



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

November 13, 2018

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Paul Cain, District III
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Ms. Edda Cammick, Chairwoman, District I
Mr. Julian Davis III, Vice Chair, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chair Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Interim County Administrator Rick Martin, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, 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.oconeesc.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: Caitlin Herrington / Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Ms. Cammick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Ms. Heather Goss, Healthy Oconee Coalition member, addressed Council regarding the community asset map for all resources in Oconee County.

Ms. Sharon DeRidder, Healthy Oconee Coalition member, addressed Council utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] regarding the Healthy Oconee Coalition Community Project Plan and funding request.

Mr. Tony Adams addressed Council regarding the Sewer South project.

Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council regarding planning & zoning and the Constitution.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Mr. Hart addressed comments regarding the Sewer South pump station, cease and desist letter [copy filed with these minutes] dated March 30, 2018, and the Journal.

Mr. Cain addressed comments regarding making a complaint about feeling threatened or harassed should be handled through the Oconee County Sheriff's Office.

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Moment of Silence

Ms. Cammick asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chief Charlie King led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the October 16, 2018 Regular meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the October 16, 2018 Special meeting minutes as presented.

Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary

Mr. Martin briefly reviewed with Council and for the public's benefit specifics related to the following matters before Council at this meeting:

- Presentation to Council
- Proclamation 2018-05 & 2018-06
- Second Reading of Ordinance: 2018-33
- First Reading of Ordinance: 2018-34, 2018-35
- First & Final Reading of Resolution: 2018-15
- Discussion Regarding Action Items

Presentation to Council

Comprehensive Plan Update / Adam Chapman

Mr. Adam Chapman, Planning & Zoning, addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Planning Process
- Planning Consideration
- Why do a Comprehensive Plan?
- Required Plan Elements
- What is Required for each Element?
- Development of Goals & Objectives
- Development, Review, & Adoption Process
- Public Kick-off Workshop Goals

Mr. Hart noted there will be a meeting on November 15, 2018 in Fair Play, SC with the community and noted they would like a representative from the Planning & Zoning Department to attend so they can give input on what they are looking for. Mr. Chapman noted the Agriculture Advisory Board Farmer & Rancher Listening

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Session is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on that day and he would not be able to attend but would try to find another staff member to attend.

Mr. Chapman noted the Assessor, Mr. Kevin Robinson, has been very helpful to him regarding the comprehensive plan and has done a great job.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Chapman and the Planning Commission for their hard work.

Proclamation 2018-05

PROCLAMATION 2018-05 HONORING OCONEE COUNTY PERSONNEL DELOYED TO ASSIST WITH HURRICANE FLORENCE

Ms. Cammick read the proclamation into the record.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Proclamation 2018-05**.

Ms. Cammick thanked everyone for all they do every day for the County.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cain, it was approved 5 – 0, to approve **Proclamation 2018-05**.

Personnel that were present stepped forward to accept the proclamation from Council.

Staff brought a PowerPoint presentation with photos that showed their dedication and assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence [copy of photos filed with these minutes].

Proclamation 2018-06

PROCLAMATION 2018-06 FOR AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS MONTH

Ms. Cammick read the proclamation into the record.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Proclamation 2018-06**.

Mr. Rex Blanton, Agriculture Advisory Board member, stepped forward to accept the proclamation from Council.

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

None at this meeting.

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

None at this meeting.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2018-33 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FEE-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX

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ARRANGEMENT ON BEHALF OF A PROJECT ECHO (“COMPANY”) PURSUANT TO AN AMENDED AND RESTATED FEE-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (“COUNTY”) AND THE COMPANY; AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF CREDITS AGAINST FEE IN LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING.”

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-33** on second reading.

First Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2018-34 “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 made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-34** on first reading.

Ordinance 2018-35 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DIVISION 2, ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 2 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY MAKING CLEAR THAT TERM LIMITS DO NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY AERONAUTICS COMMISSION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-35** on first reading.

