

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
August 19, 2013
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.
Janie Cooper-Smith, Vice Chairman
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly
Clyde B. Livingston**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold M. Young, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Angel Howell, Interim Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JULY 15, 2013

Motion by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith, seconded by Councilman Livingston, to approve minutes of July 15, 2013 with corrections, if any. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

None

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OTHER MATTERS

Linda Ulmer

Ms. Ulmer stated that Solicitor David Pascoe asked that she come before council in reference to forming a task force to work with the Sheriff's Office. She stated that she does not currently have all of the details because this project is in its beginning stages. Ms. Ulmer stated that she needs 4-5 people from each district and that after the agenda is set, they will receive an invitation to the meeting. Mr. Pascoe's number was shared just in case there were any more questions.

Councilman Owens stated that he has talked with Mr. Pascoe and that it is a duplicate of what he is already doing.

Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith took the podium as a citizen, not as a council member. Mrs. Cooper-Smith stated that she was appalled with what she saw on Belleville Road, which she stated is in her district. Mrs. Cooper-Smith stated that apparently someone driving a pick-up truck dumped a pile of shingles, wood and tin and that the pile appeared to be 6 to 8 feet long and 2 feet high. She continued to explain what exactly litter is and what it does to a community. Mrs. Cooper-Smith stated that neighborhoods with litter problems usually have high crime rates, low property values and lack of pride. She continued to state that litter begets litter. Mrs. Cooper-Smith referred to a past article in the T&D, featuring a Litter Control officer. She stated that it is hard for 4 staff members to control litter in a county that covers 1,100 miles. The staff handles other tasks than just litter. Mrs. Copper-Smith told the community that if you see someone littering, try to get a license plate number and call either the Sheriff or County Administrator.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council members requested that the public be patient as they attempt to handle numerous complaints about county maintained roads, due to heavy rains.

1. RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING ISAIAH OWENS

Chairman Willie B. Owens stated that Mr. Isaiah Owens is unavailable because he is busy, but his step-brother and mother were in attendance to the meeting. Councilman Willie B. Owens proceeded to read the contents of the Resolution.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion. Councilman Harry Wimberly made a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Willie B. Owens seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE- SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF UNINCORPORATED ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TAX MAP NUMBER 0206-00-01-033 FROM FA (FOREST AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT) TO CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL DISTRICT); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chairman Wright read the title of the ordinance and asked that County Administrator Harold Young give a quick summary for the public. Mr. Young stated that the Planning Commission met on June 12, 2013 to consider this rezoning request. The parcel is located on Five Chop Road Tax Map #0206-00-01-033.000. The request is a change from FA to CG. The Shrine Club wishes to build a new meeting hall at this location, which is located next to the Ameri-Gas Propane Company. Mr. Young stated that the Planning Commission on its June 12, 2013 meeting recommended approval of this request.

Chairman Wright opened the floor for public hearing and asked if there were any comments. He requested a motion after no comments were made. A motion was made by Councilman Johnny Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried.

3. ORDINANCE-FIRST READING

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 REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS TAX MAP NUMBER 0286-00-09-006.00 AND LOCATED AT 7274 OLD NUMBER SIX HIGHWAY IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY (ELLOREE) FROM FA (FOREST AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT) TO RC (RURAL COMMUNITY DISTRICT); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chairman Wright requested County Administrator Harold Young give a quick summary for clarification. Mr. Young stated that the Planning Commission on its June 12, 2013 meeting, considered the request for rezoning the parcel. A miscellaneous retail store wants to move onto the owner's land, which is located across the street, instead of staying on a rented piece of land. The Planning Commission recommended that they be approved for Rural Community instead of Commercial General.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion. The motion was made by Councilman Ravenell and seconded by Councilman Owens that the ordinance be approved for first reading. Motion carried.

4. OFFICIAL ACTION

AN OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WASTEWATER LIFT STATION WHICH WILL EXTEND THE COUNTY'S WASTEWATER-SEWER SYSTEM IN THE WEST EDISTO SERVICE AREA.

Chairman Wright asked that County Administrator Harold Young give a brief summary for the public. Mr. Young stated that this project is a part of the ongoing sewer improvement west of the Edisto area. The County received an USDA Sewer Project Grant to help the citizens in the area west of Edisto to finally achieve their dream of having wastewater available to them after years of being denied service. Mr. Young stated that this system is gravity fed and at certain points a lift station is needed to move the sewage along. Mr. Young stated that the property has to be appraised and that the property will be purchased using USDA funding. Mr. Young recommended that this project be approved.

A motion was moved by Councilman Clyde Livingston and seconded by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith that the official action be approved. Motion passed unanimously. Councilman Owens asked how it will impact the city in terms of collection. Councilman Livingston said it would give the city a bigger volume, lowering per unit cost.

5. PRESENTATION OF AWARD

Chairman Wright asked Administrator Young to further explain this agenda item. Mr. Young stated that during the Association of Counties Conference, Orangeburg County received an award for the J. Mitchell Graham award. The award was for counties with a population of 50,000 to 150,000, and Orangeburg County received it for a project performed. Mr. Sinkler Boone was recognized for helping present the presentation, while all of the men and women of the county's Roads and Bridges Department were shown appreciation for helping with the presentation. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith acknowledged that the presentation was dynamic due to Mr. Young and Mr. Boone's hard work and effort. Mr. Young made certain everyone knew that Orangeburg County did not win the overall competition, but won the award for its population category.

6. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion made by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion Carried.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

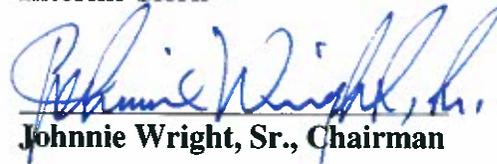
8. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright asked for a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilwoman Cooper-Smith to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Owens.

Meeting adjourned.


Interim Clerk


Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman