



MINUTES
LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH &
WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 10, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne McCall, Chairman, District II

Mr. Archie Barron, District III

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present, Administrator Scott Moulder, Assistant Administrator Glenn Breed 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 to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent & Dick Mangrum – WGOG.

Call to Order

Chairman McCall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 3 – 0 to approve the March 19, 2013 minutes as presented.

Citizen Appearance before Committee

Proposed Dog & Cat Population Control Ordinances

Ms. Elizabeth Anderson addressed the Committee regarding a proposed pet population control ordinance [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the benefits of the program. Discussion followed. The committee took no action; noting the matter would remain under advisement.

New Business:

Duke Energy Lease Agreement: Mosquito Point, Oconee County, Lake Keowee [Project #007553-390301]

Mr. McCall noted a copy of the proposed Memorandum of Lease [copy filed with these minutes] is provided. Discussion followed.

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 0 to recommend to full Council that the lease be approved as presented.

Public Education Program: Texting While Driving

Sheriff Mike Crenshaw addressed the Committee regarding issues related to a distracted driving ordinance. Sheriff Crenshaw requested assistance from the county attorney to draft language. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 3 – 0 to recommend to direct staff to work with the county attorney to draft an ordinance to be brought to full Council.

Mosquito Control

Mr. McCall reviewed with those present the increasing risk of standing water in yards, fields, etc. as the mosquito population increases in our area. Mr. McCall suggested that a program be developed to assist in tire pick up to reduce breeding grounds for mosquitos. Discussion followed. The committee took no action; noting the matter would remain under advisement.

Old Business:

Drug Paraphernalia / Sheriff Mike Crenshaw

Sheriff Crenshaw addressed the Committee regarding not only drug paraphernalia but also loitering. He provided the Committee with two handouts [copies filed with these minutes] with proposed draft language obtained after review of various county and municipal ordinances dealing with the same matters. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 3 – 0 to recommend to full Council to direct the Sheriff to work with the county attorney to draft an ordinance to be brought to Council for approval regarding the prohibition of the sale and/or ownership of drug paraphernalia and loitering.

Dry Hydrants

Mr. McCall, Mr. Moulder and Mr. Breed addressed concerns related to the lack of dry hydrants in Oconee County. Mr. Moulder noted that the goal of “5 in 5 Years” can’t be met without additional dry hydrants. He also noted that discussions are ongoing within the Emergency Services/Fire Departments and that work is ongoing to identify a plan to move forward. Discussion followed. The committee took no action; noting the matter would remain under advisement.

Fire Boats

Mr. McCall recognized Mr. Breed who addressed the Committee stating that discussions regarding donated US Coast Guard boats have stalled; noting that staff continues to try to contact the Coast Guard and GSA to resolve issues related to a boat donation. Discussion followed. The committee took no action; noting the matter would remain under advisement.

County Wide Recycling Program / Mr. Breed

Mr. McCall tabled this matter at the request of staff for 60-90 days to allow completion of a proposed county wide recycling program.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council