

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 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 for approval of minutes of February 7, 2011 with corrections, if any, made by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS

NO COMMENTS MADE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: OTHER MATTERS

Ms. Jeffries spoke, promoting a golf fundraiser for a personal friend who needs financial assistance. She also read a letter and spoke as a representative for Ms. Frazier who was not in attendance, regarding a personnel decision made by the Family Health Center Board of Trustees, that Ms. Frazier opposes. Ms. Jeffries requested, on Ms. Frazier's behalf Council check with the FHC to find out if they performed a background check on the person hired, and cease financial contributions to FHC as long as the person in question currently remains as

director. Chairman Wright stated he would ask the County Administrator to look into the matter.

Several citizens spoke in favor of Council repealing the Blue Laws which in effect are stopping citizens from shopping before 1:00 p.m. on Sundays. There was one citizen from the public who was against repealing the blue laws.

Chairman Wright called for a motion to amend the agenda. Motion made by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens, to amend the agenda to carry the resolution honoring Reverend Caesar Richburg over to the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Wright called for an additional amendment to the agenda regarding the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Owens, to withdraw item #1 from the agenda at the request of Sheriff Ravenell. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Wright called for an amendment to the agenda to add two items to the executive session. Motion by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens, to go into executive session to ((1) discuss a contractual matter regarding purchase of real property and (2) to receive legal advice in reference to a threatened claim against the Law Enforcement Complex. Motion passed unanimously.

Before adjournment Chairman Wright solicited comments from Council members, if any wanted to speak. Councilman Ravenell indicated the number of comments relative to the blue law, and his feeling that while the public has a right to their point of view, Council will give the public an answer at the appropriate time.

Councilman Wimberly indicated those who go to church know the song "By and by, we'll understand some day".. I think we'll understand by and by and it might be too late for some people.

Councilman Owens indicated he shares the words spoken by the many citizens of Orangeburg County and he is with them in terms of abolishing the blue laws without a doubt.

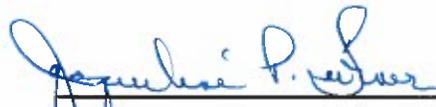
Councilwoman Cooper stated she has a passion for rescinding the blue laws. She has been supportive of the suspension of the law and Mr. Larkin's effort in this regard and his consistency since last year.

Councilman Clyde Livingston indicated he would want to hear from all sides of the issue. Councilman Heyward Livingston indicated it would not hurt his feelings if the issue was put on the ballot for the citizens to decide, but he would wait.

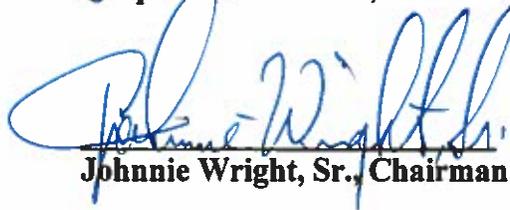
Chairman Wright thanked all who came out and for their input and discussions concerning the issue.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk



Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman