



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
December 3, 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 Deputy Director of Community Development Josh Stephens 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 & 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]:

Mr. Don McMahan stated that Ordinance 2013-32 should contain provisions that require Internet Service Providers to provide internet service to Oconee County's rural communities.

Mr. B. J. Littleton expressed his opposition to the creation of the Oconee County Tourism Alliance and Ordinance 2013-36.

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

Mr. Brit Adams expressed his opposition to the Hampton Inn project and related matters.

Mr. Berry Nichols stated this Council, along with previous Councils, had destroyed the Golden Corner.

County Council Response to Public Comment:

Mr. Corbeil responded to Mr. McMahan noting the intent of Project FOCUS is to create the infrastructure that can be used to provide internet service to underserved communities.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Minutes:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the November 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:

Third and Final Reading for Ordinance
Second Readings for Ordinances
Discussion / Action Items

Board/Commission Appointments
Executive Session

Mr. Moulder recommended that Council amend the agenda to [1] have to first reading of Ordinance 2013-32, not second reading, [2] add discussion regarding an economic development matter to the stated purpose for the Executive Session, and [3] defer Creation of Oconee County Tourism Alliance to FY 2014-2015 Budget Cycle Discussions.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 - 0 to amend the agenda as stated above.

Mr. Moulder also discussed the Solid Waste bill before the House and Senate, H3290. As part of the discussion, playing a short video for Council and those present entitled "Don't Dump on SC". Mr. Thrift encouraged those who are concerned about H3290 to contact their State Legislature representatives.

Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2013-22 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN OCONEE COUNTY AND THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE GOLDEN CORNER COMMERCE PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO."

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 - 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-22** 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 2013-36 "AN ORDINANCE TO CONDITION FUTURE PAYMENTS TO THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY ON THE RECEIPT AND SUFFICIENCY OF DETAILED INVOICES FROM THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY; TO FORMALLY REQUEST THAT A MEMBER OF THE OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPRESENT OCONEE COUNTY AT ANY AND ALL FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO."

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 - 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-36** on second reading.

Ordinance 2013-34 "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" *[Brown Adjacent]*

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 - 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-34** on second reading.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2013-32 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2013-01 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, AND FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014”

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-32** on first reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Consent Agenda Items / Local ATAX Requests / \$8,500

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to approve three local ATAX requests totaling \$8,500 as outlined on the three agenda item summaries.

Creation of the Oconee County Tourism Alliance

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to affirm their earlier action to table this matter and direct the Administrator to include this for discussion during the FY2014-2015 budget cycle.

ITB 13-08 / Loose Equipment for Fire Service Trucks / Fire Services / \$61,617.80

Ms. Robyn Courtright, Procurement Director, addressed Council regarding this request.

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to approve the purchase of loose equipment, to Safe Industries, of Greenville, SC; in the amount of \$61,617.80, per ITB 13-08.

Old Business

None at this meeting.

New Business

None at this meeting.

Board/Commission Appointments

Transit Advisory Task Force Committee

Mr. Thrift nominated Mr. Charles Morgan.

Mr. Corbeil nominated Mr. Arthur Rodgers.

Mr. Dexter nominated Mr. Gene Blair.

Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Thrift called for the vote. The nominees were approved as recommended on a 5 – 0 vote.

Arts & Historical Commission

Mr. Barron deferred appointment to the next meeting. Mr. Barron stated that the Commission has not met for some time and stated the issue should reviewed to determine the purpose of the Commission and if funding would be provided for projects in the future.

Mr. Thrift asked Mr. Moulder to look into the points raised by Mr. Barron.

Executive Session:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters related to property purchases & an economic development matter.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Dexter, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0.

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

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to direct the Administrator to proceed as discussed in Executive Session regarding Economic Development Project GDA.

Adjourn Mr. Barron made a motion, approved unanimously 5 - 0, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Josh Stephens
Deputy Director of Community Development