

**.MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 16, 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
Heyward H Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Clyde B. Livingston

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold Young, Depty. Admin. Cmty. Dev.
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk to Council**

OTHERS ABSENT:

Bill Clark, County Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

APRIL 2, 2012

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens, to approve minutes of April 2, 2012 with corrections, if any. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NO COMMENTS

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OTHER MATTERS

NO COMMENTS

1. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Chairman Wright read the proposed resolution. Motion by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to adopt the 2012 Fair Housing Month Resolution. Motion carried.

2. RESOLUTION HONORING BUDDY POUGH

Resolution Honoring Buddy Pough read by Councilman Owens. Motion by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston, to adopt Resolution. Motion carried.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCLUSION OF PROPERTY OF SHOWA DENKA CARBON, INC. IN MULTICOUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK CONCERNING MCIP AGREEMENT WITH DORCHESTER COUNTY

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Harold Young, Deputy County Administrator for Community Development who was substituting for County Administrator Bill Clark, to give a briefing on the resolution. Mr. Young stated based upon state laws, Orangeburg County is allowed to enter into multi-county industrial park incentive agreements, and to take advantage of some of the proceeds from the neighboring county who is able to lure business to their area as a part of the multi-county industrial park agreement. Chairman Wright thanked Mr. Young for his explanation, and called for a motion and second to adopt the Resolution.

Motion by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Owens, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Inclusion of Property Of Showa Denka Carbon, Inc. In Multicounty Industrial Park Concerning MCIP Agreement With Dorchester County. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF ANTENNA STRUCTURE ATTACHMENTS

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Young to give a summary. Mr. Young explained NTInet is a local company that is interested in putting an internet access dish on an existing County tower in the Neeses area. It will allow the County to take advantage of the services to help improve the emergency service communications capabilities in the Neeses area.

Councilman Wimberly asked what kind of compensation would the County be getting for the company using the County's tower? Mr. Young stated they would be providing, at no charge, two business class packages the County can use in an area of their discretion to be able to provide additional services to enhance the County's emergency capabilities. Chairman Wright stated the contract is for four year, and the County can come back and renegotiate the contract if there are changes needed to be made in the future due to changing circumstances.

Motion by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to approve the NTInet Lease Antenna Structure Agreement between NTInet and Orangeburg County. Motion carried.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF QUOTE – LIFEPAK DEFIBRILLATOR AND ACCESSORIES – EMS DEPARTMENT

Chairman Wright requested Mr. Young brief Council. Mr. Young stated this is a standard piece of ambulance equipment that was damaged; one hundred per cent of the cost is covered through a Trauma Grant from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Chairman Wright indicted the grant is not costing the County anything, and asked for a motion. Motion by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens, to accept the quote of \$27,098.00. Motion carried.

Councilman Ravenell asked if the equipment goes on all EMS trucks, to which the Chairman responded in the affirmative; each ambulance has the equipment, but one ambulance required a replacement for a damaged piece of equipment.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF BID – C FUND ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS B AND C

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Young to brief Council. Mr. Young stated the County Transportation Committee put forth two Projects B and C out for bid. Project B included grading, drainage, base preparation, dressing shoulders for three unpaved roads, Pepsie Street, off of Slab Landing Road, Amber Road off of Bull Swamp Road, and Plumtree Road, which is also off Bull Swamp Road, totaling 2.51 miles, for a cost of \$296,065.50. Project C includes grading, drainage, base preparation, dressing of shoulders of four unpaved roads, St. Stephens Road, Indian Road, Kilbourne Avenue and Dukenfield Road, totaling 4.40 miles of road, for a cost of \$480,447.50.

The two projects were bid out and evaluated. The low bidder for both projects has been determined to be R&T Grading, Inc. Pelion, S.C. The full amount of funding for both projects is provided through C-Funds. The recommendation of the Project Engineer, Dennis Corporation on behalf of the County Transportation Committee, is being submitted to Council for their approval.

