



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
January 7, 2019
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
Deloris Frazier
Heyward H. Livingston
Harry Wimberly
Johnny Ravenell**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LATE ARRIVALS:

Willie B. Owens (6:48 pm)

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Harold M. Young, County Administrator

MOMENT OF SILENCE

On the 7th day of January 2019, Administrator Young called to order the regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:35 p.m.

**Administration of Oath of Office for Orangeburg County Council Members
Orangeburg County Council Districts #1, #6, #7**

Judge Derrick Dash swore in Johnnie Wright, Sr., and Deloris Frazier as County Council Members for Orangeburg County Council Districts #1 and #6 respectively. Councilman Willie Owens was sworn in later during the meeting around 6:50 p.m.

Election of Chairman of County Council

Councilman Harry Wimberly nominated Councilman Johnnie Wright as Chairman of County Council, seconded by Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Motion Carried. 6-0-0.

Election of Vice Chair of County Council

Councilman Heyward Livingston nominated Councilman Harry Wimberly as Vice Chairman of County Council, seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion Carried. 3-3-0. The three votes include Councilman Wimberly, Councilman Livingston and Councilman Johnny Ravenell.

Councilwoman Deloris Frazier nominated Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith as Vice Chair of County Council, seconded by Councilman Johnnie Wright. Motion Carried 3-3-0. The three votes include Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith, Councilwoman Deloris Frazier, and Chairman Johnnie Wright.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised according to the ordinance in the event of a tie the Chairman does not vote.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised she would like to move the election for Vice-Chair forward until the end of the agenda in order to give Councilman Willie Owens time to attend the meeting.

Chairman Wright advised he would move forward with the agenda in order to give time for Councilman Owens to join the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 17, 2018 (SS)
December 17, 2018 (RS)
December 28, 2018 (SS)

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: OTHER MATTERS

Earline T. Thompson came before Council to express her concerns about litter in Orangeburg County.

Cassandra Cleckley came before Council to express her concerns for litter off of Belleville Road.

William Green came before Council to express concerns for a rooster that crows and his mother is not able to get any rest.

Gloria Rickenbacker Hutto came before Council to express her concerns for neighbor's roosters keeping her awake at night.

Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith came before Council to give the 2018 Report for Litter Pick Up and Cases.

County Council Chairman Wright closed public comments of other matters at 5:58 p.m. and went into the regular agenda.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- 1. Resolution Honoring Councilwoman Ray W. Sabalis**

Chairman Wright yielded to Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith to read the resolution for Councilwoman Ray W. Sabalis in its entirety.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

Ordinance Third Reading & Public Hearing

2. An Ordinance Amendment of the Animal Control Ordinance

Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety.

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

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith carried. (6-0-0).

Ordinance Third Reading

3. An Ordinance to Authorize A Property Tax Credit For The Installation of Fire Sprinkler Systems In Commercial Residential Living Structures When Such Installation Is Not Required by Law

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 Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

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

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 Harry Wimberly. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

Ordinance Second Reading & Public Hearing

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

Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety.

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

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass second reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward. Motion carried. (5-1-0) Councilman Harry Wimberly opposed.

Ordinance First Reading

6. An Ordinance Amending the Orangeburg County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to Add a Section Regarding "Reasonably Safe From Flooding"

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for first reading. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Wimberly. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

APPOINTMENT - BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES

Appointment to the Orangeburg County Fire Commission for District #7

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion to appoint Ken Davis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell 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 three items on the agenda. The first items discussed was the discontinuing maintenance of ditches on Bethel Forest Road and Garland Road. The committee made the motion to carry this agenda item forward. The second item on the agenda was loggers damaging Orangeburg County roads the recommendation coming from the Public Works committee is to have a letter given to the loggers of the assessment of the damage in order to fix the County roads and the committee is asking that the letter be drafted by County Council.

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. (6-0-0)

Public Works Committee Chairperson Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised the last agenda item discussed was about a onetime fix on County Roads which may not be County maintain roads but these roads are used by Orangeburg County EMS and the Sheriff Department. The committee made the recommendation to have a onetime fix on these roads and to have a letter be given that will explain the onetime fix.

Chairman Wright ask for a motion to accept the recommendation coming from the Public Works Committee for a onetime fix. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith advised Chairman Wright before entertaining a motion to go into Executive Session she would like to congratulate Councilman Harry Wimberly for having won the Vice-Chair. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith yield her vote to Councilman Wimberly because Councilman Willie B. Owens was not present and she advised Councilman Wimberly "we will agree to disagree from time to time but there is no love loss".

Chairman Wright thanked Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith and congratulated Councilman Wimberly. Chairman Wright entertained a motion to elected Councilman Wimberly as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried (3-2-0)

Councilman Wimberly advised being elected as Vice-Chair he would like to make a motion that the Vice-Chair has a two year term and Council would elected a new Vice-Chair every two years. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright read the item for executive session and entertained a motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) Contractual Matters - Orangeburg Broadband
Legal Basis - FOIA Exemption S.C. Code 30-4 70(A)(2)
(Discussion Of Negotiations Incident To Proposed Contractual Agreement)

After the motion for Executive Session, Councilman Willie Owens came into the meeting at 6:48 p.m. and ask for a point of privileged.

Chairman Wright granted the point of privileged in order for Councilman Willie Owens to make the appointment to Council District #7.

The County Administrator advised Councilman Willie Owens he would need to be sworn in before meeting an appointment.

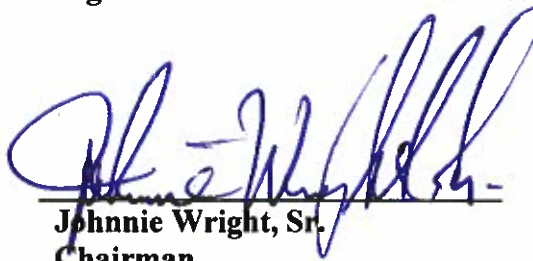
Judge Derrick Dash swore in Willie Owens as County Council Members for Orangeburg County Council Districts #7.

VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

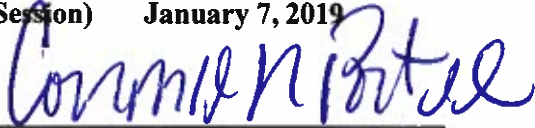
Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilman Johnny Ravenell motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of January 7, 2019 stand adjourned. Councilman Heyward Livingston the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman
Orangeburg County Council



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council