



**MINUTES**  
**OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 21, 2013**

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

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Thomas L. Martin County Attorney, County Administrator Scott Moulder, Assistant Administrator Glenn Breed and Clerk to Council Elizabeth G. Hulse present.

**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](http://www.oconeese.com/council)]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler-Anderson Independent & Norman Cannada - The Daily Journal.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment Session [related to specific agenda items]:**  
None at this meeting.

**Public Comment Session [related to non-agenda items]:**

Mr. Rich Isear addressed Council regarding high taxes and perceived “give aways” to private entities.

Mr. Britt Adams addressed Council utilizing a Map [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting state road funding.

**County Council Response to Public Comment:**

Mr. McCall updated those present regarding the status of the Walhalla swimming pool project noting that work will begin with state inmate labor; donations continue to be solicited and the hope is to have the pool open in mid-June 2013.

Mr. Dexter noted that the Sheep Farm Road project was a state road project and that no county money was used for the project.

Mr. Thrift & Mr. Dexter again asked citizens to contact the local Delegation representatives [Senator Alexander, Representative Sandifer & Representative Whitmire] to ask them to fully fund the Local Government Fund for FY 2013-2014.

**Meeting Recess:** Mr. Thrift announced a recess at 6:16 p.m.

**Meeting Reconvene:** Mr. Thrift reconvened the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

## **Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

## **Minutes:**

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2013 regular meeting as presented.

## **Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary**

Mr. Moulder briefly reviewed with Council and for the public's benefit specifics related to the following matters before Council at this meeting:

Ordinance 2013-10 – Public Hearing & Third & Final Reading

Ordinances 2013-01 – Request for Amendment and Second Reading

Ordinances 2013-02 & 2013-03 – Second Readings

Ordinance 2013-07 – Second Reading

Ordinance 2013-11 – Second Reading

Consent Agenda Items for Second Reading: Ordinances 2013-12, 2013-13 & 2013-14

Ordinance 2013-09 – First Reading in title only

Resolution R2013-13 – First & Final Reading

RFP 12-09 / Pumper Truck / \$418,835

ITB 97-35 / Hauling & Disposal of Solid Waste / \$1,160,000

Council Committee Report

Executive Session

## **Public Hearing Regarding the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2013-10** “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF WALHALLA AND THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER AND AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENT AGREEMENT OR EMBODYING DOCUMENT INCLUDING THE TERMS OF ANY AGREEMENT, WITH EACH; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Thrift opened the floor for Public Comment.

Noting that no citizens signed up to address Council; Mr. Thrift opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance. No citizen addressed Council.

Mr. Thrift asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Thrift closed the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2013-10.

## **Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2013-10** “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF WALHALLA AND THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER AND AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENT AGREEMENT OR EMBODYING DOCUMENT INCLUDING THE TERMS OF ANY AGREEMENT, WITH EACH; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-10** on third and final reading.

## **Second Reading of the Following Ordinances**

[Note: Public Hearings will be scheduled at or before third & final reading for the following ordinances as required]

**Ordinance 2013-01** “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, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014”

Mr. Moulder addressed Council regarding **Ordinance 2013-01** noting that changes have been made to the ordinance based on direction received at from the Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting held May 13, 2013. He provided two handouts [copies filed with these minutes] highlighting the changes made. Lastly, Mr. Moulder provided Council with a revised **Ordinance 2013-01** for consideration at this meeting. Discussion followed.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron to approve **Ordinance 2013-01** on first reading.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to amend **Ordinance 2013-01** as presented at this meeting.

Mr. Thrift called for the vote. The motion passed 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-01** as amended on second reading.

### **Consent Agenda Items: Ordinances 2013-02, 2013-03**

**Ordinance 2013-02** “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”

**Ordinance 2013-03** “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, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014”

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-02 & Ordinance 2013-03** on second reading.

**Ordinance 2013-07** “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-07** on second reading.

**Ordinance 2013-11** “AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WALHALLA FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING CODES WITHIN THE CITY OF WALHALLA; TO AUTHORIZE OCONEE COUNTY BUILDING CODE PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE BUILDING CODES WITHIN THE CITY OF WALHALLA; TO AMEND ARTICLE II, ENTITLED REGULATORY CODES, OF CHAPTER 6, ENTITLED BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC ADOPTION OF THE LATEST EDITION OF CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL CODES APPROVED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL OR THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Thrift asked that this ordinance be addressed separately from Ordinances 2013-12, 2013-13 & 2013-14.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-11** on second reading.

