



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2014

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. Paul Cain, 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, County Attorney Thomas Martin 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.

Members of the press present: Ashton Hester/Keowee Courier, Ray Chandler/Anderson Independent and Norman Canada/The Daily Journal

Call to Order:

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

Mr. Thrift welcomed newly elected District III Representative, Mr. Paul A. Cain, to council noting that all Council members look forward to working with him in the coming months.

Mr. Cain thanked Council stating he is happy to begin his work with the other members.

Public Comment Session Agenda Action Items Only:

None at this meeting.

County Council Response to Public Comment:

Mr. Dexter provided Council with two handouts: "Summary of Grants" and "Appalachian Council of Governments [ACOG] Services to Oconee County". He noted that recent newspaper reports stated that the county was not seeking or obtaining grants and he wanted to provide accurate up-to-date information.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Thrift asked Mr. Cain to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 – 0 – 1 [Mr. Cain abstained as he was not yet seated], to approve the minutes from the May 06, 2014 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:

- Second Reading for Ordinance: 2014-15
- First Reading [in title only] for Ordinances: 2014-17, 2014-18
- Re-Appointment of County Council Committees
- Discussion Items
- New Business
- Board/Commission Appointments
- Executive Session: Mr. Moulder noted that he three additional issues need to be added to Executive Session to include two contractual matters and one litigation matter update.

Mr. Moulder stated that he had received a request from a Council member to have the Sheriff present his Drug Prevention Program to Council. Sheriff Crenshaw was present and addressed Council utilizing three handouts [copies filed with these minutes] outlining the program. Discussion followed. Council took no action at this meeting.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2014-15 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND OCONEE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2013-01, THE ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2014, SO AS TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, BOTH IN OCONEE COUNTY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014"

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2014-15** on second reading.

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Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2014-15** on second reading.

First and Final Reading of Ordinances:

Ordinance 2014-17 [In Title Only] "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT PLUME; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES RELATED TO THE PROJECT" {Project Plume}

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinances 2014-17** on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2014-18 [In Title Only] "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT AND LEASEHOLD EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS LESSEE, AND OCONEE MEDICAL CENTER, AS LESSOR; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO"

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinances 2014-18** on first reading in title only.

Appointment of Council Committees for 2014 by Council Chairman

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0, to approve the following committee assignments for the remainder of 2014:

Budget, Finance & Administration:

Reg Dexter, V, Chair
Paul Corbeil, I
Wayne McCall, II
Paul Cain, III
Joel Thrift, IV

Transportation:

Joel Thrift, IV, Chair
Paul Corbeil, I
Wayne McCall, II

Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management:

Paul Cain III, Chair
Paul Corbeil, I
Wayne McCall, IV

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare:

Wayne McCall, II, Chair
Paul Cain, III
Joel Thrift, IV

Planning & Economic Development:

Paul Corbell, I, Chair
Paul Cain, III
Reg Dexter, V

Discussion Regarding Action Items:

State & Local ATAX / Mountain Lakes CVB / FY2014-2015 / \$147,645

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve \$147,645 from State and Local ATAX accounts with the understanding that exact amounts from each account will be determined upon receipt of the 4th Quarter State ATAX check in August.

Old Business:

None at this meeting.

New Business:

Discussion regarding Initiating a County Council Meeting Invocation / Mr. Cain

Mr. Thrift noted that Mr. Cain had requested tabling the matter to the next meeting to allow for further study and recommendation by the county attorney. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, to table discussion of this item to the June 17, 2014 Council meeting. The motion failed 2 – 3 [Mr.'s Cain, McCall and Dexter opposed.]

Mr. Cain provided Council with copies of three handouts [copies filed with these minutes] for review prior to the next meeting. Additionally, he requested that the county attorney review the material and make recommendation to Council on the best method to adopt if Council votes to change the moment of silence into an invocation. Discussion followed.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to table this matter for discussion/action at the June 17, 2014 Council meeting.

Board/Commission Appointments

Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Behavioral Health Services Commission

Noting no questionnaires on file for consideration; Mr. Thrift deferred this matter.

Executive Session:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to amend the purpose for Executive Session to include two contractual matters and an update regarding a pending litigation.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a potential litigation matter, two contractual matters and an update regarding pending litigation matter.

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

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:36 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.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to authorize the County Administrator to proceed as discussed in Executive Session regarding the Pioneer agreement.

Public Comment Session Non Agenda Action Items:

None at this meeting.

Council Member Comments:

None at this meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously 5 - 0, to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council