



MINUTES
LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH &
WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 14, 2014

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 5:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present [except Mr. Barron], 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: Norman Cannada – Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Chairman McCall called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 – 0 to approve the June 10, 2013 minutes as presented.

New Business:

Walhalla Fire Department / Request for Funding for Fire Hydrants

Mr. McCall recognized Chief Kelly, Walhalla, who addressed the Committee utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] showing the proposed location for 7 fire hydrants in the unincorporated area of the county outside the City of Walhalla. Chief Kelly noted that one of the goals is to lower ISO ratings in these areas. Discussion followed regarding various aspects of the project to include cost of material, use of inmate labor for installation, availability of hydrants in Six Mile, etc.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 – 0 to authorize Mr. Breed to work with Chief Kelly and the City of Walhalla to develop a plan for installation of 1-2 hydrants as a test project based on discussions at this meeting.

Updated Uniform Ordinance Summons / Sheriff Crenshaw & Mr. Stokes

Mr. David Stokes, Community Development Director, along with Sheriff Mike Crenshaw addressed the Committee regarding the need to update the county code of ordinances to enable 56-7-80 and the ongoing development of a uniform ordinance summons. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 – 0 to direct staff to work with the county attorney to continue work on a draft ordinance and uniform summons to be brought to full Council for approval.

Old Business:

Dry Hydrants

Mr. McCall led discussions regarding development of a plan for dry hydrants in the county. Oconee County Chief Charlie King updated the committee noting the following:

- Staff continues to work with property owners to obtain easements for installation and maintenance on their property
- A study is underway to identify areas to target for dry hydrant installation [196 installed now – 40 planned].

The Committee requested an update in the future regarding completed and planned work on this issue.

Fire Boats

Mr. McCall recognized Chief King who stated that they continue to monitor the government surplus website to identify potential boats to be used for fire suppression in Oconee County. Chief King noted that many available craft are not suitable for the needs in the county. In addition, he noted that he continue contact with Coast Guard personnel in hope of identifying a boat appropriate for the county.

County Wide Recycling Program

Mr. McCall led discussions regarding county wide recycling. He requested an update from Mr. Breed on regarding development of a county wide recycling program. Lastly, he addressed recycling in Hart County as an example of an effective recycling plan.

Lengthy discussion followed. No action was taken by the committee at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council