

**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012  
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-Smith, Vice Chairman  
Clyde B. Livingston  
Heyward H. Livingston  
Willie B. Owens  
Johnny Ravenell  
Harry F. Wimberly**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Harold M. Young, County Administrator  
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney  
Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk to Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Johnnie Wright, Sr.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**Moment of silence observed**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith, seconded by Councilman Ravenell to approve minutes of August 13, 2012, August 20, 2012 and September 4,, 2012 with corrections, if any. Motion approved unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Three residents from the Woodbine area addressed Council about their concerns on agenda item #7 - Planning Department – PUD for Dr. Monnie Singleton. They were concerned about the treatment of addicts, noise, and lower property values. The development should not be in a neighborhood where people live. Following their complaints, Councilman Ravenell stated he had attended meetings about the project, and the majority of people at the meetings he attended did not speak against the development of the project, although some did. He also stated Dr. Singleton and his**

investors addressed the issue of noise, barriers to be erected, and the offer of a Sheriff's substation to provide protection. The bungalows mentioned are not for rental, but housing to be used for the families of patients who travel long distances to visit with them.

John Crum addressed Council about dirt roads in the Four Holes area that are not being scrapped as regularly and as often as other roads, stating he had spoken with Councilman Wimberly about the problem. He suggested rotating the Public Works personnel around so if one person is not busy, they could be used to help personnel in another area who could use some help. Chairman Wright explained to Mr. Crum each Council person in a rural area probably receives the same complaint, and the Public Works Department does the best it can, but is he had a particularly bad problem, Public Works could be directed to that area. Councilman Owens responded to Mr. Crum's complaint, indicating, Four Holes is in his district and he had not received a complaint from Mr. Crum about dirt roads in the area although they have spoken many times.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson appeared before Council complaining about what she said was very rude treatment they allegedly received during two meetings with the County Treasurer, and wanted a public apology. Chairman Wright indicated while he could not answer for the Treasurer, or direct the Jacksons as to whom they could go to for relief, all elected officials work for the public and certainly should be respectful of their dealings with the public. He suggested they could meet with the County Administrator and Mrs. Jackson indicated they had already met with the Deputy Administrator.

#### **1. ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY AUTHORIZING A WATER SYSTEM OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SANTEE, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO**

Chairman Wright opened the Public Hearing. No comments were received from those in attendance during the Public Hearing. Chairman Wright closed the Public Hearing.

**Chairman Wright asked the County Administrator to explain the ordinance for those not in attendance at previous meetings. Mr. Young, County Administrator, stated the ordinance is necessary in order for the County to deliver water to the town of Vance, that has to come through the town of Santee.**

**Motion to approve third and final reading of the ordinance made by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A NOT EXCEEDING SIX MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,741,000) SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2012 (GOODBYS CREEK REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND THE SANDERS POINTE FARM EFFLUENT LAND APPLICATION SITE) 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 Mr. Young to give a summary of the ordinance for the benefit of those not present at other Council meetings. Mr. Young stated the ordinance is being enacted to provide interim financing for the wastewater treatment plant and help with construction until the County is reimbursed from the United States Department of Agriculture. The County has received a grant from the USDA for this purpose.**

**Motion for second reading approval made by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion passed unanimously.**

**3. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY AUTHORIZING A PIPELINE OWNERSHIP TRANSFER AND WATER DELIVERY AGREEMENT (301 PIPELINE EAST SEGMENT) BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SANTEE, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THEREFOTO**

**Chairman Wright asked Administrator Young to give a summary of this ordinance for those who might not have been in attendance at an earlier meeting. Mr. Young stated the ordinance would allow Santee to serve customers located along the portion of the 301 Pipeline that extends from Santee to a location west of the intersection of Highway 301 and South Carolina Route 47. The County and Santee have agreed to transfer to Santee ownership of that portion of the 301 Pipeline which comprises approximately 45,041 feet of pipeline in exchange for the transfer of ownership of the 301 Pipeline East Segment to Santee. Santee has agreed to operate and maintain the 301 Pipeline East Segment so it can deliver to the County its potable water capacity from the Lake Marion Water Agency.**

**Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Owens, to give second reading approval of the ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.**

**4. ORANGEBURG COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK: MOTOR VEHICLE POLICY REQUEST TO REFER TOPIC TO COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO RECOMMEND A MOTOR VEHICLE POLICY AND, IF SO, THE MOTOR VEHICLE POLICY TO BE RECOMMENDED**

**Administrator Young explained Council wishes to consolidate all County vehicle policies into one comprehensive package. Councilman Clyde Livingston asked if there was anything in the current policy regarding the consumption of alcohol while operating a County vehicle. Administrator Young deferred to County Attorney Haydel, who stated there was an overall policy regarding no consumption of alcohol during working hours, regardless of whether an employee is driving a vehicle or not. The employee handbook does not consolidate into one section everything employees need to know if they are driving a vehicle as part of County employment; there is a need to cover all topics that Council wants covered regarding the use of motor vehicles as part of the job. Councilman Owens stated he believes the County needs inclusive policies regarding the use of County vehicles; it is his belief there has been slackness in this area.**

**Chairman Wright indicated it has been recommended this issue be referred to the appropriate County Council committee for study and review, and he called for a motion.**

**Motion from Councilwoman Cooper-Smith, seconded by Councilman Wimberly, to refer the motor vehicle policy request to the appropriate County Council Committee for review and study. Motion passed unanimously.**

