



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
November 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, County Administrator Scott Moulder, Assistant Administrator Glenn Breed, Thomas L. Martin County Attorney, 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, Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, Ashton Hester – Keowee Courier & Norman Cannada/Josie Rabbitt -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. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding gun owner safety [handout provided – filed with these minutes] and respect for the US Flag.

County Council Response to Public Comment:

None at this meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Minutes:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2013 regular meeting as presented.

Presentation by Outside Organizations

Partnership with Oconee County / Mr. Greg Dietterick, City of Seneca Administrator

Mr. Dietterick addressed Council highlighting many successful partnerships with Oconee County and other municipalities. He thanked Council, the Administrator and the Economic Development Director for their help with many of the projects noted. Mr. Dietterick stated that he is excited to see what is happening in Oconee County; noting that when one municipality or the county are successful it makes all of us successful. He addressed specifics related to the following projects:

- New Jail
- Oconee Industry & Technology Park
 - Certified Park
 - Infrastructure moving forward
- Broadband Fiber Project
 - Only one of two counties in state
 - What industry and youth looking for in a community
- Fire Contracts
 - Cooperation between cities and county help lower ISO ratings
- School District of Oconee County
- Road Systems
- Sewer Projects:
 - Newry
 - Utica
 - Duke Energy / Highway 130
- Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes / Technology Solutions
 - Constructed a new building and added jobs
- CAT Bus System
 - 1st all electric system in USA
- Propex Building
 - Abandoned building how housing 3+ companies
 - Only property with direct Rail Spur to Greer's inland port
- Sewer South Project
- Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes / Hampton Inn
 - 34 acre mixed use project / hotel in phase one
 - Project DAWN moving forward with \$10 million dollar investment

Mr. Dietterick thanked Council and county staff for their time in developing a strong partnership between the county and the City of Seneca. Mr. Thrift thanked Mr. Dietterick for his assistance in making the partnership strong between the city and the county. He noted that he looks forward to many more successful ventures in the future.

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:

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| Public Hearings | First Readings for Ordinances |
| Third and Final Reading for Ordinance | Discussion / Action Items |
| Second Readings for Ordinances | |

Lastly, Mr. Moulder congratulated Mr. Thrift upon his appointment as Treasurer for the South Carolina Association of Counties; County Coalition, noting that this is the second SCAC Board on which Mr. Thrift represents Oconee County.

Public Hearing and Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2013-21 "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"

Mr. Thrift opened the floor for Public Comment.

Noting that no citizens signed up to address Council; Mr. Thrift opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance.

No citizens addressed Council regarding this ordinance.

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 2013-21**

Ordinance 2013-29 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND SANDVIK, INC.; THE GRANTING OF INFRASTRUCTURE TAX CREDITS; AND

OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES RELATED TO THE PROJECT”

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No citizens addressed Council regarding this ordinance.

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 2013-29**.

Ordinance 2013-30 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1-7, ENTITLED *GENERAL PENALTY; CONTINUING VIOLATIONS* OF CHAPTER 1, ENTITLED *GENERAL PROVISIONS*, OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

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No citizens addressed Council regarding this ordinance.

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 2013-30**.

Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2013-21 “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”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-21** on third and final reading.

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Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-29** on third and final reading.

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Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-30** on third and final reading.

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 2013-33 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF SENECA AND AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENT AGREEMENT OR EMBODYING DOCUMENT INCLUDING THE TERMS OF ANY AGREEMENT, WITH EACH; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve

Ordinance 2013-33 on second reading.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2013-34 [in title only] “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 “ZONING” OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, INCLUDING ALL ZONING MAPS INCORPORATED THEREIN AND THERYBY, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

[Brown Adjacent]

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve

Ordinance 2013-34 on first reading in title only and refer the matter to the Planning Commission for the required review.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Walhalla Fire Department / 7 Hydrants / Unincorporated Areas / up to \$37,100

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to refer this matter to the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee for review and recommendation.

Playground Equipment / South Cove Park / \$71,726.90

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to award purchase of playground equipment for South Cove Park to GameTime, Inc., located in Ft. Payne, AL, in the amount of \$71,726.90.

Old Business

None at this meeting.

New Business

None at this meeting.

Board/Commission Appointments

None at this meeting.

Transit Advisory Task Force Committee

Mr. Thrift noted that only one questionnaire is on file for consideration for appointment to this Committee. Council solicited interested citizens living in the unincorporated areas of the county for appointment that is scheduled to be made at the November 19, 2013 Council meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously 5 - 0, to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council