## **Consent Agenda Items: Ordinances 2013-12, 2013-13, 2013-14**

**Ordinance 2013-12** “AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF WEST UNION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING CODES WITHIN THE TOWN OF WEST UNION; TO AUTHORIZE OCONEE COUNTY BUILDING CODE PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE BUILDING CODES WITHIN THE TOWN OF WEST UNION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

**Ordinance 2013-13** “AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING CODES WITHIN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER; TO AUTHORIZE OCONEE COUNTY BUILDING CODE PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE BUILDING CODES WITHIN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

**Ordinance 2013-14** “AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF SALEM FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING CODES WITHIN THE TOWN OF SALEM; TO AUTHORIZE OCONEE COUNTY BUILDING CODE PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE BUILDING CODES WITHIN THE TOWN OF SALEM; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2013-12, 2013-13 & 2013-14** on second reading.

## **First Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2013-09** [in title only] “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 "ZONING" OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, INCLUDING ALL ZONING MAPS INCORPORATED THEREIN AND THEREBY, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”  
[Sub01]

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to [1] approve **Ordinance 2013-09** on first reading in title only, and [2] to forward the ordinance to the Planning Commission for the required review and recommendation.

Mr. Corbeil also asked that staff and the Commission [1] look at split zoning and make a recommendation back to Council regarding establishment of county policy, and [2] to confirm that the petitioner swapped waterfront property for waterfront property.

## **First & Final Reading of the Following Resolutions**

**Resolution R2013-13** “A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND THE CITY OF SENECA”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Resolution R2013-13** on first and final reading.

## **Discussion Regarding Action Items**

### **RFP 12-09 / Pumper Truck for Station 14 for Emergency Services / \$418,835.00**

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve the award of RFP 12-09 for a Pumper/Tanker Truck for Rural Fire Station 14 to Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corporation of Nesquehoning, PA, in the amount of \$418,835.00.

## **ITB 97-35 / Hauling & Disposal of Solid Waste / Estimated \$1,160,000**

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron to approve ITB 97-35.

Discussion followed.

Mr. McCall made a motion to direct staff to identify and develop policy for implementation within six months for a recycling program that will reduce solid waste hauling costs. Discussion followed. Mr. McCall withdrew his motion; noting that it was a request for staff to provide this information at a future Council meeting.

Mr. Thrift called for the vote. The motion passed 5 – 0 to [1] approve the second five year renewal of ITB 97-35 for the Hauling and Disposal of Waste to Waste Management, Inc. of Homer, GA [The amount of this contract is estimated, but will not exceed the amount budgeted for each fiscal year] and, [2] authorize the County Administrator to renew this contract for the next four years and the fifth year it will be brought back to Council for approval.

## **Council Committee Reports**

### **Transportation Committee / Mr. Thrift**

Mr. Thrift read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting discussions that took place at the meeting held on May 14, 2013.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to direct staff to complete the data collection needed for the inventory and assessment tool by January 2015 utilizing existing county resources.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to move forward with first reading of an updated road ordinance and policy [to include fee schedule and permit application] at the June 4, 2013 Council meeting.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to direct staff to move forward with the bid process for sandblasting and painting of Cobb Bridge.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to delay any further action in order to receive comments from Norfolk Southern Railroad regarding the Dyar Bridge project.

### **Budget, Finance & Administration Committee / Mr. Dexter**

Mr. Dexter read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting discussions that took place at the meeting held on May 13, 2013.

## **Old Business**

*[None at this Meeting]*

## **New Business**

### **Budget, Finance & Administration Committee Meeting Schedule**

After discussion and concurrence by County Council, Mr. Dexter announced that the Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2013 will be cancelled.

## **Executive Session:**

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter related to the Administrator's employment agreement.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Barron, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0.

Mr. Thrift stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to renew the Administrator’s Contract for a three year term and authorize the Council Chairman to execute the contract on behalf of Oconee County.

Mr. Thrift thanked Mr. Moulder for his service; noting a job well done. He stated that the first three years were successful in following Council direction and finding budget cuts while maintaining a smooth running organization. Lastly, Mr. Thrift stated that Council was glad to have Mr. Moulder and his family here in Oconee County.

Mr. Moulder stepped forward and Mr. Moulder, Mr. Thrift and Ms. Hulse executed the Employment Agreement. Mr. Moulder received applause upon signing.

**Adjourn**

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously 5 - 0, to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Elizabeth G. Hulse  
Clerk to Council