



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
April 2, 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 – Keowee Courier & Mikayla Kreuzberger-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]:

Mr. Berry Nichols addressed Council regarding money set aside for the Cobb Bridge project and issues not within the jurisdiction of the county.

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

Mr. B. J. Nichols addressed Council regarding national issues not within the jurisdiction of the county.

County Council Response to Public Comment:

Walhalla Pool

Mr. McCall announced that he has worked with the City of Walhalla, county staff and others to identify needed repairs so that the pool will re-open this summer. Mr. McCall noted he worked closely with the City of Walhalla Mayor and some members of their council, county staff and elected officials and many others to identify needed repairs and to identify donations and those willing to provide services for repairs. Council thanked Mr. McCall for his efforts noting this was excellent news.

Meeting Recess: Mr. Thrift announced a recess at 6:15 p.m.

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

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

Minutes:

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baron, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2013 regular meeting as presented.

Presentations to Council

Ten at the Top: Mission & Goals Update / Mr. Dean Hybl, Executive Director

Mr. Hybl addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and handouts [copies filed with these minutes] highlighting the mission and goals for Ten at the Top [TATT].

Mr. Thrift thanked Mr. Hybl for his thorough presentation.

Mr. Thrift also introduced Mr. Clay Andrews the new Upstate Alliance Director of Investor & Public Relations.

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 2013-06 – second reading

Resolution R2013-05 – first & final reading

In addition, Mr. Moulder updated Council regarding the following issues:

1. Recall from the Planning Commission with their Recommendation: Ordinance 2011-25; noting that the request before Council is not to take 3rd reading; only to recall the ordinance after the Planning Commission's review and recommendation.

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 2013-06 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCES NO. 2006-027, 2008-017, 2010-04, 2010-24, 2010-32, 2011-09, 2011-15 AND 2011-34 RELATING TO THE INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK OF OCONEE AND PICKENS COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK” and Park Agreement

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-06** on second reading.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

[None scheduled for this meeting]

First & Final Reading of the Following Resolutions

Resolution R2013-05 “A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DARLINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FLORENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE”

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

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Recall from the Planning Commission with their recommendation Ordinance 2011-25

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 1 [Mr. McCall opposed] to recall Ordinance 2011-25 from the Planning Commission after their review [and with all questions answered] with a recommendation for Council action.

Council Committee Reports

Budget, Finance & Administration Committee: TCTC Budget Presentation / Mr. Dexter

Mr. Dexter read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] regarding Tri County Technical College's [TCTC] budget presentation to Council that took place on March 28, 2013. Mr. Dexter noted that this request will be incorporated into the Administrator's full budget presentation which will be made at a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business

[None at this Meeting]

New Business

County Council Email Addresses

The Clerk to Council updated Council and the public regarding the new email accounts established for the five council members. Their new addresses will be published to the web on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 and will be distributed to all agencies and media that routinely contact Council.

Cobb Bridge Funds

Mr. Moulder addressed a public comment from earlier in the meeting noting that one mill is dedicated to bridge and culvert replacement and that money set aside into this account will be utilized for only that purpose. He noted that funds do build up in the account and once a project has been identified and sufficient funds have accrued the project will be undertaken with Council's approval.

Executive Session:

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter, an Economic Development matter and a litigation matter.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. on a motion by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Dexter, 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 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council