



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 19, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Julian Davis, Chairman, District IV

Mr. Paul Cain, District III

Mr. John Elliott, District I

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee met at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present [Mr. Cain via FaceTime], County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council, present.

Staff Present: Lieutenant Tommy Crompton / Oconee County Sheriff's Office
Sergeant Kristy Nabors / Oconee County Animal Control

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: Riley Morningstar / The Journal

Call to Order

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Davis asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 3 – 0, to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes as presented.

Discussion Items

Discuss potential revisions to the Animal Control Ordinance, as proposed by the Oconee County Sheriff's Office

Mr. Root provided the Committee with background information related to the updating of the Animal Control Ordinance.

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Lieutenant Tommy Crompton gave the Committee an overview of what changes are being proposed within the Animal Control Ordinance.

At the direction of Committee Chair, Mr. Davis, Lieutenant Tommy Crompton and Sergeant Kristy Nabors engaged in discussion with the Committee and County Attorney on the following topics:

1. Abandoned animals
2. Adequate shelter for animals
3. Catch and release program regarding cats
4. Tethering of animals
5. Violation Notices

Mr. Elliott thanked both Lieutenant Tommy Crompton and Sergeant Kristy Nabors for the work they do for Oconee County.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 3 – 0, to direct County Attorney to compare the Animal Control Ordinance to SC State Law, as well as, make the directed changes as discussed during the meeting and upon completion of these tasks bring the subject back to the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Committee for review.

Law enforcement employment and salary updates

Sheriff Crenshaw was unable to attend the meeting and Mr. Davis, Committee Chair, stated this topic will be brought before the Committee at a future meeting.

County Homeless Meeting Follow up

Lieutenant Tommy Crompton addressed the Committee with a brief overview of the County Homeless Meeting and went on to add that at a separate meeting, several different organizations within the County came together and presented ideas on how to help the homeless community in Oconee County. The meeting concluded with a decision that a taskforce needed to be established to begin helping the homeless in Oconee County.

Mr. Davis offered his appreciation to Lieutenant Tommy Crompton, Sheriff Crenshaw, and the Oconee County Law Enforcement for their help with this issue.

Mr. Cain noted that during the County Homeless Meeting Chief Jorge Campos, with Clemson Police Department, suggested that Oconee County and Council pass a resolution supporting safe shelter for all Oconee County citizens.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 3 – 0, to direct staff to compose a resolution supporting safe shelter for all Oconee County citizens.

Adjourn:

Mr. Elliott made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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