Motion by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston, to accept the bid recommended by the Orangeburg County Transportation Committee for C-Fund Construction of Project B in the amount of \$296,065.50 and Project C in the amount of \$480,447.50. Motion carried.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF BID – HVAC REPLACEMENT (HEALTH DEPARTMENT)

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Young to brief council. Mr. Young stated the Health Department Building is in need of replacements of four HVAC units. The bids were advertised locally through the T&D and the County's Website. Three local vendors were provided with copies of the solicitation package. Two responses were received, the first from Neeley Heating and Air, Denmark, S.C., in the amount of \$28,541.00, and the second from Lenaire Wolfe Company, Orangeburg, S.C. in the amount of \$37,843.00. Funds for the HVAC replacements are available in the Building Improvement account from the Capital Improvement Fund

Both bids were evaluated, and the local preference exemption requested by Lenaire Wolfe as a resident of the county and the state, did not come within the amount the ordinance requires the local vendor to reach to qualify for the exemption. The low bidder prevailed following the local vendor application. It is the recommendation to award the contract to Neeley Heating and Air, Denmark, S.C, in the amount of \$28,541.00.

Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston, to award the HVAC replacements for the Health Department building to Neeley Heating and Air, Denmark, S.C. in the amount of \$28,541.00. Motion carried.

8. REQUEST TO ABANDON MAINTENANCE – ARISTA ROAD (BOWMAN) – REFER TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chairman Wright stated requests for abandonment of roads are usually referred to the Public Works Committee before any action is taken by Council; he called for a motion to refer the request to the Public Works committee.

Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper to refer the Arista Road abandonment request to the Public Works Committee for study and review Motion carried.

Councilman Wimberly asked for clarity about the request, since Arista is a paved road and the part of Arista in question is a cut off from Arista Road. Councilman Ravenell stated those familiar with Bowman would know where Mt. Zion Baptist Church is located. The road actually is in the Church yard, a cut through road in the back of the Church. Mt. Zion is in the process of building a life center addition on Church property and the road is in the center of it. It is a no brainer that really does not need to go through the Committee, but it is a procedure that has to be followed.

Motion by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper, to refer the request to abandon maintenance on Arista Road to the Public Works Committee. Motion carried.

9. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

MS. LOVELL BROTHERS, ORANGEBURG COUNTY COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER NOMINEES – FOURTH QUARTER 2011 AND FIRST QUARTER 2012

Chairman Wright deferred to Ms. Lovell, who expressed appreciation to Council and County staff for the opportunity to introduce the newest Community of Character nominees, and honor them for being selected. Each honoree received their plaque and certificate from Chairman Wright and Vice Chairwoman Cooper. Honorees for 2011 were Bill Addison, Loyalty, October; Judy Farnum, Virtue, November; Sheriff Ravenell, Leadership, December. Honoree for January, 2012 was Joannie Simmons, Forgiveness. Group honorees for February, 2012, Honesty, were Clerk/Treasurer office, Bonnie Robinson, Brenda Sturkey, Rosalyn Dykes, Vickie Haynes and Brenda Sweatman.

Chairman Wright thanked Ms. Brothers for the continued positive efforts she and the Community of Character members are doing to highlight what is being done in the County by County employees. He stated good things are being done by good people in the County, through working as a team in improving relationships county-wide. The Community of Character initiative is a good thing, showcasing people who are doing their jobs in a committed and humble way. He thanked Ms. Lovell and County employees in the Community of Character Park for all the work they are doing in making the initiative a success.

10. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (2) LEGAL BRIEFINGS CONCERNING LEGAL CLAIMS

Motion by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens, to adjourn for an executive session to discuss (1) economic development and (2) receive a legal briefing concerning legal claims. Motion carried.

Prior to the adjournment, Councilman Owens introduced an instructor and his students from Orangeburg Wilkinson who were in attendance. Councilman Owens indicated he spoke earlier in the week to the students in a government class who said they were coming to the meeting. Following Councilman Owens' invitation, Mr. Greg Cranford, Economics and Government instructor, introduced himself and asked each student to introduce themselves. Following introductions by the students, messages on the importance of education were delivered by members of County Council.

11. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment made by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Wimberly. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman