS FROM SPECIFIED SOURCES FOR SUCH PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF BALLOT TO BE USED; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE REFERENDUM; AND PROVIDING ALL OTHER THINGS NECESSARY TO SUBMIT THE AFORESAID QUESTION”

Mr. Thrift opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. Thrift asked if any citizens wished to address Council regarding this ordinance.

Mr. Bo Horne spoke in opposition of Ordinance 2012-19, citing that in his opinion, only a small area of the County would benefit from the expansion of sewer service to the Golden Corner Commerce Park.

Mr. Richard Marcengill addressed Council stating that he questioned the taxation of residents in the unincorporated areas of the County to support sewer services that will be utilized by very few County residents.

Mr. Berry Nichols voiced his opposition to the passage of Ordinance 2012-19, stating that County should not be in the sewer business.

Mr. Glen McPheeters voiced his support of the passage of Ordinance 2012-19, and expressed his support of allowing the voters to decide.

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 2012-19.

## **Consideration of the Following Ordinances:**

### **Ordinance 2012-18**

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2012-18** “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR OCONEE COUNTY IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” on third and final reading.

### **Ordinance 2012-19**

Mr. Martin noted that the primary function of this ordinance is a change in verbiage as to add a funding mechanism. He also noted that the 1976 Referendum severely limited funding options for the County.

Mr. Dexter stated that there was no intent by the County to build and run a sewer facility. He further stated that this ordinance would allow the public to express their choice.

Mr. Barron noted that a professional Economic Development consultant had addressed the lack of infrastructure in Oconee County, specifically the Golden Corner Commerce Park, just a few weeks ago. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 1 [Mr. McCall opposed], to approve **Ordinance 2012-19** “ORDERING A REFERENDUM IN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE AUTHORIZATION PREVIOUSLY GRANTED IN A REFERENDUM HELD ON APRIL 13, 1976, SHALL BE MODIFIED TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE COUNTY TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WASTEWATER SERVICES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY AND TO UTILIZE FUNDS FROM SPECIFIED SOURCES FOR SUCH PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF BALLOT TO BE USED; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE REFERENDUM; AND PROVIDING ALL OTHER THINGS NECESSARY TO SUBMIT THE AFORESAID QUESTION” on third and final reading.

### **Ordinance 2012-21**

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2012-21** “AN ORDINANCE TO REWRITE AND REVISE CHAPTER 10 *EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES* AND CHAPTER 26 *ROADS AND BRIDGES* OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS *AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO*” on second reading.

### **Ordinance 2012-23**

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2012-23** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY DISSOLVING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION OF OCONEE COUNTY, DELETING THE ENTIRE CURRENT TEXT OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 10, SUBJECT TO AND CONTINGENT UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” on first reading.

### **Ordinance 2012-24**

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 - 0 to approve **Ordinance 2012-24** “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-241 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, BY ESTABLISHING A NEW REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS OF OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL AND CLARIFYING CERTAIN CURRENT LANGUAGE OF SUCH SECTION; AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE OCONEE

COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ESTABLISHING AND CREATING THE OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION AND THE OCONEE COUNTY FIRE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS APPLICABLE THERETO; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO ” on first reading.

### **Ordinance 2012-26**

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2012-26** “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 "ZONING" OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, INCLUDING ALL ZONING MAPS INCORPORATED THEREIN AND THEREBY, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” on first reading [in title only] and to forward the matter to the Planning Commission for review / recommendation.

### **Discussion & Possible Action Items**

#### **ATAX / \$5,000 / CU Market Segmentation Study / County Visitors / 2012 summer season**

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0, to approve \$5,000 from Local ATAX to utilize Clemson University PRTM research department to perform a Market Segmentation Study of Oconee County Visitors during the 2012 summer season.

#### **IT / Broadband FOCUS Project / Cisco ARS Routers / \$336,181.06**

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0, to approve the purchase of Cisco ASR Core Routers, to Internetwork Engineering of Charlotte, NC, in the amount of \$336,181.06, per SC State Contract #4400002804.

#### **RFP 11-19 / Pumper Truck / \$360,682.00**

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0, to approve the award of RFP 11-19 for a Pumper Truck for Station 12 to FireLine, Inc./Emergency One, Inc., of Winder, GA, in the amount of \$360,682.00.

#### **RFP 11-23 / On Call Design Build Services / Amount TBD**

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0, to [1] approve the multiple award to Hogan Construction, J. Davis Construction, Roebuck Buildings and Trehel Corporation, and [2] authorize the County Administrator to approve this award annually, up to five years, as long as all work is satisfactory

### **Board & Commission Appointments**

#### **Aeronautics Commission**

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Michael Lesley Gray to the at large seat on the Oconee County Aeronautics Commission.

#### **Building Codes Appeal Board**

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Mr. Robert Dubose to the co-terminus District III seat on the Building Codes Appeal Board.

## **Commission & Board Reports to Council**

### **Planning Commission Recommendation re: MOU with Duke**

The Planning Commission provided a written report [copy filed with these minutes] to Council recommending to not establish a Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] with Duke Energy.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 1 [Mr. Barron opposed] to not establish a MOU with Duke as recommended in the Planning Commission's report.

### **Scenic Highway Committee Request to Council**

The Scenic Highway Committee made a motion at a recent meeting to request that Council consider making the entire new Sheep Farm Road a scenic highway.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0, to deny the Scenic Highway Committee's request to designate Sheep Farm Road as a scenic highway.

## **Council Committee Reports**

None scheduled for this meeting.

## **Administrator's Report**

None scheduled for this meeting.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Barron asked to have the Anderson / Oconee Behavioral Health bond issuance matter placed on the agenda for the June 19, 2012, Oconee County Council meeting.

Mr. Dexter reminded those present that the public hearing for the FY2013 budget will be held on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

## **New Business**

None scheduled for this meeting.

## **Executive Session**

Mr. Moulder stated that the Executive Session would include a personnel matter, and to receive legal advice on one contractual matter, not two contractual matters as the agenda stated.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and to receive legal advice regarding a contractual matter.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:34 p.m., on a motion from Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0.

Mr. Thrift stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0, to approve the Administrator to continue negotiations as discussed in Executive Session regarding a contractual matter.

## **Adjourn**

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Amanda F. Brock  
Sr. Executive Assistant