

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 28, 2010
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
Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk to Council**

OTHERS ABSENT:

D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The agenda for the special called meeting of June 28, 2010 indicated minutes of June 21, 2010 were to be approved. Inadvertently the minutes of June 7, 2010 were mistakenly inserted in the agenda packets rather than the minutes of June 21, 2010. No minutes were approved.

Chairman Wright indicated although this was a special called meeting of Council, if any member had any comments to make, they were free to do so. Councilwoman Cooper complimented John McLauchlin, County Engineer for working with her on a project.

1. ORDINANCE THIRD AND FINAL READING

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011, FOR THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY BUDGET FOR ORDINARY COUNTY

PURPOSES AND FOR OTHER COUNTY PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE COUNTY MAY LEVY A TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY PURPOSES INCLUDING SUFFICIENT TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY MATURING DURING SAID FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS RELATING TO ORANGEBURG COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING TO THE COUNTY DURING SAID FISCAL YEAR

Motion for third and final reading of the ordinance made by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Ravenell.

Councilman Wimberly commented during the budget process it took the cooperation of all County employees to make the budget work. Some things are coming forth that will need their cooperation in making it work. The budget was created without any furloughs or anybody losing their job. Everybody employed by the County, from County Council on down, need to work together and make the budget work. County Council took cuts. We are all working together to make it happen here in Orangeburg County, we will get through this thing together, it's not going to last always.

Councilman Owens stated he concurred with Councilman Wimberly. What pleases him most is no one will be losing their job because of Council's austerity in the budget. He thinks this is very important and he looks forward to continue to work with the County Council.

Councilman Ravenell stated he knew Council did the best it could with the budget and he hopes all the other agencies will cope with this year, and stay within the guidelines of their department and be very conservative during this year. We cannot predict what next year will bring and we need to try to do what we can to maintain ourselves.

Chairman Wright asked those in favor of the motion to raise their hand. Six Council members voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Clyde Livingston voted against the motion.

2. ORDINANCE – THIRD AND FINAL READING

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011, FOR ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY SPECIAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES BOARD, THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT, AND FOR

**OTHER PUBLIC AND SPECIAL EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE FOR
THE LEVY OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING TO
THE COUNTY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR SAID PURPOSES**

Motion by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens, to approve third and final reading of the ordinance. Motion passed by a vote of six raised hands. Councilman Clyde Livingston voted against the motion.

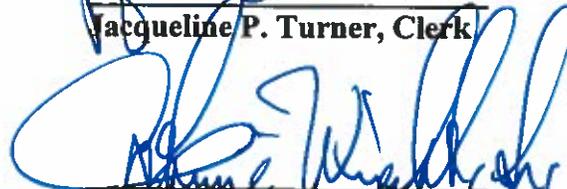
Councilwoman Cooper stated Capital Sales Tax Project 3 is very important to the County. If people were to look beyond 1998 when the first penny was voted on, imagine what Orangeburg was like then, imagine the things we did not have as a result of the penny, I think you would realize how far we have come and yet we have a long way to go. I hope what the citizens of Orangeburg County have seen will instill in them a desire to continue the penny sales tax. It has been beneficial to this County, not only to this County, but to the citizens in the surrounding areas. We have been blessed, we have done a lot with the penny, and we will continue to do, but we need the citizens cooperation. She indicated in Distract 5 they have made quite a few improvements, and in all the districts improvements have been made with the projected penny. I know citizens will be pleased. Everything cannot be gotten, but it is better to have 50% of something, than 100% of nothing.

Chairman Wright thanked Councilwoman Cooper and other members of Council for their comments and he hopes everybody will see the result of the previous penny and look to the future for what we are trying to accomplish. Most people, no matter how you vote, realize this is something that is very worthy and has been very kind to our community.

Motion for adjournment made by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.


Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk


Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman