

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. M. Fran Burrell, District I Mr. C. Samuel Donald, District II
Mr. Michael E. Harper, District III Mr. Roy B. Strickland, District IV
Mr. Johnny D. Stone, District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, August 4, 1992 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members present. Mrs. Burrell was attending a meeting in Columbia and came in around 7:30 PM.

Members of the press notified (by mail):
Journal/Tribune, Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WCCP Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV, WLOS TV & WSPA TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Robin Boyle
- Journal/Tribune.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Mr. Stone.

Invocation

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donald, approved 3 - 0 (Mrs. Burrell absent, Mr. Harper abstained due to the fact that he was absent from the July 21 meeting) that the minutes of the July 21, 1992 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

At the request of Mr. Alex James, PRT Director, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mrs. Burrell absent) that PRT be allowed to use approximately \$450 that was originally budgeted for a weed eater to purchase a leaf blower.

PRT

At the request of Mrs. Peggy Hightower, Treasurer, Mr Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mrs. Burrell absent) that \$2,800 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 10 020 00150 00032 to replace forms (receipts, etc) that had been damaged by water. (See attachment)

Treasurer (Cont.)

At this time there was a discussion regarding a junk car ordinance. This was not an agenda item, but those present had come to speak as a result of an erroneous newspaper article.

Junk Car Ordinance

Mr. Hercial Justice, Route 1, Mountain Rest stated we had some beautiful mountains that were being junked up with old refrigerators, etc. He further stated that he opposes a junk car ordinance and when it comes up he wants to be here, he also stated that there is a car in his yard that he am keeping because he had a son to get killed in it.

Mr. B. J. Littleton, Coffee Road, Walhalla stated that property rights and human rights could not be separated. He further stated that he had some old trucks that kept the ones that he used going. There has to be some reason with this type ordinance.

At the request of Mr. Strickland, Mr. Crain, Supervisor-Chairman explained that if Council adopted an ordinance with a grandfather clause, it would probably leave in place what is already there. He further stated that he did not know if an ordinance had to have a grandfather clause in it and the county attorney was the proper person to give a legal opinion.

Mr. William Cox, 199 Tamassee Knob Road, Salem stated that he felt like if he wanted to keep a car on his property to use for parts it is his right.

Mr. Charles Wilson, West Union stated that he had a few cars, it is a part of his living. He uses some parts off one car to restore another car.

Bud Cobb, Coffee Road, Walhalla stated it was in the paper that Council was going to discuss a junk car ordinance tonight. He further stated that he crushed cars and made them into scrap, but Council should be glad that they were in one place instead of scattered all over the county.

Mr. Keith Shuler, Flat Shoals Community stated he had never had an elected official to ask his opinion on any matter.

Mr. William Cox encouraged the Council Members to let their constituents know they were willing to listen to their concerns.

Mrs. Sue Sanders encouraged the people that were present for this meeting to attend the Council Meetings regularly rather than when something that interested them was being considered.

Mrs. Nancy Clayton of Seneca stated she had some information regarding comprehensive land use that she would be glad to share with those present if they would like for her to.

Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the attached grant request in the amount of \$284,800 for airport development or noise program implementation be adopted. This is a 90% federal match grant, 5% state match and 5% local match. The local match is in the Aeronautics Budget.

Aeronautics

Also at the request of Mr. Michael Willimon, Aeronautics Commission Chairman, Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that since the survey lines had been redrawn that another \$1,650 be allotted toward the purchase of parcel C and \$312 be allotted toward the purchase of parcel E at the airport.

At the request of Mr. Donald, Mr. Harper is to get some dates that the Hospital Committee can meet with Council to continue a dialogue regarding health care in the county.

Hospital

Mr. Harper, Chairman of the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee, informed Council it was the recommendation of the committee that the part time salaries for Louise Gaillard & Linda Crenshaw be changed from \$4.50 to \$6.00 per hour and Bonnie Moses' salary from \$7.00 per hour to \$7.50 per hour.

Bd. of Reg.

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Harper voting against) that the recommendation be amended to change Mrs. Moses' salary from \$7.50 per hour to \$8.00 per hour.

The recommendation as amended was then adopted 5 - 0.

Mrs. Burrell informed Council that the reason she was late was that she had attended a Public Policy Emergency Preparedness Course in Columbia. Mrs. Burrell also stated that she felt like it was something she needed to attend and that she was better informed on emergency preparedness.

Emergency
Prep.

Mr. Crain referred the request of the Election Commission to start paying their clerk on an hourly basis to the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee.

Election
Comm.

The Roads & Transportation Committee scheduled a meeting Monday, August 10, 1992 at 10:00 AM in Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing a roadway problem on SE 277.

Roads
Comm. Meet.

Mr. Donald asked the Council Clerk to write the City of Walhalla a letter regarding their recommendation for an appointee on the Sewer Commission.

Comm.
Appts.

Mr. Junior Hudson, Coffee Road, Walhalla informed Council that he was concerned with the noise at the race track on the Coffee Road and the fact that it goes on well past midnight.

Zoning

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Mr. Ralph Duvall, Westminster stated they just wanted Council to be aware of good land use planning.

Mrs. Margie Lee, Coffee Road, Westminster stated her concerns about so many junk cars on their roadway.

Adjourn: 8:15 PM

Norman D. Crain / sq
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Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council