First & Final Reading of the Following Resolutions

Resolution 2018-15 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN KRISTEY LEE HARVEY, AS SELLER, AND OCONEE COUNTY, AS PURCHASER, AND OTHERWISE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 14.2 ACRES OF LAND, INCLUDING ALL RIGHTS AND APPURTENANCES PERTAINING TO THE LAND, LOCATED AT 667 ROCK CRUSHER ROAD (TMS: 190-00-03-032), WITH ALL SUMS FUNDING THE PURCHASE DERIVING SOLELY FROM THE OCONEE COUNTY ROCK QUARRY ENTERPRISE FUND; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve **Resolution 2018-15** on first & final reading.

Mr. Root asked for a motion to amend to allow for the revision of the purchase and sell agreement to allow Ms. Harvey, occupant of the home, to remain on the property 90 days after closing.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0, to amend **Resolution 2018-15** to allow for the revision of the purchase and sell agreement to allow Ms. Harvey, occupant of the home, to remain on the property 90 days after closing.

Ms. Cammick called for the vote of **Resolution 2018-15** as amended. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

MOTION TO RESCIND PRIOR CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS LOCATED IN PHASE 1 OF THE SHADOWOOD SUBDIVISION AND TO RESTATE CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE IN MODIFIED FORM.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to rescind prior conditional acceptance of roads located in Phase 1 of the Shadowood Subdivision and to restate conditional acceptance in modified form.

Eight (8) 2019 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV's / Oconee County Sheriff's Office / Amount: \$239,616.00

Budget: \$427,142.00 **Project Cost:** \$239,616.00 **Balance:** \$187,526.00

Sheriff's fleet vehicles necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 operations include eight (8) 2019 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV's. Vic Bailey Ford of Spartanburg, SC is the SC State Contract vendor for these Ford SUV's. The new vehicles will replace high-mileage vehicles currently used in the Sheriff's fleet. The vehicles being replaced will be sold as surplus or replace older vehicles used in other County departments. The Fleet Maintenance Director also approves this purchase.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the purchase of eight (8) Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV's to Vic Bailey Ford of Spartanburg, SC, in the amount of \$239,616.00, per State Contract # 4400017322.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the purchase of eight (8) Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV's to Vic Bailey Ford of Spartanburg, SC, in the amount of \$239,616.00, per State Contract # 4400017322.

Two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe's / Oconee County Sheriff's Office / \$67,560.00

Budget: \$187,526.00 **Project Cost:** \$67,560.00 **Balance:** \$119,966.00

Sheriff's fleet vehicles are necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 operations, which includes two (2) 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Interceptor SUV's. Love Chevrolet of Columbia, SC is the SC State Contract vendor for these Chevrolet SUV's. The new vehicles will replace high-mileage vehicles currently used in the Sheriff's fleet. The vehicles being replaced will be sold as surplus or replace older vehicles used in other County departments. The Fleet Maintenance Director also approves this purchase.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe Police Interceptor SUV's to Love Chevrolet of Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$67,560.00, per State Contract # 4400017323.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe Police Interceptor SUV's to Love Chevrolet of Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$67,560.00, per State Contract # 4400017323.

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Unfinished Business

None at this meeting.

New Business

None at this meeting.

Executive Session:

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to include Mr. John Elliott in Executive Session.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

[1] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Aztec.

[2] Receive legal advice and discuss a contractual matter related to the lease of property to be acquired adjacent to Oconee County Regional Airport.

[3] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Pop.

[4] To receive legal advice and discuss employment matter related to hiring of County Administrator, including review of employee and constituent group evaluations of finalists.

[5] Receive legal advice and discuss a contractual matter regarding the Sewer South Transfer and Operation Agreement with the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:51 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0.

Ms. Cammick stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

[#5] Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0, to hold a meeting between Mr. Paul Cain and Mr. Wayne McCall, members of the County Council, representatives from the Sewer Authority, and a representative from the Legislative Delegation to discuss the transfer of the sewer system and the build out of the sewer system.

To discuss and vote on selection of County Administrator, and matters related thereto

Council did not discuss this matter and there was No Action Taken.

Adjourn:

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council