



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
December 6, 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, County Attorney David Root and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council 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: Ray Chandler / Anderson Independent & Stephen Bradley / Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Ms. Jean Jennings addressed Council in opposition to the county paying for additional School Resource Officers [SRO's]; noting it is a School District of Oconee issue and her opposition to increased positions in county government.

The Honorable Jennifer Crawford, City of Walhalla Council, addressed Council thanking them for their support for the Destination Oconee plan and the impact it has on the town.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Mr. Reg Dexter announced and congratulated Senator Thomas Alexander who was named Legislator of the Year at the annual Council of Government conference.

Mr. McCall announced the West Union Christmas parade and his efforts to begin a skating rink in Walhalla in 2017 without using tax payer dollars.

Moment of Silence

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

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

The County Council Chaplain gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve the November 15, 2016 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:

- Public Hearings for Ordinances: 2016-31, 2016-33, 2016-34
- Third & Final Ordinance Readings: 2016-31, 2016-33, 2016-34
- Second Ordinance Readings: Permanently remove 2016-04, 2016-35 & 2016-36
- First Ordinance Readings: 2016-38
- First & Final Resolution Readings: R2016-12, R2016-13
- Discussion Items [*Mr. Moulder noted that his issue may be removed from consideration at this meeting as the issue was renegotiated*]
- Executive Session

Motion to Amend Agenda

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to remove from consideration at this meeting agenda item PO#52202/Change Order #1.

Public Hearing Regarding the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-31 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A RESIDENTIAL **LEASE AGREEMENT** BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AS LESSOR AND KENT CROOKS AS LESSEE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LOCATED AT **207 CROOKS ROAD**, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. Cain opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

Mr. Cain asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Cain closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2016-31**.

Ordinance 2016-33 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CARRA H. ORR, GLORIA FAYE ORR BASHNAN, GLENDA O. BROCK, AND SUSAN O. WEST AS SELLERS, AND OCONEE COUNTY AS PURCHASER, OF APPROXIMATELY **54.8 ACRES OF LAND**, INCLUDING ALL RIGHTS AND APPURTENANCES PERTAINING TO THE LAND, LOCATED AT **724 ROCK CRUSHER ROAD AND 698 ROCK CRUSHER ROAD** (TMS## 190-00-03-034 and 190-00-03-001), OVER A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS AND WITH ALL SUMS FUNDING THE PURCHASE DERIVING SOLELY FROM THE OCONEE COUNTY ROCK QUARRY ENTERPRISE FUND; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

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Mr. Cain asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Cain closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2016-33**.

Ordinance 2016-34 “AN ORDINANCE DEVELOPING A **MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK** WITH PICKENS COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY IN THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.”

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Mr. Cain asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Cain closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2016-34**.

Third & Final Regarding the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-31 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A RESIDENTIAL **LEASE AGREEMENT** BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AS LESSOR AND KENT CROOKS AS LESSEE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LOCATED AT **207 CROOKS ROAD**, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-31** on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2016-33 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CARRA H. ORR, GLORIA FAYE ORR BASHNAN, GLENDA O. BROCK, AND SUSAN O. WEST AS SELLERS, AND OCONEE COUNTY AS PURCHASER, OF APPROXIMATELY **54.8 ACRES OF LAND**, INCLUDING ALL RIGHTS AND APPURTENANCES PERTAINING TO THE LAND, LOCATED AT **724 ROCK CRUSHER ROAD AND 698 ROCK CRUSHER ROAD** (TMS## 190-00-03-034 and 190-00-03-001), OVER A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS AND WITH ALL SUMS FUNDING THE PURCHASE DERIVING SOLELY FROM THE OCONEE COUNTY ROCK QUARRY ENTERPRISE FUND; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-33** on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2016-34 “AN ORDINANCE DEVELOPING A **MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK** WITH PICKENS COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY IN THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-34** on third and final reading.

Second Reading for the Following Ordinances

Permanently Remove from Consideration: Ordinance 2016-04 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING **CHAPTER 32** OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS PERTAINING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to permanently remove from consideration **Ordinance 2016-04** at second reading.

Ordinance 2016-35 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA **WORKLINK WORKFORCE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**, A SOUTH CAROLINA NONPROFIT CORPORATION, ESTABLISHED TO SERVE AS THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD FOR THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA COMPRISED OF ANDERSON COUNTY, OCONEE COUNTY, AND PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND CANCELLATION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG SAID COUNTIES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-35** on second reading.

Ordinance 2016-36 “AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF **EASEMENT RIGHTS TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 124** FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ACCESS TO DISPOSE OF SANITARY SEWER INTO A PUBLICLY-OWNED SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM THAT CAN BE ACCESSED ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-36** on second reading.

First Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-38 “AN ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 32** OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS PERTAINING TO **COMMUNICATION TOWERS**, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-38** on first reading.

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

Resolution R2016-12 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE **CANCELLATION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT** BY AND BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND THE **OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY** DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2008; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Resolution R2016-12** on first and final reading.

Resolution R2016-13 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN **AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT** BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF WEST UNION FOR THE PROVISION OF A COUNTY MAGISTRATE TO ACT AS A **MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR THE TOWN OF WEST UNION**; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Resolution R2016-13** on first and final reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items:

PO# 52202 / Change Order #1 / Emergency Services / \$11,551.97

Removed from consideration – see page 2 for motion.

Old / Unfinished Business:

None discussed at this meeting.

New Business:

None discussed at this meeting.

Executive Session:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to enter into 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] discussion of six (6) Economic Development Projects: Project Raven; Project Hawk; Project K; Project Goggles; Project Peninsula; and, Project KYMS, and

[2] discussion of a personnel matter related to the Clerk to Council and as part of the motion to invite council elect members Julian Davis and Glenn Hart into Executive Session to observe / not participate in discussions related to the Clerk to Council.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. on a motion by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0.

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

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to direct the Administrator to begin recruitment for a successor for the Clerk to Council using a multi prong approach as discussed in Executive Session.

Adjourn

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council