

**MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Thomas S. Crumpton, Jr., District II  
Rev. William "Bill" Rinehart, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV  
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

**MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Oconee County Council met Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members except Mr. Lyles present. County Administrator Ron Rabun, Clerk to Council & Mr. Norton, County Attorney were also present.

**Press:**

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

Members of the press present: Ashton Hester – Keowee Courier & Ray Chandler – Daily Journal.

**Other Organizations Notified:**

Also notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association, Citizens for Recreation Center and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Ables called the meeting to order.

**Invocation:**

Mr. Rinehart gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Norton led the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 4 – 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 16, 2005 be adopted as printed.

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**Resolution 2005-15:**

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 4 – 0 that Resolution 2005-15, "A RESOLUTION HONORING ERIKA GRACE POWELL, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA" be adopted on first and final reading. Mr. Ables presented the resolution to Miss South Carolina.

**Oakway Rescue Squad (Contingency):**

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 4 – 0 that the attached Homeland Security Grant to the Oakway Rescue Squad in the amount of \$48,980 with a local match of \$2,577 be adopted. The local match funds will have to come from contingency.

**Road Paving Bids:**

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 2 – 1 (Mr. Crumpton voting against, Mr. Moore had to leave during discussion) that the road paving bids be awarded to King Asphalt at a total cost of \$1,935,539.23 for overlay/reconstruction/mill and Thrift Brothers, Inc. at a cost \$536,194.75 for new construction. (See attached bid sheet)

**Ordinance 2005-14:**

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 3 – 0 that Ordinance 2005-14, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-31, AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE OCONEE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION" be adopted on second reading.

**Apple Festival Funds:**

Mr. Ables presented the attached request for a donation in the amount of \$1,500 for the SC Apple Festival. Council took no action regarding this request.

**Administrator's Report:**

Mr. Rabun, County Administrator, reported to Council that he and staff members had been meeting for the purpose of discussing methods to conserve energy. They discussed curtailing mowing the grass to every three weeks, a four day work week, having teleconferences rather than driving to meetings and adjusting thermostats. Council asked Mr. Rabun to present a projected cost savings at the next Council Meeting if a four day week is imposed.

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**Proclamation:**

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crumpton, approved 3 – 0 that the attached proclamation declaring September 19 – 23, 2005 as "Industry Appreciation Week" in Oconee County be adopted.

**Public Comment Session:**

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council regarding the 2005-06 budget and an increase in taxes.

Mr. Nichols addressed Council regarding the notices of meetings.

Mr. Dick Milward addressed Council regarding the Corinth-Shiloh special fire district referendum.

Mr. Bob Todd addressed Council regarding litter on roadways.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding the proposed four day work week, closure of County roadways, the stone at the County Rock Quarry, job freeze and other various County activities.

Mr. Ables entered into the record petitions received requesting a recreational complex in the County.

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Crumpton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 3 – 0 that Council go into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters.

**Open Session:**

There was no action when open session resumed.

**Adjourn:**

Adjourn: 8:55 PM

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Respectfully Submitted:

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Opal O. Green

Clerk

