



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Regular Meeting
May 6, 2010

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Reg Dexter, District V, Council Chairman
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Vice Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I
Mr. Mario Suarez, District III

Oconee County Council met on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members [except Mr. Suarez], Interim Administrator Mr. Gene Klugh, Interim Administrator, Kendra Brown Assistant County Administrator and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council.

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.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Brett McLaughlin - Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Dexter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Consideration of the Following Ordinances:

Prior to discussing the budget ordinances, Mr. Klugh and Ms. Brown addressed questions [copy filed with these minutes] raised at the budget workshop the previous evening.

Ordinance 2010-11:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, to approve **Ordinance 2010-11** "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011" on second reading. Discussion followed.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to amend **Ordinance 2010-11** "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011" as presented in Exhibit A and to incorporate the Department Fee Schedule [both filed with these minutes].

Mr. Corbeil made a brief statement at this point related to the department's responsiveness regarding the request for an 8% reduction in operating budgets for FY 2010-2011. Mr. Corbeil referenced a worksheet [filed with these minutes] highlighting that the direct report

departments achieved an 8.06% decrease over last FY; Elected & Indirect departments achieved a 3.45% decrease of last FY, equaling a 6.35% overall decrease. Mr. Corbeil also highlighted some one time expenses that are budgeted for FY 2010-2011 noting that Council still achieved a 1.38% decrease for FY 2010-2011.

Mr. Dexter called for the vote for second reading of the ordinance as amended. **Ordinance 2010-02 Ordinance 2010-11** “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011” which was approved 4 – 0 on second reading.

Ordinance 2010-12:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, to approve **Ordinance 2010-12** “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011” on second reading. Discussion followed.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, to amend **Ordinance 2010-12** to reduce the School District of Oconee County’s budget by \$75,000 and either return the money to the General Fund or pay it to Tri County Technical College to cover the costs of tuition for Oconee County students who require remedial classes after acceptance at the college. Discussion followed. Mr. Corbeil called for the vote on Mr. McCall’s motion. The motion failed on a 1 – 3 vote [Mr. Dexter, Mr. Corbeil and Mr. Thrift opposed].

Mr. Dexter called for the vote for second reading of **Ordinance 2010-12** “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011” which was approved 3 – 1 [Mr. McCall opposed] on second reading.

Ordinance 2010-13:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2010-13** “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011” on second reading.

Mr. Corbeil thanked staff, Ms. Brown and Mr. Klugh for their hard work in drafting the budget; noting that Council is pleased with the results and reduction in operating expenses.

Mr. Thrift and Mr. Dexter concurred with Mr. Corbeil’s comments.

Adjourn:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council