



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
December 17, 2018
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.
Janie Cooper-Smith
Ray W. Sabalis
Willie B. Owens
Heyward H. Livingston
Harry Wimberly
Johnny Ravenell**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold Young, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Connie N. Portee, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman

On the 17th day of December 2018, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 03, 2018 (RS)

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes of the Orangeburg County Council meeting on the above date be approved as written. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion to amend the December 3, 2018 agenda and minutes to reflect the ordinance-Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement By And Between Orangeburg County, South Carolina And Project Mohawk To Provide For Payment Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes; Authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits; And Other Related Matters, was before the Council for First Reading, not Second Reading and the approval of the ordinance granted by Council was for First Reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: OTHER MATTERS NONE

County Council Chairman Wright closed public comments of other matters at 5:40 p.m. and went into the regular agenda.

PRESENTATION

Presentation from the Orangeburg County Community of Character PACK

Chairman Wright yielded to Lovell Brothers, Chairperson of the Community of Character Pack. The Community of Character Pack presented awards for the first quarter, second quarter, and third quarter of 2018 Stuart Galloway from the GIS Office in the month of March for the character trait Perseverance, Judge Pandora Jones-Glover from the Probate office in the month of May for the character trait of Self-Control. Richard Hall from the Planning office in the month of June for the character trait of Prudence and Cahishe Snell from Purchasing in the month of July for the character trait of Fidelity.

Chairman Wright congratulated all the winners and thanked the Community of Character PACK.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ordinance Third Reading

- 1. An Ordinance to Adopt the 2018 Orangeburg County Comprehensive Plan**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ray Sabalis. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

- 2. An Ordinance Establishing the Orangeburg County Human Relations Council**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

- 3. An Ordinance Authorizing Amendment of the Orangeburg County Fire Ordinance Regarding Fire Service Director; and Other Matters Relevant Thereto.**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

- 4. An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of An Amended And Restated Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By And Between Orangeburg County, South Carolina And Dempsey Wood Products, Inc., As Sponsor, And One Or More Sponsor Affiliates To Provide For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive And Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; And Other Related Matters**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

Ordinance Second Reading

- 5. Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement By And Between Orangeburg County, South Carolina And Project Mohawk To Provide For Payment Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes; Authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits; And Other Related Matters**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ray Sabalis. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

- 6. To change the Zoning Designation of the Following Parcel:TMS#0286-14-02-013.000, 7018 Old Number Six Hwy, Elloree, Susan A. Strock From FA to CG**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

- 7. An Ordinance Adopting the "Bailey Bill" Providing for Special Property Tax Assessment for Rehabilitated Historic Properties; and Other Related Matters**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion to carry agenda item forward. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly. Motion carried, to carry agenda item forward. (7-0-0)

- 8. An Ordinance to Authorize a Property Tax Credit for the Installation of Fire Sprinkler Systems in Commercial Residential Assisted Living Structures When Such Installation is not required by Law**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

- 9. Resolution Authorizing Revision of Employee Handbook**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ray Sabalis. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

- 10. A Resolution Identifying A Project To Satisfy The Requirements Of Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The South Carolina Code, So As To Allow Investment Expenditures Incurred By A Company Known To The County As Project Windsor To Qualify As Expenditures Eligible For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Arrangement With Orangeburg County, South Carolina; And Other Matters Related Thereto**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

OFFICIAL ACTION

11. An Official Action Of The Orangeburg County Council Authorizing Orangeburg County To Secure An Option To Purchase Real Property Located In Orangeburg County With TMS#0184-00-01-040

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the official action. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

PROCUREMENT

a. FY18-1108 - North Branch Library Ordinance

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the recommendation for FY18-1108 under procurement. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

APPOINTMENT - BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES

Re-Appointment to the Orangeburg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board for District #6

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis made the motion to reappoint Arden Weathers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

Appointment to the Orangeburg County Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees

Council made the following appointments to the Orangeburg County Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees with staggered terms and members will serve no more than 2 terms.

