

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 19, 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:

**Janie Cooper-Smith, Vice Chairman
Clyde B. Livingston
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold M. Young, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Angel Howell, Executive Assistant**

OTHERS ABSENT:

Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk to Council

In the absence of Chairman Wright, Councilwoman Cooper-Smith, Vice Chairman, presided over the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Janie Cooper-Smith, Vice Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Owens, to approve minutes of February 4, 2013 with corrections, if any. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NO COMMENTS

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OTHER MATTERS

Ms. Carter, Fox Run community, addressed Council about which district she lives in; a map shows she lives in one district and Voter Registration says she lives in another. County Administrator Young indicated he would get the matter taken care of.

Mr. Johnson, a resident of the Empire Estates neighborhood complained about the trash and debris in the area, and the fact that he is tired of sweeping it up. The ensuing discussion by Councilman Ravenell, Owens and Cooper-Smith, offered suggestions for constructive solutions to improve the environment of neighborhoods in Orangeburg County, and the responsibility of citizens to participate in the effort to keep Orangeburg County clean.

1. REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL RAVENELL – PITSIDE DRIVE, NORTH, S.C.

Chairman Ravenell stated the Public Works Committee had met earlier in the day with the property owners and those opposed to the request to abandon maintenance, and he believes the problem has been resolved. The matter is being carried over until the Public Works committee meets again.

2. PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT BID – FY 13-0116 BROADBAND PHASE 5 – TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOWMAN OUTSIDE PLANT PROJECT

County Administrator Young stated W. Metts Engineering, Co., Inc. is recommending awarding RUS 515 Contract to Kelsey Gunter Enterprises for the subject project; they are the lowest bidder. The contract would be \$140,786.48, to include labor and the cost of owner supplied material. He is in concurrence with the recommendation and is asking Council to award the bid to Kelsey Gunter in the amount of \$140,786.48.

Motion by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Ravenell to award the bid to Kelsey Gunter in the amount of \$140,786.48. Motion passed unanimously.

3. AN OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN OPTION AGREEMENT TO POTENTIALLY PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY

On a motion by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Owens, the official action was moved into an executive session for further discussion prior to any action being taken. Motion passed unanimously.

4. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – TMS 0270-00-07-027.000 (9238 CHARLESTON HIGHWAY

County Administrator Young stated the Planning Commission has approved a rezoning request by Louis Rivers to have his property rezoned from FA (Forest and Agriculture) District to CG (Commercial General) District. As a new property owner, he opened a biker club at the location. He was unaware Orangeburg County had a zoning ordinance which did not permit fraternal organizations in the area. He has gone through the appropriate County permitting procedures, and the Planning Commission is supporting the rezoning request.

Additionally, Councilman Ravenell stated he had revisited the area and talked with those living in the area who had opposed the request. They are okay now, and not opposed to the rezoning request.

Motion to approve rezoning request made by Councilman Ravenell, seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion passed unanimously.

5. PERSONAL APPEARANCES – MS. LOVELL BROTHERS, ORANGEBURG COUNTY COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER PRESENTATION FOURTH QUARTER NOMINEES

Ms. Brothers presented Fourth Quarter Community of Character nominees, and outlined the activities carried out by the Community of Character Pack on behalf of Orangeburg County. The Fourth Quarter nominees receiving certificates and medallions were Sandra Jordan, DeAnquan Goodwin, Jamie Abraham, Louise Booker, Uanissa Rickenbacker, Saniqua Jackson, Alex Woods, Robyn Saunders, Taquilla Downing, Machel Jackson, Leshia Hanberry, Elaine Alexander, and Naseema Moore.

Council was introduced to Christina Thomas who will replace Don Tribble, former Executive Director, Community of Character Initiative.

Motion by Councilman Owens, seconded by Councilman Ravenell to adjourn for an executive session to receive an economic development update and an updated legal briefing. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion adjourned.

Motion by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston, to vote for adjournment. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk

Janie Cooper-Smith, Vice Chairman