



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
March 5, 2013

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, 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 – Westminster News & Norman Cannada-The Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

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

Public Comment Session [related to specific agenda items]:

None at this meeting.

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

Mr. Redd Gardner addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] voicing concerns with the management and services provided by Solid Waste.

Mr. Richard Marcingill addressed Council in response to a letter to the Daily Journal written by Mr. Corbeil and his concerns that zoning is being forced on people against their will [specifically Ordinance 2012-36-Gladys Circle].

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council in response to a letter to the Daily Journal written by Mr. Corbeil.

County Council Response to Public Comment:

Mr. Dexter stated that the Gladys Circle rezoning had public input and those rezoned were in agreement with the ordinance.

Meeting Recess:

Mr. Thrift announced a 5 minute recess at 6:15 p.m.

Meeting Reconvene:

Mr. Thrift reconvened the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Minutes:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2013 regular meeting as presented.

Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary

Mr. Moulder briefly reviewed with Council and for the public's benefit specifics related to the following matters before Council at this meeting:

Ordinance 2013-05 – second reading
Resolution R2013-05 – first and final reading

Mr. Moulder updated Council regarding the following issues:

1. Training Meeting Held with County Staff Liaison's for Boards/Commissions/Committees.
2. Request under New Business to consider moving May 14, 2013 Budget Committee meeting to May 13, 2013.
3. Assistance provided to Sullivan Center / Permanent location in old DHEC building.
4. Assistance provided to Oconee Aid / Facilitating assistance with their Business Plan and the County is providing them temporary space in the old DHEC building.
5. Assistance provide to Public Defender / Looking for space options to better serve their needs.

Lastly, Mr. Moulder informed Council that he would be providing a Broadband Project FOCUS update at the March 19, 2013 Council meeting.

Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances *[None scheduled for this meeting]*

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

[Note: Public Hearings will be scheduled at or before third & final reading for the following ordinances as required]

Ordinance 2013-05 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE TAX CREDIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND **PROJECT ZETA**; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO"

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-05** on second reading.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances *[None scheduled for this meeting]*

First Reading of the Following Resolutions

Resolution R2013-05 "A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THAT SPECIFIC BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES ESTABLISH A MEETING SCHEDULE ANNUALLY"

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Resolution R2013-05** on first and final reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items *[None scheduled for this meeting]*

Council Committee Reports

Budget, Finance & Administration / Mr. Dexter

Mr. Dexter read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting discussions that took place at the February 26, 2013 Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting.

Transportation / Mr. Thrift

Mr. Thrift read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting discussions that took place at the February 26, 2013 Transportation Committee meeting.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to add Miller Road to the In House Paving list to be paved as funds become available.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to add McGee Road Culvert to the Bridges & Culverts Priority List

Board & Commission Appointments

Economic Development Commission

District II No Appointment at this meeting.

Conservation Bank Mr. Richard Cain

At Large Seat

Mr. Thrift made a motion to appoint Mr. Richard Cain to the open At Large Seat with their term ending 2014. No other nominations were received. The motion was approved 5 – 0.

Old Business

[None at this Meeting]

New Business

SC House Bill 3237

Mr. Dexter noted that House Bill 3237 would require a Resource Officer in all South Carolina public schools. He stated that this is anticipated to cost all counties to comply a total of \$80 million dollars. Lastly, he noted that if passed it will be an additional unfunded mandate from the state.

May 14, 2013 Budget Committee

Mr. Barron requested that the Tuesday, May 14, 2013 Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting be rescheduled to Monday, May 13, 2013 as he has a conflict. Discussion followed. Council concurred and directed staff to update the Budget Calendar for FY 2013-2014.

Executive Session:

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved to enter Executive session purpose of discussing a contractual matter, Economic Development matter & litigation matter.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Dexter, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0.

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

Adjourn Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously 5 - 0, to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council