**5. REPORT FROM COUNCILWOMAN COOPER-SMITH, CHAIRMAN, ORANGEBURG COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Councilwoman Cooper-Smith stated the Committee composed of Council members Ravenell, m .Wright and herself, met earlier in the day, and are making the following recommendations to Council: (1) TransFormHealthRx – Authorize the County to sign the TransFormHealthRx Agreement. (2) Cost Recovery Ordinance For Fire Services - Committee agreed to have first reading by title only, and the Committee will continue to work on the text of the ordinance. (3) Orangeburg Municipal Airport Tax Reduction Initiative - This item was carried forward.**

**On the advice of Council Attorney Haydel, the following motions were made:**

**#1 TRANSFORMHEALTHRx - Motion by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith, seconded by Councilman Wimberly to authorize County Council sign the health agreement. Motion passed unanimously.**

**#2 Cost Recovery Ordinance For Fire Services – Motion by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith, seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to authorize first reading by title only of the ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.**

**#3 Orangeburg County Municipal Airport Tax Reduction Initiative – Carried forward.**

**6. PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT – ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS**

**Xerox Copier Lease – Clerk of Court, Winnifa Clark, has requested replacement of five (5) Xerox copiers with new Xerox Copiers. The lease for the new copiers are covered under state contract; Xerox is offering promotional pricing with reduced copier charges, with lease terms of 48 month, for a monthly cost of \$1,741.00.**

**Motion by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Owens, to approve the lease as requested in the amount of \$1,741.00 for 48 months for five Xerox copiers. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Replacement of Flooring – Council On Aging FY 13-0831- The flooring needs to be replaced due to asbestos found in the kitchen area of the DSS Building. Four**

vendors did a walk thru, with a total of three responding. The low bid was submitted by Oneal Flooring, Columbia, S.C. in the amount of \$38,400.00.

Motion by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith, seconded by Councilman Owens, to approve the low bid submitted by Oneal Flooring, Columbia, S.C., in the amount of \$38,400.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Phase 5 Telecommunications Outside Plant Project, FY 13-0822 - The proposal for Broadband Phase 5 Telecommunications Outside Plant Project has been opened and evaluated, and the recommendation is to award the contract to the low bidder, Edwards Telecommunications Inc., Columbia, S.C. in the amount of \$1,242,118.07.

Motion by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith to approve the low bid submitted for the project by Edwards Telecommunications Inc., Columbia, S.C. in the amount of \$1,242,118.07. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR DR. MONNIE SINGLETON**

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Young to comment. Mr. Young indicated the County Planning Commission received a request for final approval for the rezoning of TMS 08-183-05-00-015.00 to a Planned Unit Development from Forest and Agricultural. Following several meetings and public hearings, the Planning Commission has recommended the approval of the rezoning of the property from FA to PUD.

Motion by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith, seconded by Councilman Owens, to approve the recommendation of the Orangeburg County Planning Commission as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – ACCESS ROAD INCLUSION – WAKEFIELD DRIVE – DISTRICT #4**

Chairman Wright stated it is normal practice to refer all requests for access road inclusion to the Orangeburg County Public Works Committee for review and study. The request from the Public Works Department to include Wakefield Drive into the County's maintenance system will be referred to the Committee.

**Motion by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to refer the Wakefield Drive road inclusion request to the Public Works Committee for review and study. Motion passed unanimously.**

**9. RECOMMENDATION FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT APPOINTMENT – VIRGINIA SANDIFER**

**Chairman Wright asked Administrator Young to report on the recommendation. Mr. Young indicated Virginia Sandifer has been rehired as an Animal Control Officer, and Sinkler Boone, Deputy Administrator of Public Works, has requested Ms. Sandifer be re-appointed as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Animal Control Department. If approved, she will be sworn in by Administrator Young.**

**Motion made by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Owens, to approve the recommendation to appoint Virginia Sandifer as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Animal Control Department. Motion passed unanimously.**

**10. PRESENTATION – DR. IDA J. SPRUILL – MUSC COLLEGE OF NURSING, BARRIER TO HEALTH LITERACY**

**Dr. Yolanda Gibbs, Program Coordinator, MUSC made a verbal presentation before Council in place of Dr. Spruill who was not able to attend the meeting. MUSC is proposing to conduct a health initiative focusing on a survey and health information and health literacy among African Americans to understand how African Americans manage diabetes. They would like to use county owned facilities in which to conduct their work. Chairman Wright thanked Dr. Gibbs for the presentation, and requested she speak with Administrator Young.**

**11. PERSONAL APPEARANCES – MS. LOVELL BROTHERS, ORANGEBURG COUNTY COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER PRESENTATION – SECOND AND THIRD QUARTER NOMINEES**

**Ms. Brothers, with the help of Chairman Wright, and Councilwoman Cooper-Smith, presented 2012 second and third quarter Community of Character nominees with their medallions and certificates as follows: April, Aurora Smalls, Self-Control; May, Karen Glover, Diligence; June, Gloria Breland, Kindness; July, J. Steve Summers, Citizenship, and August, Pam Crum, Good Manners. There were no nominees for September. Chairman Wright and Councilwoman Cooper-**

**Smith thanked Ms. Lovell and the nominees for their commitment in providing excellence in working with the citizens of Orangeburg County.**

**12. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – (1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, (2) CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**Motion made by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith, seconded by Councilman Ravenell to adjourn for an executive session. Motion passed unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion made to adjourn meeting by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

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**Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk**

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**Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman**