



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
May 17, 2016

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Vice Chairman
Ms. Edda Cammick, District I, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV
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, County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root and Matt Anspach, County Planner 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]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Stephen Bradley / The Daily Journal.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment Session

Ms. Jean Jennings stated her opposition to County property purchases and had questions concerning Council members' carrying out their professional duties as representation of particular people in legal regards and any potential conflicts.

Ms. Kelly Moore spoke on her opposition to any sexually oriented businesses and presented a petition [copy filed with these minutes].

Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council in opposition to the proposed Oconee County Agricultural Advisory Board.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Ms. Cammick responded to Mr. Barnett's concerns regarding the Oconee County Agricultural Board, stating that she did not see the concerns mentioned; noting he could meet with her after the meeting if he so wished.

Mr. Dexter responded to Ms. Jennings regarding County property stating that he would like to see Patillo agree in writing to their development rather than only in principal.

Mr. Cain responded to Ms. Jennings regarding members of Council carrying out their profession as an attorney and that the particular instance occurred in error. He also added that Michelin would always be welcome to do business in Oconee County.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Cain asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

The County Council Chaplain gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Ms. Cammick led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the May 3, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 4 – 0 – 1 [Mr. McCall abstained – he was not present at meeting to approve the May 5, 2016 special meeting minutes as presented.

Presentations to Council by Outside Organizations

Appalachian Council of Governments / Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

Mr. Pelissier addressed Council utilizing several handouts [copies filed with these minutes] highlighting return on investment for the County for their involvement with the Council of Governments.

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:

- Second Readings: Ordinance 2016-01 [v3 approved May 5, 2016], 02, 03, 15, 16, 17 & 19
- Council Committee Reports
- Executive Session

Second Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-01 “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR **OCONEE COUNTY** AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, AND FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017”

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-01** on second reading.

Ordinance 2016-02 “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY** (the “School District”) AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017”

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-02** on second reading.

Ordinance 2016-03 “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, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017”

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-03** on second reading.

Ordinance 2016-15 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND **PROJECT WALES**; THE GRANTING OF SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES”

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-15** on second reading.

Ordinance 2016-16 “AN ORDINANCE TO **AMEND CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF OCONEE COUNTY PERTAINING TO UNIFIED ROAD STANDARDS** IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR, AND PROCEDURES IN RELATION TO, THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN UNPAVED ROADS, WHICH DO NOT MEET THE STANDARD REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD SYSTEM, FOR MINIMUM IMPROVEMENT AND MINIMUM MAINTENANCE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, to approve **Ordinance 2016-16** on second reading.

Mr. Root recommended amending the ordinance Section #7. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to amend **Ordinance 2016-16 Section #7** as follows: “Operation of the Program may be significantly limited or completely suspended based on existing budgetary complaints.”

Mr. Cain called for the vote on **Ordinance 2016-16** as amended on second reading. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Ordinance 2016-17 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF OCONEE COUNTY PERTAINING TO COMMITTEES IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE **OCONEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD**; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-17** on second reading.

Ordinance 2016-19 “AN ORDINANCE CANCELLING, REVOKING, AND RESCINDING OCONEE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2013-22; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” *[Rescinding Patillo Land Swap Ordinance]*

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-19** on second reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items:

None at this meeting.

Old Business:

None at this meeting.

New Business:

None at this meeting.

Council Committee Reports

Budget, Finance & Administration Committee

Mr. Cain read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the activities and discussions at the May 5, 2016 committee meeting.

Executive Session:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 enter into Executive Session as allowed for in §30-4-70 (a) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, 1976 for the purpose of discussion of a personnel/contractual matter related to the County Administrator.

Council entered Executive Session at 6.56 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Cammick, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0.

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

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to [1] direct the County Attorney to finalize the contract with the County Administrator, Mr. Scott Moulder, with the terms as discussed in Executive Session; and [2] direct that the Chairman execute the same on behalf of the County.

Adjourn

Mr. Dexter made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Matt Anspach
Planner