- District #1 Gloria M. James
- District #2 Melvin Seabrook
- District #3 Gladys Arends
- District #4 Sonya Kay Ehrhardt
- District #5 Caesar R. Richburg
- District #6 Rocco D. Cassone
- District #7 William H. Wilson

Appointment to the Orangeburg County Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees (At Large Seats) three (3) out of five (5) At Large members will have two (2) year terms and the other two (2) will have a four (4) year terms. All terms will began January 2019.

- Dion L. Franga-At-Large
- Betty A. Henderson-At Large
- James L. Myers-At Large
- Mohammad S. Nassri-At Large
- John A. Shuler-At Large

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the recommended appointments. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was second by Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. The Motion Carried. (7-0-0)

Appointment to the Orangeburg County Library Board of Trustees for District #4

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion to appoint Julie Toole. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

Appointment to the Orangeburg County Development Commission for District #6

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis made the motion to appoint Margaret Frierson. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

Appointment to the Orangeburg County Fire Commission for District #5

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion to appoint Allen Holman, Sr., The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

Appointment to the Orangeburg County Human Relations Council for District #3

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion to appoint Rewa C. Stack. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ray Sabalis made the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

Appointment to the Orangeburg County Human Relations Council for District #5

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion to appoint Loretta Green. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

Appointment to The Orangeburg County Human Relations Council for District #6

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis made the motion to appoint Sandra Burgess Glover. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

Appointment to The Orangeburg County Planning Commission for District #5

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion to carry the agenda item forward.

Appointment to The Orangeburg County Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee for District #6

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis made the motion to appoint David Coleman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

UPDATES

Public Works Committee

Chairman Wright yielded to the Public Works Committee Chairperson Councilman Johnny Ravenell to give an update. Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised the Public Works Committee had two items on the agenda. The first items discussed was the relocation of Bruce Drive in Rowesville. The committee made the motion to relocated Bruce Drive after the road has been brought up to County specs the road will be turn back over to the County.

Chairman Wright ask for a motion to accept the recommendation coming from the Public Works Committee. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

Public Works Committee Chairperson Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised the committee also had a lengthy discussion about a Bridge located at 4123 Charleston Hwy. The committee made the recommendation to research the Bridge to see if it needs to be repaired, if it is repairable they will move forward with the repairs.

Chairman Wright ask for a motion to accept the recommendation coming from the Public Works Committee. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Councilman Harry Wimberly second the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright read the item for executive session and entertained a motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1) Economic Development Update

S.C. Code §30-4-70(A)(5) (Discussion Of Matters Relating To The Proposed Location, Expansion, Or The Provision Of Services Encouraging Location Or Expansion Of Industries Or Other Businesses In The Area Served By The Public Body)

- a. Project CCR**
- b. Project Windsor**
- c. Project Omega**
- c. Project Autonomy**
- d. Project Compound**

Product Development

- e. Gue/Gressette Tract**
- f. Orangeburg County Power Site**

2) Update on Salary & Wages Compensation Study

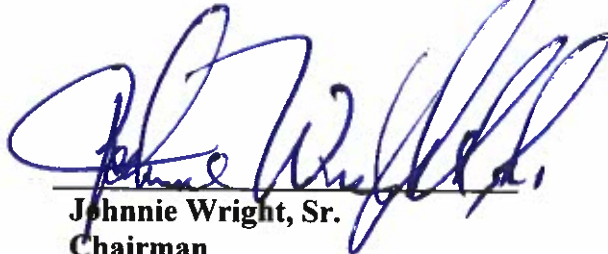
S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1) (Discussion Of Employment, Appointment, Compensation, Promotion, Demotion, Discipline, Or Release Of An Employee, A Student, Or A Person Regulated By A Public Body)

VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

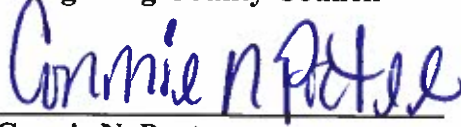
Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of December 17, 2018 stand adjourned. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



**Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman
Orangeburg County Council**



**Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council**