

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Oconee County Council met Tuesday, January 8, 2002 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Press:

Members of the press notified (by mail): Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, WPEK Radio & Daily Journal, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Members of the press present: Dave Williams – Anderson Independent & Amanda Rylander – Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Supervisor-Chair Hughes, who welcomed those present, called the meeting to order present.

Invocation:

Mr. Ables gave the invocation.

Minutes:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 4 – 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held December 18, 2001 and the minutes of the special meeting held December 27, 2001 be adopted as printed.

Vehicle Maintenance:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Lee Davis, Vehicle Maintenance Director & Ms. Marianne Dillard, Procurement Director, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 4 – 0 that the bid for oil products be awarded to Taylor Enterprises, Inc. who was low bid at approximately \$25,603 for approximate quantities for one year. (See attached bid sheet)

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Public Safety Facility:

Upon recommendation of the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee, Council voted unanimously that the Public Safety Facility Comprehensive Needs Analysis, Schematic Design Phase and Master Plan be awarded to Freeman & White, Inc. at a cost of \$79,500. (See attached proposal)

Water Authority (Executive Session):

The next item on the agenda was a discussion regarding a water authority in Oconee County. Upon recommendation of Mr. Brad Norton, County Attorney, Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 4 – 0 that Council go into executive session for the receipt of legal advice.

Open Session:

Water Authority:

When open session resumed, there was no action taken regarding the executive session.

Ordinance 2001-23:

Upon recommendation of the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance 2001-23, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 99-15, AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR OCONEE COUNTY" on second reading.

County Flag:

Council also unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee to request that the Arts & Historical Commission set forth the guidelines for the adoption of a county flag.

Probation & Parole (Contingency):

Upon request of Mrs. Phyllis Lombard, Finance Director, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 4 – 0 that \$2,350 be taken from contingency for the phone system for Probation & Parole to move into the "Brandt Building"

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Public Comment Session:

Mrs. Hughes informed Council she had a request that the Public Comment Session be moved to the beginning of the Council Meetings, however, Council took no action on this request.

Rock Crusher:

Upon recommendation of the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee, Council unanimously adopted the recommendation that an additional \$60,000 be taken from investments and an additional \$23,000 be taken from capital improvements to complete the funding of the scale house at the Rock Crusher.

Roads & Transportation Recommendation:

Upon recommendation of the Roads & Transportation Committee, Council voted unanimously to delete Timberlake from the current paving contract due to the water company declining to move the lines and taps from the middle of the roadways.

Public Comment Session:

Mr. B. J. Littleton read excerpts from a newspaper that Governor Hodges' made regarding raising taxes during a recession and in comments regarding federal grants for the Sheriff's Department for needed equipment Mr. Littleton reiterated his concerns regarding Glock guns.

Mr. Steven Ancona expressed his appreciation for the helpfulness of county personnel.

A gentleman from Fairfield Estates asked Council to reconsider having the public comment session at the beginning of the agenda.

Adjourn:

Adjourn 4:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green
Council Clerk