

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 15, 2011
5:30 P.M.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman
Janie Cooper, Vice Chairman
Clyde B. Livingston
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Bill Clark, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to approve minutes of July 18, 2011 with corrections, if any. Motion passed.

1. ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$820,000) WATER WORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2011, (TOWN OF VANCE), OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Clark to give a briefing on the public hearing and second reading. Mr. Clark indicated the ordinance required an amendment to indicate that it covers water projects only not sewer projects.

Motion to amend the ordinance to stipulate the change in wording as required made by Councilman Clyde Livingston, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed.

Public Hearing opened for comments. No comments received from the public. Public Hearing closed.

Motion by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston, giving second reading approval to the ordinance. Motion passed.

2. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO TAKE ANY AND ALL APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION TO OBTAIN REAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (USDA-RD TOWN OF BOWMAN WATER PROJECT) NECESSARY TO COMPLETE CERTAIN WATER PROJECTS

Motion of approval of first reading made by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion passed.

3. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CREEKMOOR SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT

Mr. Clark explained this request is similar to other special lighting districts approved by Council. Residents have submitted a petition to become a special tax district to pay for lights in Creekmoor located in District #5. The petition meets the requirements Council established for special lighting district; the tax millage rate will be determined at a later date.

Motion to approve first reading of the ordinance made by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed.

4. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING (BY TITLE ONLY)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,830,000) WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND, SERIES, 2011B (PHASE I) OF ORAANGEBUR COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Mr. Clark explained the bond attorney had not finalized terms of the ordinance prior to the meeting. The complete ordinance with financial terms and maps of the project will be available for second reading of the ordinance.

Councilman Wimberly expressed his concern about Council being asked to approve the first level of projects with vast sums of money involved without Council taking a closer look. He indicated a policy needs to be developed requiring something in writing being presented to Council prior to first reading by title only. He stated Council loses input on the first go-round by passing an ordinance by title only.

Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston, approving first reading by title only of the ordinance. Motion passed.

5. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING (BY TITLE ONLY)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING TWO MILLION EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,088,000) WASTE WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2011 (WEST EDISTO [PHASES II AND III], OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Motion made for approval of ordinance by first reading title by Councilman Clyde Livingston, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed.

6. AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION REGARDING LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL CORPORATION AND ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Mr. Clark explained this resolution was a requirement of a previously approved lease-purchase agreement between Caterpillar Financial Corporation and the County for Public Works Department equipment.

Motion for adoption of resolution made by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston. Motion passed.

7. RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE SANTEE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER BILL LARSON

Councilman read a resolution recognizing and honoring the services of the late Santee Fire District Commissioner Bill Larson.

Motion by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston, to adopt resolution. Motion passed.

8. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND CONTRACTUAL MATERS I.E. BROADBAND PROJECT

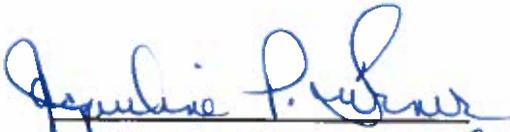
Motion by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens to vote for an executive session to discuss an economic development issue and the Broadband project. Motion passed.

Prior to adjourning, Councilwoman Cooper spoke, stating Four months and one day after an April 14, 2011 meeting with the County Treasurer, the Auditor and the County Administrator, she has not received the cost estimates requested at the meeting from the Treasurer related to an installment tax payment plan. The Treasurer promised to present the group with potential costs to the County on a plan, but has not done so. She did not know what the hold up was, but the Treasurer seems to be evading the issue. Too many are losing property every year; people sometime cannot pay in one year. She has spoken with the Treasurer in Horry County where a tax installment payment plan is working. Councilman Owens stated he agreed with Councilwoman Cooper the issue has been put off for too long.

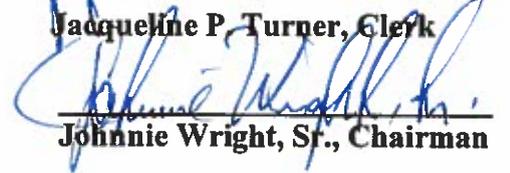
Council adjourned for an executive session.

Motion for adjournment made by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.



Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk



Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman