



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

October 20, 2020

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. John Elliott, Chair Pro Tem, District I
Mr. Paul Cain, Vice Chair, District III
Mr. Julian Davis III, Chairman, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & 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: Caitlin Herrington / The Journal

Call to Order

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

Public Comment Session

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting our Clerk to Council, Katie Smith at ksmith@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023, so that she may receive your comment and read it into the record.

Mr. Frankie Pearson addressed Council noting the Oconee County Sheriff's Office does not have enough officers to do the job that is needed in this County. He noted when the census comes out, the Sheriff will be even further behind on the minimum amount of officers that this County needs to protect the citizens.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Mr. McCall responded to Mr. Pearson's comments noting he brings up a valid point. He noted there does need to be more law enforcement and further noted the core functions of County government is law enforcement, public safety, and fire.

Mr. Elliott thanked Mr. McCall for his twelve years of public service to Oconee County citizens and

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applauded his dedication to public safety, welfare, and public safety of our citizens.

Mr. Davis on behalf of Council, county staff and the public presented Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, a plaque [picture of plaque filed with backup materials] for his twelve years of dedicated service to County Council and the citizens of Oconee County. He thanked Mr. McCall for what he does for Oconee County and the municipalities that he has assisted.

Mr. Hart thanked Mr. McCall for the time he served on Council. He noted some of the ideas that Mr. McCall suggested and has been implemented are the free entrance to the Oconee County parks for senior citizens, veterans, etc. and also a bin for cardboard at the recycling centers.

Mr. Cain echoed the appreciation along with the other Council members and further noted they haven't always agreed but Mr. McCall wanted what is in the best interest of the County and wished him the best in the future.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Davis asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve the October 6, 2020 Regular Minutes as presented.

Administrator's Comments

Ms. Brock thanked Mr. McCall for his twelve years of service and appreciates what she learned from him. She further noted the thinking outside of the box and never giving up on boater safety, Fall Creek, etc. She noted he is dedicated and is appreciated by the citizens and staff.

Ms. Brock thanked the Registration & Elections staff, board members, and poll workers for working tirelessly. She noted since early voting began, there has been more than 5,000 voters that have come through the building and have not had complaints or serious problems.

Ms. Brock noted since early voting began, Oconee County Emergency Services staff comes in every night after the facility closes and fogs the building with disinfectant spray.

Attorney's Comments

Mr. Root noted that since day one, Mr. McCall has reached out and has been a pleasure to work with and

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further noted he will be missed.

Proclamation 2020-09

Proclamation 2020-09 A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Mr. Davis read Proclamation 2020-09 into the record.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Proclamation 2020-09** on first & final reading.

Ms. Mari Noorai came forward and accepted **Proclamation 2020-09**.

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

If you are not able to attend in person and you would like to be heard during the public hearing, please contact Katie Smith at ksmith@oconesc.com or 864-718-1023 so that she may coordinate your participation by telephone.

None at this meeting.

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

None at this meeting

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

None at this meeting.

First Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2020-20 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND BASF CORPORATION; THE GRANTING OF A SPECIAL SOURCE CREDIT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES.”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2020-20** on first reading.

First & Final Reading of the Following Resolutions

None at this meeting.

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Discussion Regarding Action Items

Council consideration and approval to convert a full time Staffmark position to a full time County position within the Treasurer's Office

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| Funds needed for Senior Tax Records Specialist to begin Dec 14 th 2020 | \$24,356.31 |
| Full amount available in Treasurer's budget | <u>\$24,356.31</u> |
| | \$ 0.00 |

Budget neutral

This position is greatly needed to process tax payments, assist taxpayers and assist the DMV Coordinator. Daily mandated duties for the DMV Coordinator require this position to be pulled away from the payment counter to perform the DMV duties on a daily basis. With the new Boat law (H4715) we now have more traffic on a monthly basis than ever before. In two previous budget years, a full time position was cut from the Treasurer's budget and we have struggled greatly since. In order to provide the best service to the citizens of Oconee County, we respectfully request your approval of the Staffmark position to be upgraded to a full time County position.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve to convert a full time Staffmark position to a full time County position within the Treasurer's Office.

Ms. Brock noted on behalf of the County Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, thank you for consideration and approval of this position.

Two (2) Pumper Fire Trucks with Loose Equipment / Emergency Services / Amount: \$690,358.00

These Fire Trucks are Pierce Pumpers built on Freightliner M2-106 two door cab and chassis with Cummins L9 350 HP Diesel engines, Allison EVS 3000 automatic transmissions, Waterous CSU 1250 pumps, UPF 1000 gallon tanks, Whelen LED lighting and will include loose equipment. These apparatuses will be built in accordance to NFPA (National Fire Protection Association). We will be purchasing Two (2) Side Mount Pumpers at \$345,179.00 each.

The County is utilizing the H-GAC (Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments) contract through a cooperative purchasing agreement. H-GAC cooperative purchasing allows government agencies to purchase directly from the manufacturer or authorized dealers. H-GAC contracts are bid and awarded on a national level and purchases may be fulfilled by the manufacturer and / or authorized local or state dealers.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the award of Two Pumper Fire Trucks to Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus of Roebuck, SC in the amount of \$690,358.00.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 5 – 0, to approve the award of Two Pumper Fire Trucks to Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus of Roebuck, SC in the amount of \$690,358.00.

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Board & Commission Appointments

Building Codes Appeal Board

No questionnaires were submitted for the 1 At Large seat.

Board of Zoning Appeals

No questionnaires were submitted for the District 5 seat.

Conservation Bank Board

No questionnaires were submitted for the District 5 or 1 At Large seat.

Arts & Historical Commission

No questionnaires were submitted for the District 4 seat.

Agricultural Advisory Board

No questionnaires were submitted for the District 4 seat.

Library Board

No questionnaires were submitted for the 1 At Large seat.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council

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