

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 7, 2014
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.
Harry Wimberly
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Janie Cooper-Smith**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Clyde Livingston

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold Young, County Administrator
Megan Dangerfield, Clerk to Council
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 17, 2014

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith noted one name was listed twice. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

None

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OTHER MATTERS

Seven year old Benjamin Brown came forward and told Council about the struggles he has overcome and about his many accomplishments.

Delores ~~Kramer~~ came forward and expressed concerns about OCSD5's expenses. She also stated that the Superintendent should register her car in South Carolina and not in Texas.

1. A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK, APRIL 13TH – 19TH

Councilman Wright read the Resolution in its entirety. Councilman Owens moved to pass the Resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Motion carried.

Several of the telecommunicators were present and they were recognized and thanked for their hard work.

2. A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Councilman Wright read the Resolution in its entirety. Councilman Ravenell moved to pass the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried.

3. PRESENTATION OF A PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION TO REZONE 1734 NEESES HWY TAX MAP 0125-06-01-002.000, 1726 NEESES HWY TAX MAP # 0125-06-01-003.000, TAX MAP 0125-06-01-005.000, 1714 NEESES HWY TAX MAP 0125-06-01-006.000, 1710 NEESES HWY TAX MAP 0125-06-01-007.000, 1680 NEESES HWY TAX MAP 0125-06-02-020.000, 1689 NEESES HWY TAX MAP 0125-06-02-019.000 FROM FA (FOREST AGRICULTURAL) TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL) AND 1391A SHILLINGS BRIDGE RD TAX MAP 0125-06-02-016.000, 1391 SHILLINGS BRIDGE RD TAX MAP 0125-06-02-015.000, TAX MAP 0125-06-05-001.000, 1661 NEESES HWY TAX MAP 0125-06-05-002.000 FROM FA (FOREST AGRICULTURAL) TO RC (RURAL COMMUNITY)

4. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING, TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF UNINCORPORATED ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTIES DESCRIBED AS 1734 NEESES HWY TAX MAP 0125-06-01-002.000, 1726 NEESES HWY TAX MAP # 0125-06-01-003.000, TAX MAP 0125-06-01-005.000, 1714 NEESES HWY TAX MAP 0125-06-01-006.000, 1710 NEESES HWY TAX MAP 0125-06-01-007.000, 1680 NEESES HWY TAX MAP 0125-06-02-020.000, 1689 NEESES HWY TAX MAP 0125-06-02-019.000 FROM FA (FOREST AGRICULTURAL) TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL) AND 1391A SHILLINGS BRIDGE RD TAX MAP 0125-06-02-016.000, 1391 SHILLINGS

**BRIDGE RD TAX MAP 0125-06-02-015.000, TAX MAP 0125-06-05-001.000, 1661
NEESES HWY TAX MAP 0125-06-05-002.000 FROM FA (FOREST
AGRICULTURAL) TO RC (RURAL COMMUNITY)**

Councilman Wright asked Harold Young to give a brief summary. Mr. Young stated that the Planning Commission met February 12 to consider the rezoning request for 12 parcels located at the intersection of Shillings Bridge Road and Neeses Highway. Eight parcels requested rezoning from FA to CG and four from FA to RC. The recommendation is to rezone the properties for the uses that they are already being used for. He stated the area has trended more commercially than was first thought. The parcels are owned by different people and the Planning Department and Zoning Commission agree that it should be rezoned to reflect the usage.

Councilman Heyward Livingston moved to approve the Ordinance, first reading by title only, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried.

5. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF SECTION 2.4, TABLE 2 OF
THE ZONING ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Harold Young stated the Planning Commission was recommending that Section 2.4, table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance be changed to increase the number of units allowed per acre from seven to sixteen units. This is being recommended to reflect the current uses and allow more adequate development of those units. Councilman Owens had a few questions regarding parking with the new number of units allowed and Richard Hall, Planning Director, stated owners would still be required to allow for 1.5 per unit by the Zoning Ordinance. This only addresses multi-family dwellings such as apartment buildings, not individual units.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried.

6. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA, ESTABLISHING THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY
BROADBAND NETWORK; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Young for a summary. Mr. Young stated that the Broadband network had been established to provide affordable network access in the furtherance of economic development of the County. Currently the system serves over 304 customers. He stated that in order to be in compliance with County regulations the Ordinance needed to be established.

Councilman Wimberly moved to approve the second reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried.

7. ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT REGARDING WATER RATES AND PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE CONCERNING BOWMAN WATER PROJECT

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Young for a summary. Mr. Young stated that Senator Matthews and Councilman Ravenell both have pledged funds towards the repayment of the USDA loan. It is their desire that the agreement be formalized by Ordinance so that if there is a change in governing bodies the agreement will still be documented and honored.

No comments during the Public Hearing.

Councilman Ravenell moved to approve the second reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Wimberly. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith recognized Mayor Glenn of Bowman for attending the meeting.

8. REQUESTS FOR REFERRAL TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

A) ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE - REVIEW AND REVISION

B) EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK - REVIEW AND REVISION

C) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Chairman Wright asked for a summary. D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney, stated that the Animal Control Ordinance was passed in December 2009 and there haven't been any reviews or revisions since that time. Recommendation for the review came from the Director of Animal Control, the Director of Public Works, the County Administrator and her. She stated that the review is to make sure the County is current with State Law and that what we have on the books coincides with the County's practices. She stated that the review should probably go before the Parks, Recreation and Agriculture committee. She stated that the Employee Handbook review, particularly random drug testing policies for safety sensitive positions, should go to the Administrative committee. The Community Development Ordinance should probably go to the Public Service and Planning Committee. Councilman Ravenell stated that the County has many problems regarding animal control. He inquired if a spay and neuter policy could be added as well as tags for animals. Mrs. Haydel stated she would look into the spay and neuter possibilities but that the County does address tags in the existing Ordinance. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith stressed that anything that was added to the Ordinance needs to be enforced and she also stated her concerns regarding negligent pet owners that allow their animals to deposit waste in other people's yards. Councilman Owens agreed and also stated that enforcement is important. Councilman Heyward Livingston stated that 80% of the population were

responsible pet owners; it was the other 20% that were the problem. He also stated that portion of the population may not comply even if the Ordinance was passed.

Councilman Heyward Livingston moved to pass the three requests for referral to the appropriate committees, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried.

9. PROCUREMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES GARAGE BUILDING

Mr. Young stated a bid was prepared to construct a garage for the Emergency Services equipment and vehicles. The County received 3 complete bids and the lowest bidder was Skip Welch Construction when preference points were considered for his company being in the state and being in Orangeburg County. Mr. Young stated that Richard Hall, project manager for FY14-0328, recommended the contract be awarded to him. Mr. Young answered several questions from council regarding location, the current lease, and construction of the structure.

Councilman Owens moved to approve the lowest bidder for the project, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) LEGAL BRIEFING
- 2) CONTRACTUAL MATTERS
- 3) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

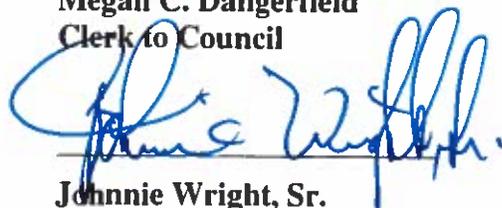
11. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Wimberly made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT



Megan C. Dangerfield
Clerk to Council



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman, County Council