



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

October 2, 2018

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Paul Cain, District III
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Ms. Edda Cammick, Chairwoman, District I
Mr. Julian Davis III, Vice Chair, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chair Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Interim County Administrator Rick Martin, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, 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.oconeesc.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: Norm Cannada / Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Ms. Cammick called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Ms. Kathy Ehlert, 3rd Vice Chair of the Oconee Democratic Party, addressed Council regarding candidate signs being removed from public land and many of those removed signs are for the State and local Democratic candidates. She asked that each Council member commit to speaking with their local friends or family as well as loyal constituents to vocalize their distaste for these actions.

Mr. Bill Jerome, Chairman of the Oconee County Republican Party, addressed Council noting he agrees that removing candidate signs is inappropriate behavior.

Mr. Tony Adams addressed Council regarding the Oconee County Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council regarding the Constitution of the United States, private property rights, and sewer authority.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Mr. McCall commented regarding the sewer line, rumors circulating, and that Council affirms Federal and State law to provide a safe and secure workplace for all employees.

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Mr. Cain addressed comments regarding the removal of candidate signs noting it may not always be politically motivated; rather people may not like seeing all of the signs on the highways. He further noted it is a crime and hopefully the person(s) will be caught.

Ms. Cammick noted Council would like to offer their appreciation to Ms. Robyn Courtright, Procurement Director, for her service and dedication to Oconee County and read a Statement of Appreciation [copy filed with these minutes].

Moment of Silence

Ms. Cammick asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the September 18, 2018 Regular meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to approve the September 28, 2018 Special meeting minutes as presented.

Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary

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

- Public Hearing of Ordinance: 2018-14, 2018-26, 2018-28, 2018-29
- Third Reading of Ordinance: 2018-26, 2018-28, 2018-29
- Second Reading of Ordinance: 2018-31
- Discussion Regarding Action Items
- New Business
- First & Final Resolution: 2018-11 [following Executive Session]

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2018-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING THE DEFINITIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE BEING MADE TO THE NAMING OF SUBDIVISIONS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Advertised for Public Hearing but will not have 3rd Reading

Ms. Cammick opened the floor for Public Comment.

Noting that no citizens signed up to address Council; Ms. Cammick opened the floor for any citizen wishing

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to address Council regarding this ordinance. No citizen addressed Council.

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

Ms. Cammick closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2018-14**.

Ordinance 2018-26 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, SPECIFICALLY IN RELATION TO CLARIFYING LANGUAGE RELATING TO MINIMUM LOT SIZES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Ms. Cammick opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

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

Ms. Cammick closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2018-26**.

Ordinance 2018-28 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH OAK STREET, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA, COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 4.946 ACRES, TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Ms. Cammick opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

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

Ms. Cammick closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2018-28**.

Ordinance 2018-29 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DIVISION 12, ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 2 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER TO THE OCONEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Ms. Cammick opened the floor for Public Comment.

Noting that no citizens signed up to address Council; Ms. Cammick opened the floor for any citizen wishing

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to address Council regarding this ordinance. No citizen addressed Council.

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

Ms. Cammick closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2018-29**.

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2018-26 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, SPECIFICALLY IN RELATION TO CLARIFYING LANGUAGE RELATING TO MINIMUM LOT SIZES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-26** on third & final reading.

Ordinance 2018-28 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH OAK STREET, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA, COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 4.946 ACRES, TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-28** on third & final reading.

Ordinance 2018-29 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DIVISION 12, ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 2 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER TO THE OCONEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-29** on third & final reading.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2018-31 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING THE I-85 OVERLAY DISTRICT WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE BEING MADE TO CHANGES TO THE FAIRPLAY VILLAGE SUB-DISTRICT AND FAIRPLAY VILLAGE CENTER; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2018-31** on second reading.

First Reading for the Following Ordinances

None at this meeting.

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Body Cameras / Oconee County Sheriff's Office / \$205,751.03

Budget: **\$34,997.75** / Project Cost: **\$34,997.75** / Balance: **\$0.00**

The Sheriff's Office first purchased ten body cameras for officers in April of 2013. In 2014, we began a five-year agreement with Axon Enterprises (formerly Taser International) for a total of 35 camera units, including mounting hardware, docks and associated software and storage of camera footage. We are now in the fifth year of this agreement and request Council approval to start a new five year agreement. This new agreement will replace all existing units with new ones, add five more camera units and one docking station (with six bays), two spares and unlimited cloud storage for all camera footage. During this agreement, all cameras are replaced at least one time and there are no additional charges for storage of all camera footage. Also included free of charge are two new hardware devices – 1) Axon Signal Unit that is installed in vehicles to automatically turn on body cameras when blue lights are engaged and 2) Axon SPPM unit installed in all Taser battery packs that automatically turns on the body camera when the Taser is activated.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve entering into a five year agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc., of Scottsdale, AZ, for body cameras and associated equipment for a total amount of \$205,751.03.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve entering into a five year agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc., of Scottsdale, AZ, for body cameras and associated equipment for a total amount of \$205,751.03.

Chief Deputy Kevin Davis, Oconee County Sheriff's Office, addressed Council regarding the following:

- New feature with AXON Enterprises, Inc.
- Activated when blue lights come on
- Policy and State law

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was approved 5 – 0, to approve entering into a five year agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc., of Scottsdale, AZ, for body cameras and associated equipment for a total amount of \$205,751.03.

Discuss and authorize the Council Chair to execute and deliver Joinder Agreements for Frostelle, LLC, Hi-Tech Mold Carolina, LLC, and Baxter Tech, LLC whereby each of the referenced companies agree to join in and be bound by the Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement entered into by and between Oconee County and Baxter Manufacturing, LLC, effective December 31, 2016.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the Council Chair to execute and deliver Joinder Agreements for Frostelle, LLC, Hi-Tech Mold Carolina, LLC, and Baxter Tech, LLC whereby each of the referenced companies agree to join in and be bound by the Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement entered into by and between Oconee County and Baxter Manufacturing, LLC, effective December 31, 2016.

Unfinished Business

None at this meeting.

New Business

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, that Council affirms the policy set forth by Federal and State laws for a safe and secure work place for our employees.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0, to amend the agenda to add Mr. McCall's previous motion as stated.

Regarding the previous motion, discussion continued to include:

- Had an incident
- Threats
- Respect to our employees

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was approved 5 – 0, that Council affirms the policy set forth by Federal and State laws for a safe and secure work place for our employees.

Executive Session:

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

[1] To receive legal advice and discuss a contractual matter regarding the Sewer South Transfer and Operation Agreement with the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority.

[2] To receive legal advice and discuss a contractual matter related to property acquisition adjoining the Oconee County Rock Quarry.

[3] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Aztec.

[4] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Plan Four.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:34 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:01 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0.

Ms. Cammick stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

[#2] Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to direct Administrator and County Attorney to finalize terms of a purchase and sell agreement for the Orange property adjacent to the Rock Quarry.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to direct staff to begin negotiations on

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purchase terms for the remainder of the property discussed that is adjacent to the Rock Quarry.

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

Resolution 2018-11 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER AND OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY IN RELATION TO THE SEWER SYSTEM EXTENDING BETWEEN THE GOLDEN CORNER COMMERCE PARK AND THE CONEROSS CREEK SEWER TREATMENT PLANT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to postpone **Resolution 2018-11** until the October 16, 2018 meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council