



MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
April 17, 2017
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
4:30 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:

Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly
Heyward H. Livingston
Janie Cooper-Smith
Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Willie B. Owens

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Henry Summers, Public Works Director
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Connie Portee, Clerk to Council

CALL TO ORDER

Johnny Ravenell, Chairman

Chairman Johnny Ravenell called to order a special session of the Orangeburg County Public Works Committee on April 17, 2017 at 4:37 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 3, 2017

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked for a motion on the minutes. Councilman Harry Wimberly 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. (3-0-0).

1. UPDATE ON REROUTING LOG CABIN ROAD

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised the committee of the agenda items.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell yielded to Mr. Henry Summers for an update on the rerouting of log cabin road. Henry Summers advised the County has put up two 15 mph speed limits and curve signs on last Monday that would be shown in both directions and Public Works is working on putting a stone base down which would be a mixer of gravel and asphalt on the road.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked Mr. Summers about the rerouting part of the road?

Mr. Summers advised the rerouting part is finished and he did not see anything else that needed to be done. There is no reason to do anything about drainage ditch that the contractor put there because on any State road there no signs that go up about a ditch ahead.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell ask Mr. Summers from the Public Works side the rerouting of the road is completed?

Mr. Summers advised yes it was completed.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked the Public Works Committee if they had any questions.

There were no question from the committee.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell if any other Council member had any questions.

Councilman Willie Owens asked, how long was the road?

Mr. Summers advised the part that was rerouted is about 800ft. but the entire road maybe about two (2) miles long.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked, the local citizens if they had any questions.

Mrs. Patricia Pardue thanked the Public Works Committee because she did see the signs were up and it looked nice.

Mr. Bruce Wiles advised he think the road is still too close to the canal, when you coming from the I-26 side. If two cars meet the canal is only about five feet away from a vehicle, he feels it needs to be a little wider there.

Mr. Wiles asked, are they going to leave the barriers up?

Mr. Summers advised no the barriers would not stay up.

Mr. Wiles asked, what's going to keep someone from running over into that area?

Mr. Summers advised if a car is driving 15mph on the road because that is what the speed limit is, there is no reason for anyone to be over there.

Councilman Wimberly, how wide was the road bed?

Mr. Summers advised about twenty-five feet.

Councilman Wimberly advised two car could pass on that road.

Mr. Wiles asked why are you going to rock this road and you never rock any of the other ones?

Mr. Summers advised because of the amount of traffic going to be on the road.

Mr. Wiles asked, are we the citizens paying for this or is Yonder Field paying for it?

Mr. Summers advised it would be the citizens with Yonder Filed.

Mr. Wiles advised he did not think that was right, if she is the one producing the traffic she should be the one paying to gravel the road.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised Mr. Wiles his point was taken and Council will address it, he was not making any promises but Council will address it.

Councilman Willie Owens advised the County has Wal-Mart, K-Mart, and other rental industry come that brings traffic we pay for it out of the taxes they pay for to the County and we expect the same thing out of this industry.

Pam McArthur stated but she is not industry.

Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith advised but she pays taxes and she will pay taxes.

Councilman Willie Owens advised she will bring traffic that will buy gasoline, who will buy from our stores, pay for hotels and restaurants it's the same thing.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised that Council will address the issue and come up with a definite have an answer for you.

2. DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CONVENIENCE SITES

Henry Summers yielded to Herman Brightman the Landfill and Convenience site supervisor.

Herman Brightman Solid Waste Manager advised the committee every year there is a meeting with all the attendants together to hear their concerns in reference to the site and they met on April 5th, from that discussion they wrote down six (6) as recommendations to the give to the Public Works Committee for them to consider. 1.) Allow all trailers over 10' to dispose of the waste at the landfill 2.) Bring all of the white goods to the landfill 3.) Do random inspection at the convenience site to ensure businesses do not dispose of waste at the connection centers 4.) Allow only one trip to the collection centers a day and as many as they want to the landfill 5.) Bring all e-waste to the landfill and 6.) Extend landfill hours on Saturday. The Landfill is currently open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Mr. Brightman didn't think it was not enough time. Once two (2) of these trailers that are sixteen to twenty feet long come to the convenience site those bins will fill up quickly.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked Mr. Brightman what would be his recommendation?

Herman Brightman advised his recommendation would be if a truck comes with material with a trailer on the back he needs to bring it to the landfill and they would not be charged for it unless you are a business. Some businesses are taking advantage of the convenience sites, they are coming with a 16ft trailer with ten (10) roll off carts. When this is happening every day it's not coming from that individual's residence they are running a business.

Henry Summers advised in the meeting he asked the question about how they could stop the convenience sites around the County from getting full so quickly. The feedback was trash comes from Bamberg County and Calhoun County and simply adding another bin would not fix the problem. Herman had a picture of a sign from Berkeley County that showed trailers longer than 10' must use the landfill.

Vice-Chair Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked Herman Brightman, would it do any good if there was a sign up?

Herman Brightman advised there are signs up but there are no rules or no ordinance that states any individuals cannot bring these trailers to the convenience sites, so he is asking the committee to come up with some guidelines.

Councilman Wimberly advised we are dealing with a two edge sword, if the County don't take it at the convenience sites and somebody is in Branchville or Eutawville it's not going to get to Orangeburg it's going to get dump long the road somewhere and if we going to try to clean up Orangeburg the convenience sites are the places to start. The County got to take it. He agreed with you someone coming to the convenience site with (10) roll-ons the back of a trailer they need to take it to the landfill because that's not one house whole that is a pick-up service.

Henry Summers asked, Councilman Wimberly about the people who are coming from Bamberg County into Orangeburg County to dump?

Councilman Wimberly advised if they pay taxes on property Orangeburg County but live in Bamberg County they can dump.

Henry Summers advised the attendant has no way of verifying if they did have property in Orangeburg County.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised that he agreed that a trailer coming in with ten (10) roll offs should be stop because there is no way a person would have that much in their house.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised the information given was a lot to process with thirty (30) minutes and he proposed that the committee take the information given and study it along with Henry Summers and Herman Brightman to come up with some type of compromise.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised that the committee should come together as a whole with County Council.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised the Clerk to Council to let the other Council members know the Public Works Committee requesting to have another committee as a whole and Chairman Wright will preside over that meeting.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised this was an informational meeting and no action needed to be taken.

3. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ravenell asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Harry Wimberly motioned that Orangeburg County Council Public Works Committee of April 17, 2017, be adjourned. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. Motion carried (3-0-0).

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council



Johnny Ravenell
Chairman
Public Works Committee