



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 16, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne McCall, Chairman, District II
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV
Mr. John Elliott, District I

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee scheduled at 4:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Oconee County Emergency Services: Chief Charlie King

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.

Members of the press present: Caitlin Herrington / Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Mr. McCall called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0 to approve the March 19, 2019 minutes as presented.

Discussion Items

Discussion regarding Municipal Waste and Recycling & Discussion regarding Alternate Waste Processing Methods

Mr. McCall began the discussion noting he had a conference call with Ms. Chen regarding recycling.

Discussion continued to include:

- Chinese use mechanical optic sorting, not labor
- Plastic bags
- Council set policy as how recycling should take place
- Once information is obtained from Ms. Chen, give to Ms. Brock to investigate
- Encourage citizens to recycle

- Pulverizer

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

Mr. McCall noted that he found several large cases of new life jackets and will be putting them at Fall Creek. He commended the City of Walhalla and YMCA for teaching swimming lessons. He also noted they have grant money for citizens that may not be able to afford the lessons.

Mr. Elliott thanked Mr. McCall for his generosity.

Mr. Davis echoed comments from Mr. McCall and Mr. Elliott and also thanked the Sheriff's Department and the Rescue teams.

Ms. Brock noted she spoke with the former Emergency Management Director, Mr. Henry Gordon, and noted he was impressed with the hanging of the life jackets at Fall Creek.

Chief King noted he wanted to give a brief update regarding the summer events before discussing the emergency services capital replacement plan. He noted it was a busy summer for 2019 for public safety across the County. Discussion continued to include the incidents at Fall Creek, the work of Mr. McCall and life jackets that were put up at Fall Creek, and thanks to Council, Ms. Brock, and staff that are continuing to put pressure on stakeholders that are involved at Fall Creek. There are also continued discussions with the Sheriff's Department regarding joint operations of the two dive teams and water recovery efforts. In addition, he addressed the drownings at Fall Creek, boat fires, and fire fatalities. Discussion continued.

Chief King thanked the Committee and Council for their continued support.

Discussion regarding Emergency Services Capital Replacement Plan

Chief King addressed the Emergency Services Capital Replacement Plan and noted the following:

- Number of vehicles that exist in our organization and across our County are providing a real service
- 34 fire trucks spread among the fire stations
- 15 tankers
- 3 aerial devices
- 8 service trucks
- 19 dedicated Medical Response vehicles
- 6 special team vehicles
- Various staff and support vehicles
- 6 boats; two are fire boats and four are for dive and rescue teams
- Replacement plan [copy filed with backup materials] includes all vehicles with the exception of boats and support apparatus
- Replacement Cycle

Per Mr. Davis, Ms. Brock gave an update on the purchasing of fire trucks. Discussion included creating a lease for the first year to catch up for the trucks that were not purchased, fund balance, and rotation cycle. Discussion continued.

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

Per Mr. McCall, Ms. Brock noted in the FY2020, waste management is budgeted for \$1,400,000. In FY2018, the actual number was \$1,401,456 and in FY2017 the actual number was \$1,270,721. Discussion continued.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0, for the County Administrator to direct staff to continue looking at alternative waste processing methods from waste energy plants.

Mr. McCall asked to meet prior to the September 17, 2019 Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee meeting. The Committee agreed to have an additional meeting on September 3, 2019 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Other Business

None at this meeting.

New Business:

None at this meeting.

The next Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2019 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council