



MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
September 4, 2018
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
4:00 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:

Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly
Heyward Livingston
Janie Cooper-Smith
Ray W. Sabalis
Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Willie Owens

OTHERS PRESENT:

Connie Portee, Clerk to Council
Henry Summers, Public Works Supervisor
Kenneth Anderson, Maintenance Supervisor
Herman Brightman, Landfill Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Johnny Ravenell, Chairman

Chairman Johnny Ravenell called to order a special session of the Orangeburg County Public Works Committee on September 4, 2018 at 4:04 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JUNE 4, 2018

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked for a motion on the minutes. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the minutes of the sessions of the Orangeburg County Council on the above dates be approved as written. Councilman Harry Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. (3-0-0).

1. Irrigation Systems Impacting Roads

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised the committee of the agenda items.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell yielded to Henry Summers to give the committee an update. Henry Summers advised there had not been any change from the end gun from the irrigation system impacting the roads. It had been posted in the Times and Democrat but in certain areas there has not been any change to the end run it is still running water on the road washing the road out.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised in the previous meeting the Committee would give the farms the opportunity to try and correct the problem with the end guns.

Henry Summers asked if the committee had instructed the attorney to send a letter to the farms.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised according to the minutes the committee had discussed it.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised the committee was going to send a letter advising the farms to cease from operations on crossing the road but he received complaints from some farms that they were already in the farming season and if they turn the water off now it would mess them up. He spoke with the County Administrator and they let them know by the County notifying them the County is being relieved of all liabilities but the letter did not go out yet.

After some discussion of the irrigation systems impacting the roads, Councilman Wimberly motioned that the Public Works Department identify the ones that are in violation of what the committee has already set forth for the end guns and pivot crossing the road and then authorize the Administrator to send them a letter to make corrected actions and to have the County Attorney research as to how it is applied to the current ordinance the County has already in place. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (3-0-0-0).

2. E-Waste at Landfill

Chairman Johnny Ravenell yielded to Mr. Henry Summers to give a summary on E-Waste at the Landfill. Henry Summers yielded to Herman Brightman, Landfill Supervisor. Herman Brightman advised the committee what e-waste was computers, printers, and televisions. Before 2010 citizens could bring their e-waste to the landfill and bury it. In 2010 the Legislation stated you had to recycle e-waste and it causes a problem for the landfill. Well because of the United States impose a .25 cent tariff on things coming into the US from China. Then China turns around and impose a .25 cent tariff on anything coming into China. The issue is no one wants this material and because no one wants it the State of South Carolina states the County has to recycle it but why recycle something nobody wants. Nobody buys a big television with a big CRT screen the ones with the wooded boxes because those things have a lot of lead in them because Orangeburg County has to pay every month to get rid of that material from .25 cents to .50 cents a pound and the average floor model television is about 60 to 80 pounds. There are a one hundred seventeen thousand (117000) of CRT's at the Landfill right now because no one wants it but he have pay to get rid of it and it is not coming from the residents. Herman suggested to pull the six (6) e-waste bins back from the

convenience sites and allow the e-waste to come directly to the landfill so they would be able to better identify them because he has gone to the convenience sites and have seen eighty (80) computers in one bin and these computers have to be coming from a commercial business.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked the cost to dispose of the e-waste.

Herman Brightman advised .24 cents.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked could the County charge the consumer that amount.

Herman Brightman advised from the residents no but for commercial the County can charge for commercial and this is why they do not bring them into the landfill.

Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith asked how would they be able to identify what is and what isn't.

Herman Brightman advised no one has forty (40) computers at their house that looks exactly alike. He does not have to reject anyone he could just charge the person on site but at the collection sites the County get stuck and he cannot regulate it.

After some discussion about the e-waste issue the Public Works Committee came up with a Committee and those members are Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith since she is currently working with Litter Control, Henry Summers and Herman Brightman, this Committee will come up with a recommendation on how to handle the e-waste and bring it back to the Public Works Committee. No action was taken.

3. Loggers Coming Into County Damaging Dirt Roads

Chairman Johnny Ravenell yielded to Mr. Henry Summers to give a summary on loggers coming into the County damaging County dirt roads. Henry Summers advised it was a logging company out of Walterboro that comes into the County and logs and leaves but tear up the County dirt road and they leave. Is there any way for Public Works to know all of the local loggers in the County and there are a lot of Loggers who come into the County and do a great amount of logging. They tear up the County road and until the citizens cannot even travel the road.

Councilman Wimberly advised to first check and see if the logger has a business license to operate logging in Orangeburg County.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked Marion Lloyd about the business license process for Loggers.

Marion Lloyd advised the Business License department would have that information on Truck Loggers having business license to operate within the County.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised the property owner that selling the timber has to be a resident of Orangeburg County.

Councilman Wimberly advised the property owner does not have to have a business license, the logger has to have a business license.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised that property owner needs to make sure that logger has a business license.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised he did not where it is the property owner's responsibility to make sure the logger has a business license.

Kenneth Anderson asked if he come in contact with a logger and ask them for a business permit if the logger does not have it what happens next.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised do not the logger for his business permit ask the logger does he have a business permit and if not contact Henry Summers.

Deputy Administrator Marion Lloyd advised the County have people already in place to handle the business license issues just contact their office and they will handle it. We can get to the individuals in the business department and come up with a recommendation on how to move forward with this.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised Deputy Administrator to come back to the Public Works Committee with a recommendation within two weeks. No action was taken.

4. Vote For Adjournment

Chairman Ravenell asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that Orangeburg County Council Public Works Committee of September 4, 2018, be adjourned. Councilman Harry Wimberly second the motion. Motion carried (3-0-0).

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.



**Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council**



**Johnny Ravenell
Chairman
Public Works Committee**