

**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
JUNE 4, 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, 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 by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens, to approve minutes of May 21, 2012. Motion passed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**NO COMMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**NO COMMENTS**

**1. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO LEASE PROPERTY TO TOWN OF NORWAY**

**Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Clark to give a review of the ordinance. Mr Clark stated the Town has approached Council about using an old, vacant fire station to store equipment. As the County has no plans to use the building in the near future, it was**

deemed prudent to enter into a lease with the Town for the use of the building which will spell out the responsibilities of the Town and County.

Motion by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Owens to give second reading to the ordinance. Motion passed.

**2. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZIING A RADIO EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE TRANSACTION WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.**

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Clark to update Council on this ordinance. Mr. Clark stated Council is being asked to authorize the lease-purchase financing transaction with Motorola to purchase radios and emergency communications consoles; the emergency consoles were authorized by Council in their meeting of May 21, 2012. The emergency communications consoles are available for purchase under State Contract. The County will utilize \$300,000 from the Capital Project Sales Tax III Bond Anticipation Notes, Project #131, to apply toward the cost of the equipment. Total amount to be financed is \$1,419,354.85 at 3.30%, with 108 monthly payments of \$15,717.71 beginning July 2013.

Motion by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to approve second reading of the ordinance. Motion passed.

**3. PRESENTATION – 2012 NACO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO ORANGEBURG COUNTY – HAROLD YOUNG, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Clark stated Harold Young would make a presentation on the NACO Achievement Award given for the program “Learn to Swim, Learn to Live”. Mr. Young stated Orangeburg County received the 2012 Achievement Award for its program Learn to Swim, Swim to Live. The program was in collaboration with School District 3 and the Orangeburg County YMCA swimming program which taught 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to swim. The success of the program has been attributed to the School District providing the resources for transporting the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes and teachers to the YWCA. While one half of the students were learning to swim, the other half continued their academic studies, then they rotated positions. Approximately 200 plus students learned to swim as a result of this program.

The NACO award recognized the County's hard work to promote quality, efficient, and responsive management in the administration of an innovative and creative program which contributed to enhancing county government in the United States. It is anticipated this will be an on-going, yearly project to benefit 2<sup>nd</sup> graders county-wide.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS OF TAX & TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Clark to update Council on the recommendation made by the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee. Mr. Clark stated the Committee met on May 22, 2012 and received six requests for funding. The Committee received requests totaling \$49,150, with available funds totaling \$44,112.64, leaving a balance of \$6,262.64 for the next cycle of requests to be made. Recommendations submitted for consideration and amounts were as follows: Norway Cotton Festival, received \$2,500 (requested \$10,000); Bowman Harvest Festival received \$2,500 (requested \$5,000); Chamber of Commerce received \$5,650 (requested \$5,650); SCSU Buddy Pough Show received \$20,000 (requested \$20,000); Ellore Heritage Museum received \$3,700 (requested \$5,000).

Motion by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Clyde Livingston, to increase the amounts recommended by the Tax & Tourism Committee to an additional \$500 each for Bowman and Norway, and \$1,300 for the Ellore Museum, contingent upon the additional funds being in compliance with Advisory Tax & Tourism program guidelines. Motion passed.

#### **5. PERSONAL APPEARANCE – MS. LOVELL BROTHERS, ORANGEBURG COUNTY COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER PRESENTATION**

Ms. Brothers and members of the Orangeburg County Community of Character PACK presented Mr. Clark with a plaque of appreciation for his support and participation in making this initiative recognizing employees a success. Mr. Clark expressed his appreciation for being so honored.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion and second to adjourn for an executive session to discuss (1) Economic Development and (2) Contractual-Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Owens, to adjourn for an executive session. Motion passed.

**Motion for adjournment by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion for adjournment passed.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

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**Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk**

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**Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman**