



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
October 17, 2016
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.
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Janie Cooper-Smith
Clyde B. Livingston**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold Young, County Administrator
Jerrod Anderson, County Attorney
Connie N. Portee, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman

On the 17th day of October 2016, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:37 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 3, 2016 (RS)

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes. Councilman Johnny Ravenell motioned that the minutes of the sessions of the Orangeburg County Council on the above dates be approved as written. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

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OTHER MATTERS

NONE

1. RESOLUTION HONORING RONALD LOFTS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM ORANGEBURG COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety. Chairman Wright asked for a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Willie Owens made a motion and Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0-0).

2. ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY REGARDING TMS# 0171-00-07-004.000, A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY UPON WHICH A RAIL SPUR IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised, this is a spur that is needed for a company to locate within Orangeburg County for the industrial purposes and I will yield to the attorney for economic development for additional information.

Attorney Jerrod Anderson advised this spur was a part of the agreement when it came to the fee agreement that was previously approve by Council, what we are seeking here is authority from Santee Cooper to encroach across their utility easement in order to lay that spur down from the main line to the prospect's property line.

Chairman Wright asked, the Council if they had any questions?

Chairman Wright open the floor for public hearing questions. There were none.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass third reading on this ordinance. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly. Motion carried. (5-0-0).

3. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

A ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY") AND A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT PRINCE, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (THE "COMPANY"), PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT THE BENEFIT OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary. Administrator Young advised this is in relations to Project Prince which they are looking to locate within

Orangeburg County. The special source revenue credit is a part of the State our property tax incentive that can be given to businesses and the industries. They are looking to make an investment of, \$2.3 million (\$2,300,000,00) in land and building and they have a minimum special source revenue credit, by law they have to do a minimum of ten (10) jobs but the approximate of capital investment would be \$2.3 million (\$2,300,000,00).

Chairman Wright asked, the Council if they had any questions?

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass first reading by title only. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie B. Owens. Motion carried. (5-0-0).

4. PRESENTATION BY THE COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER PACK

Chairman Wright yielded to Ms. Lovell Brothers, Chairman of the Community of Character Pack. Ms. Brother advised that on behalf of the Community of Character Pack we are here to present to Council the winners of our Character trait for the second and third quarter of 2016, however before we announce those winners we must go back and recognize one of our third quarter winners for 2015. Ms. Brothers asked Chairman Wright to come to the front to present the certificates and medallions to the winners.

Community of Character –Character Employee Certificates:

- A) August 2015 – Responsibility - Letoya Singleton, Tax Assessor’s Office
- B) April 2016 – Creativity – Charlene Brown, Planning
- C) May 2016 – Patience – Birdie Taylor, GIS Department
- D) June 2016 – Sincerity – Martin Ryant, Detention Center
- E) July 2016 – Determination- No Nominee
- F) August 2016 – Shy Jacques – Cooperation – Treasurer Department
- G) September 2016 – Loxie Rael – Respect – Probate

Ms. Brothers thanked Council for allowing the Community of Character Pack to present and wanted to report that since 2013 we’ve had six (6) County employees that were nominated for the County Wide and received it, in 2014 we had three (3), in 2015 we had four (4), and in 2016 we’ve had two (2). The total from the time we began, will be almost ten (10) years we’ve had approximately about twenty-five (25) to twenty-eight (28) employees that have received the County Wide and I think that is wonderful and I want to thank the County for employing such good employees.

Chairman Wright congratulated all the winners and thanked the Community of Character PACK for all their hard work and effort.

5. UPDATE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chairman Wright yielded to Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised the committee met at 4:00 p.m. and we discussed the disaster recovery update but yielded to Administrator Young to give a brief summary of what we discussed.

