



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Special Meeting for Budget Ordinance Public Hearings

June 14, 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 at the School District of Oconee County, Board Room, 414 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council 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: Ray Chandler / Anderson Independent, Dick Mangrum / WGOG Radio & Steven Bradley/ The Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Mr. Cain thanked the School District of Oconee County [SDOC] for use of their facility and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing Regarding 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. Cain opened the floor for Public Comment.

Chief Magistrate Todd Simmons addressed Council [1] thanking Council for keeping a part time magistrate judge in the budget; and, [2] requesting Council consider putting his request for a second part time magistrate judge back into the FY 2016-2017 budget.

Mr. Paul Corbeil addressed Council utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting historical millage information in support for his opinion that Council pass this ordinance as presented including budget document version #4 for FY 2016-2017.

Mr. Steve Moore addressed Council voicing concerns with various aspects of the proposed budget to include but not limited to: [1] the proposed tax increase of 1.5 mills in budget version #4, [2] his request that council consider funding salaries for the Economic Development team based on performance, [3] his support for alternate funding to include a road tax; etc.

Mr. Wayne Thompson addressed Council utilizing several handouts [copies filed with these minutes] requesting additional funding for the Sheriff's Office so that additional protection may be provided to Townville.

Mr. Frankie Pearson addressed Council voicing his support for the Sewer South project which is not included in the current version #4 budget as it will improve the tax base and eliminate the need for millage increases in the future.

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

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

Mr. Cain closed the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2016-01.

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"

Mr. Cain opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. Steve Moore addressed Council regarding the complexity of the SDOC budget.

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

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

Mr. Cain closed the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2016-02.

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"

Mr. Cain opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

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

Mr. Cain closed the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2016-03.

Other Business

None discussed at this meeting

Adjourn

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council