



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
March 1, 2016

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Vice Chairman
Ms. Edda Cammick, District I, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV
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 and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present. County Attorney David Root was absent.

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: Ray Chandler / Anderson Independent & Stephen Bradley / The Daily Journal.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment Session

Mr. D. Kane addressed Council in opposition to the militarization of the police.

Mr. Ben Turetzky addressed Council requesting they not adopt a provision in the zoning ordinance requiring a citizen to live within a planning district in order to file a complaint.

County Council Response to Public Comment

None at this meeting.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Cain asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

As Mr. Root was ill, Mr. Moulder acting as County Council Chaplain gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the February 5, 2016 strategic planning meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve the February 16, 2016 regular meeting minutes 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:

- First Readings: Ordinance 2016-05, 2016-06, 2016-07, 2016-11, 2016-12 & 2016-13 all in title only
- Discussion Regarding Action Items
- Board & Commission Appointments
- Executive Session

Mr. Moulder requested that Council consider amending the agenda to add the purchase of a 44 Cone Crusher for the Quarry as the one on hand is unable to be repaired. Additionally he noted that a budget amendment ordinance will be required to move funding for this purchase. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall to amend the agenda to add the purchase of a 44 Cone Crusher for Rock Quarry from Telsmith [*as a sole source vendor*] in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

First Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-05 [title only] "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE 2, OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS PERTAINING TO SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-05** on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2016-06 [title only] "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE 5, OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS PERTAINING TO GROUP HOME DEVELOPMENTS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-06** on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2016-07 [title only] "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE 7, OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS PERTAINING TO TATTOOING FACILITIES, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-07** on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2016-11 [title only] "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. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-11** on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2016-12 [title only] “AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILITY CONSTRUCTION AT THE OCONEE INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY PARK”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-12** on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2016-13 [title only] “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS TO BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE NEAR THE OCONEE REGIONAL AIRPORT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELOCATING EXISTING ABOVE-GROUND ELECTRICAL LINES TO UNDERGROUND LINES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-13** on first reading in title only.

Discussion Regarding Action Items:

ITB 15-12: Asphalt Preventative Maintenance 2015-2016 /Roads & Bridges / \$70,000

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve (1) approve the Award of ITB 15-12, Asphalt Preventative Maintenance to King Asphalt, Inc., of Liberty, SC, in the amount of \$64,051.50, plus a contingency amount of \$5,948.50, for a total award of \$70,000.00, and (2) authorize the County Administrator to approve any change orders within the contingency amount.

44 Cone Crusher / Telsmith [*sole source vendor*] / not to exceed \$500,000

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve purchase of a 44 Cone Crusher for Rock Quarry from Telsmith [*as a sole source vendor*] in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Old Business:

None at this meeting.

New Business:

Litter/Garbage in Oconee County

Mr. Dexter voiced concerns with ongoing litter/garbage issues on Oconee County roads. Sheriff Crenshaw was asked to step forward to address this issue. He noted that he is working on a new initiative with a newly hired litter officer to address these concerns.

Motorcycle Gang Activity in Oconee County

Mr. McCall voiced concerns that the Warlock motorcycle gang is becoming active in the County and that they have ongoing issues with the Hells Angels who are active in Anderson County.

Board & Commission Appointments

Planning Commission

Ms. Hulse notified Council that at the February 25, 2016 Planning Commission they unanimously recommended Mr. Mike Johnson for the open at large seat on the Commission.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to appoint Mr. Mike Johnson to the At Large Seat on the Planning Commission with their term being co-terminus with Districts II, IV & V.

Executive Session:

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to enter Executive Session as allowed for in §30-4-70 (a) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, 1976 for the purpose of:

- [1] Discussing two Economic Development matters; Project Mackinaw, and Project Switch, and
- [2] Discussing a contractual matter related to property on Highway 123

Council entered Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. on a motion by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0.

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

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to direct the Administrator to proceed as discussed in Executive Session regarding Project Mackinaw and Project Switch.

Adjourn

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council