



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 3, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne McCall, Chairman, District II
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee scheduled at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present [except Mr. Davis], County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Emergency Services: Chief Charlie King
Rock Quarry: Rick Martin, Director
Solid Waste & Recycling: Swain Still, Director

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 to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

No media present at this meeting.

Call to Order

Mr. McCall called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 – 0 to approve the April 10, 2018 minutes as presented.

Discussion Items

Update on Law Enforcement Center

Mr. Moulder updated the Committee regarding the Law Enforcement Center highlighting the following:

- Received the quote from the insurance adjuster and will be reimbursing the County around \$185,000 for the rebuild
- Has not accepted payment due to not going to be enough to cover the actual cost
- Received bids and the lowest bid was over \$500,000
- Met with architect and given him some information and ran through some analyses regarding what the adjusters are claiming they can reimburse vs. what the bid came in for
- Meeting today with staff and the architect to discuss the approach

- Meeting set with up Monday with the adjuster, representative from the insurance company, architect, and staff to evaluate both the bid and the offer from the adjuster to see what we need to do to get the adjuster to agree to pay for the actual cost of reconstruction
- County has full replacement cost on damages such as this and also has code update or code upgrade required

The Committee took no action on this matter at this time.

Update on Medical Services Plan

Chief Charlie King addressed the Committee utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- 52% of the overall 7,000 calls are medical emergencies
- Volunteers
- Continuing to meet with EMS since October 17, 2017; assigned staff member from EMS and GHS has assigned a staff member to continue conversations to work on a plan and look at ways to improve
- Little correspondence with GHS in the last eight weeks
- Improvement plan
- Paramedic staffed ambulances are provided in four locations in the County: Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, Keowee Key
- Response time
- Additional paramedic level resources are needed in the County

The Committee took no action on this matter at this time.

Discussion regarding lithium battery safety

Sheriff Crenshaw updated the Committee highlighting the following:

- Adjuster came and then they hired their expert
- Expert wanted to give Motorola & Xerox an opportunity to be present
- Representatives did not show from Motorola & Xerox
- Final result was they could tell him where the fire started but could not tell him what started the fire other than it being electrical
- Several power surges before the fire

Mr. Moulder added the following:

- Assessment but could not determine
- Stressed to all departments if you do utilize lithium batteries to unplug those and don't leave them plugged in

The Committee took no action on this matter at this time.

Discussion regarding dumping limbs & brush into County landfill

Mr. Swain Still, Solid Waste & Recycling, addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Cities have stopped bringing brush into the landfill unless there is something that they cannot grind
- Utilizing grinding area
- Logs too large for the grinder

- Have been taking some of the logs to the pulp wood yard

The Committee took no action on this matter at this time.

Discussion regarding Amended Litter Control Ordinance

Mr. Root updated the Committee utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Sheriff's Office has looked over document and is pleased with it
- Addition to Section 5, paragraph 3 relating to the application of this ordinance to tenants leaving waste at rented properties at the end of their term
- Would also include renters of storage facilities
- Addition under Penalties and Fines
- Discussion on how much of the penalties and fines would go over to the Sheriff's Office for enforcement
- 100% of the fines would go to the Sheriff's Office since they are the ones doing the enforcement
- Making definitions of littering clear and the enforcement capabilities of the Sheriff's Office in an effort to clean up the County

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 – 0, to refer the litter control ordinance to full Council for approval.

Discussion regarding Amended Solid Waste Ordinance

Mr. Root updated the Committee utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Remove inspection provision
- License permitted collectors
- Commercial tractor trailers and weight issues
- Not inspecting for their road worth
- Vehicles are suited for the purpose of keeping the materials contained
- Privately owned waste facilities

Mr. Still addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Collectors
- Someone who is acting as a business or in the business of collecting the materials [i.e. has a sign on their truck]
- Currently DHEC only requires a registration form
- House Bill 4644, if passed, will require submission of plan and get a permit
- Regulations
- Litter officer
- Need video cameras at all the centers for surveillance

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 – 0, to refer the solid waste ordinance to full Council for approval with the change with the reduced provisions for the privately owned solid waste processing recycling facilities.

Discussion regarding amending Chapter 4 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances in relation to landowner responsibility for restraining animals

Mr. Root updated the Committee utilizing a handout highlighting the following:

- Lt. Lyles brought this matter up
- General issue on citing citizens for unrestrained, dangerous, nuisance animals
- Complaints with Animal Control
- Citizens that are staying for a short time
- Cannot enforce the ordinance because they don't have an animal owner
- Lt. Lyles' request is to modify the ordinance to add the owner of the land that is housing the animal would be responsible for unrestrained animals
- SC Parks provisions
- Landowners responsible for unrestrained animals and wouldn't always be the animal owner
- Landowner has to take reasonable precautions and ensure the animals are restrained

Sheriff Crenshaw added the following:

- Issue is trying to get the information
- When Sheriff's Office receive calls from citizens regarding animals, the landowner or animal owner is given a warning per the ordinance for a first time offense
- Citizens come in for a week at a time with animals and leave and then others come in with different animals
- Homeowners are getting tired of calling the Sheriff's Office all the time
- Property owner responsible could be helpful with animals running at large

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 – 0, to refer to full Council amending Chapter 4 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances in relation to landowner responsibility for restraining animals.

Other Business

None at this meeting.

New Business:

None at this meeting.

Mr. McCall noted there were two good employees filling in during the absence of the Administrator. He further thanked both of the employees and noted they are more than qualified and are doing a great job.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council