Administrator Young advised he wanted to give credit to all the staff and employees that worked through the disaster and through the storm in the ES (Emergency Services) the EOC (Emergency Operations Center), the ones that volunteered, my faithful servants down in dispatch who regardless of what happens they are there. To the detention center employees who had to stay through out the storm, to the sheriff department who worked throughout and everybody else. A lot of times the citizens don't see this work because it's during a time of disaster but I am proud to say that Orangeburg County came through and had a plan, we had a good plan and we stuck with it and I appreciate all the employees that went over and beyond during that disaster as well as the volunteer fire fighters who thought it not robbery to be out there as volunteers during the height of the storm clearing and some other private citizens who did the same thing. I was proud of our County because we came together, as a part of the disaster and how we get through it, we had the initial phrase of the disaster of the storm the next morning we went out and saw all of the damage and we moved forward. Definitely have to commend Public Works for being a part of that major component of getting us back to the place we need to be. Mr. Billy Staley our Director of Emergency Services has been working with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) as well as Mr. Henry Summers, Mr. Lloyd and myself. So we've come up with a plan and the first component of disaster recovery under FEMA is to document damage and submit that through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) through the State, then the State submits that to the Federal Government for a State wide declaration. South Carolina has been declared as a Federal disaster State so from that component on, it's up to the Governor and the FEMA officials to come up with a designation for each County, you may have seen that thirteen (13) County were listed in the first declaration but there are more to come, Orangeburg County has been approved for individual assistance first, we are also seeking public assistance. Under the individual assistance is where we had, just like with the flood the disaster recovery teams from FEMA set up DRC's (Disaster Recovery Centers) at locations where individuals were are to go there and talk to them about their individual disaster situations. We have been approved for Individual Assistance and hopefully by Wednesday we will have a DRC (Disaster Recovery Center) at the YMCA, Orangeburg County Building in Holly Hill and possibly on in the future in Eutawville. Those are the areas of the County we felt like, the FEMA officials felt like disaster was enough to warrant a DRC (Disaster Recovery Center) in those locations to cover those areas of the County. Right now we have been looking at the approximate cost of the storm documented through FEMA eight million (\$8,000,000) and it could go up to an additional 1.6 million in debris, from that point on the County Council has worked with us on our plans for disaster recovery for as debris removal but it also depends on us being approved for Public Assistance so in the meantime we're going to still move forward with our disaster recovery plans, once we get public assistance then we will notify the press and County Council will give us different directives far as what to do with Public Assistance as for as debris but for right now the County Orangeburg is approved for Individual Assistance so on Wednesday a DRC (Disaster Recovery Center) will open up at the YMCA, Orangeburg County Building in Holly Hill, and if necessary one more in Eutawville. The Western end of the County did not suffer as much damaged for FEMA to warrant a DRC (Disaster Recovery Center) in that end of the

County, so those will be the only two locations. We are pushing forward to work with individuals, the County is only responsible for County maintain roads so if you live on a road make sure that you know if it's a County maintain road or a State maintain road. There were some roads that were blowed out or washed out and Public Works is working diligently as we speak to fix those roads and will continue to do so until we are made hold for as our roads infrastructure. That is what we have so far and when we receive Public Assistance which we are assure that we should get it, we will give different directives as far as the debris and what to do with it based upon the County plans.

Councilman Johnny Ravenell thanked Administrator Young for the detailed update. Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised we know it's going to be a time frame to try to get everything done that the disaster has caused but our recommendation coming from the Public Works Committee is that our Public Works crew continue to clean up as they are and FEMA has a timeline, so we will need to work within that timeline. So we are going to ask our Public Works department to continue and hopefully we will be reimburse once will get all of the cleanup done. This is the recommendation from the Public Works Committee.

Ms. Lovell Brothers asked, is The County going to be responsible for trees and debris that has fallen in other people's yards?

Chairman Wright advised no ma'am. That's on the individual.

Administrator Young advised, that FEMA will work with you at the DRC (Disaster Recovery Center) but the trees that they are concern with are the ones that have fallen on houses, so if you just had a tree that just fell in your yard that's not one FEMA will be reimbursing for.

Administrator Young yielded to Billy Staley Director of Emergency Services.

Billy Staley advised for clarity any person who has damaged to their home is eligible to go to FEMA and apply for assistance. At one of the DRC (Disaster Recovery Centers), online, or you can call in by phone and set that up. FEMA does not do anything for trees that has fallen on private property and so those are the responsibilities of the home owner or property owner. They are only going to look at property and structures that has been damaged.

Chairman Wright advised there is a question about what roads are County roads, City roads or State roads. Chairman Wright asked Henry Summers if he could explain to the citizens how they would know the difference.

Henry Summers advised normally the DOT (Department Of Transportation) will have signs up that says SC38 a little black sign that's on a road and usually about 95% of the roads owned by the DOT (Department Of Transportation) that's how they track their roads by number. The County track their road by an OC number so it's going to be a lot easier to tell a State Road from a County Road by the numbers.

Councilman Willie B. Owens advised so at a stop sign on the road there is a number and if it starts with a SC38 it's a State Road and if it's start with an OC it's a County Road.

Henry Summers advised the County tracks their roads by name and State tracks their roads by number.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised that the majority of the dirt roads in the County are County roads not all of them but the majority of them are County own unless it's a private road.

6. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright read the items for executive session and entertained a motion. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. Councilman Willie B. Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0-0).

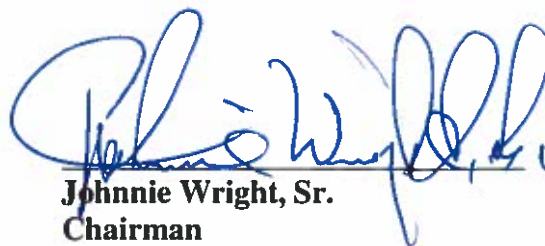
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Economic development update.

8. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of October 17, 2016 stand adjourned. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0-0).

9. ADJOURNMENT



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman
Orangeburg County Council



Conroy N. Bortel
Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council