

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 16, 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., Chairman
Janie Cooper-Smith, Vice Chairman
Heyward H. Livingston
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly
Clyde B. Livingston
Willie B. Owens**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold M. 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

Chairman Wright recognized Mayor Michael Butler and City Councilwoman Keitt and thanked them for their attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 2, 2013

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Ravenell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

None

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OTHER MATTERS

None

Charlie Williams with Williams and Williams Law Firm stepped forward to introduce his client, Mr. Wayne Shuler with Santee Modular Homes, Inc. Mr. Shuler had submitted a

proposal for the Debris Removal Contract with the County. Mr. Shuler gave an overview of his company's capability to handle debris removal in the event of a disaster in Orangeburg County. He also stated that his company's proposal was lower than the two companies that were awarded the contract and that he would use local contractors and citizens.

Chairman Wright thanked Mr. Shuler for his attendance and presentation and stated that someone would get back in touch with him.

Chairman Wright closed the Public Comment Period for Agenda Items.

1. PROJECT LIFE POSITEEN PRESENTATION

Members of the Tutorial Group Project Life Positeen thanked Council for their support. The free program assists approximately 175 students a semester and is in its' 21st year.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Chairman Wright read the Resolution in its entirety. He then asked County Administrator Harold Young for a brief summary. Mr. Young stated that occasionally EMS services are a critical needs area and dual employment would help the County to sustain coverage. Therefore, he asked Council to accept this change to the handbook. Councilman Owens stated that it was important to remember that the handbook was not a contract but a guide for the expectations of a County Employee.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried.

3. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A NOTE IN ORDER TO REFUND THE FOLLOWING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE: \$3,000,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE, SERIES 2012 OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZED BY ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 5, 2012 PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 2012-12-05-__ ; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Young to give a brief summary. Mr. Young stated that the Ordinance was a refunding in extension of a bond anticipation note. He stated that the refunding will give the County an additional six months to take care of this BAN and the County can merge it in with some other refunding opportunities, reducing the effective interest rate and potentially in the future free up GO debt capacity.

Chairman Wright yielded to the County Attorney, D'Anne Haydel to explain a couple of grammatical errors. She stated that on page 3 in section 2.04, line 4 and 5 now sets a maturity date of July 1, 2014 rather than the previous "six months". This was the recommendation of the County's Financial Advisor. The second change is on the next line that The County can redeem but only February 1 or after. Ms. Haydel requested that the Ordinance be passed with those revisions.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion. Chairman Owens made a motion and Councilwoman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING, TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE, AMENDING ALL PARTS OF CHAPTER NINE IN CONFLICT, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Young to give a brief summary. Mr. Young stated that the Ordinance change request is to give the Code Enforcement Officers an Ordinance that allows better cohesiveness in code sections when working with the Magistrate's office to implement community clean-up to include fees and fines.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion. Chairman Heyward Livingston made a motion to pass the Ordinance, Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. APPOINTMENTS:

1) CONSTABLE FOR LITTER CONTROL

Mr. Jim Bishop, Litter Control Manager, introduced Susan West and Marie Canty as the newest addition to the Litter Control Department. He stated they would both be going to the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and sworn in as Constables upon Council approval.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith made a motion to approve Ms. Canty and Ms. West and Councilman Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Ravenell thanked the Litter Control Department for a job well done but stated that the County still has a ways to go in cleaning up the litter around the County and asked the Citizens to do their part.

2) ORANGEBURG AREA DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith stated she would like to appoint Ms. Sandra McCune to the Orangeburg Area Development Center. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked all Council Members, Harold Young, and Sinkler Boone to join her at the front of the Chamber. She presented the Lower Savannah Council of Government's Project of the Year Award to Mr. Young and Mr. Boone for Project of the Year. The project, Paving the Way Orangeburg County, uses blocks and bricks recovered from dilapidated structures to pave local roads. The materials are taken to Sunshine Recycling to be ground into aggregate and are then used for paving. This helps to clean up eyesores in the community, provides new roads for the county and saves the county money.

6. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to move to Executive Session. Councilman Ravenell made the motion, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

2) CONTRACTUAL MATTER

8. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith made the motion, seconded by Councilman Wimberly.

9. ADJOURNMENT