



MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
May 1, 2017
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 H. Livingston
Janie Cooper-Smith
Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Willie B. Owens

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

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 May 1, 2017 at 4:12 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 17, 2017

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. MAJOR EVENTS APPLICATION

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised the committee of the agenda items.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell yielded to Richard Hall. Richard Hall advised the committee nothing had changed with the precious document. Councilman Wimberly made comment about needing to apply it to indoor and outdoor events. We received comments back from Yonder Field and their attorney on the review of the ordinance. It has also gone to Mrs. Jeffries. Richard Hall gave a detail review of the special event permits outline. This document is the legal requirements that a permit be applied for and the noise ordinance would work in conjunction to this document.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked how would, the citizens know if they would need to obtain a special event permit.

Richard Hall advised this process would be like other ordinances, there would be public hearings, publicize and notices. It would be a standalone ordinance, it would not be a planning or zoning ordinance so it would not go through the planning commission but it would come before Council for public hearing and three (3) readings. We don't see but a hand full of events needing this ordinance.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised an event such as Yonder Field, what the County is trying to do is put something in place on the front end so any event would have to come through the County to obtain permits.

Richard Hall advised yes any event of that sizes, however with Yonder Field that type of venue was a permitted use, so they had the right to do it all the time. No one would have anticipated a 30,000 outdoor concert, so our ordinance did not address anything like that so the best way to address it is through a permitting process. That is why the County is working on a Special Event permit.

Councilman Heyward Livingston asked if it is under five hundred (500) people, no one would need a special event permit.

Richard Hall advised no sir, no one would need it under this ordinance.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised that the number should be increase to a thousand (1,000) people instead of five hundred (500) people.

Councilman Wimberly asked this wouldn't apply inside the city limits.

Richard Hall advised no it would not apply in the city limits. It would only apply in the County, outside of the city limit.

2. EMERGENCY SERVICES PLAN

Chairman Johnny Ravenell yielded to Billy Staley. Billy Staley gave a detailed summary of a 2017 Yonder Field draft of the Public Safety Operations Plan. He advised the committee of each component of the draft that address planning assumptions and hazard approaches. In this draft, all citizens who live on Homestead Road, Timrod Lane or Log Cabin Road will be administered two vehicle passes per residence or addressed property. These passes once

presented, will identify to traffic control that they are a resident and allow you access to and from their homes. There will also be a phone number on the back of the pass to call at the command post. The intent is that this will be a yearlong pass.

Councilman Wimberly asked, how much of this has Yonder Field requested.

Billy Staley advised Yonder Field has been involved during the whole planning phase.

Councilman Wimberly asked, was Yonder Field in accordance with this document?

Billy Staley advised yes, Yonder Field were in accordance.

Councilman Wimberly asked, Attorney D'Anne Haydel was the County obligated to do all of this?

Attorney D'Anne Haydel advised she would have to do research, this was a question that has not been asked for legal review.

Attorney D'Anne Haydel made a recommendation to the Chairman of the committee to meet in executive session to discuss any legal questions.

Councilman Heyward Livingston asked when this first started Yonder Field was supposed to be bearing all of the expense but it seem as though the County would be occurring a lot of expense.

Billy Staley advised Yonder Field is bearing the expense of the personnel.

Councilman Heyward Livingston asked about the Orangeburg County EMS services?

Billy Staley advised Yonder Field knows they will have to contract privacy EMS services.

Councilman Heyward Livingston asked the County would have small to no expense at all.

Billy Staley advised yes, sir.

Vice-Chair Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked, what if there were three vehicle drivers in a house whole.

Billy Staley advised than they would do three passes. It's not in stone, if they want us to do one for every licensed driver, we will do one for every licensed driver. This is not specific to a house whole, if you are a tax payer in Orangeburg County and they have property on those roads, if they request a vehicle pass they will get a vehicle pass.

Councilman Wimberly advised this is a working session, we have the residence here, he asked how did they look at this ordinance.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised he wanted to make it clear that the County is not occurring all of the cost or nor is the County fully funding anything from what is drafted in the Public Safety Operations Plan.

Billy Staley advised the County is not and Yonder Field has the majority of the operating cost of for all of this and that means 90% for them.

Patti Padgett advised that she appreciate all that the County has done, her an initial request was for the County to put a plan in place that would address how the residence living near the venue would receive emergency services in the event that something would occur. She appreciate the passes to get in and out but wanted make sure the residence would have access emergency services.

Chairman Ravenell asked Billy Staley would this defer any services that the County has been giving.

Billy Staley advised no sir, it would not defer any services to the residence around Yonder Field. The stations at West Middle and Bowman are manned not just in the case of accident on the interstate but also for the local residence and there will be a medic station at Exit 159.

Janice Wiles asked about the obstacle course in Bowman this summer Orangeburg County is going to have to assistant with that too.

Billy Staley advised the intent with this ordinance is if that event falls within the capacity rage for personnel they will be required to pull a permit and emergency services will be required to do the same exact document but with this document it states in advance to contact a privacy service to do this event because it is beyond our capacity.

Jimmy Padgett Fire Chief of West Middle Fire Department concerns was for all the other companies in the area calling 911 during an event at Yonder Field and the cost to have the fire trucks at Yonder Field.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised a lot of last minutes questions are being asked and a lot of last minute decisions got to be made. It is hard to solve them although we have this document in front of us, this is intent and it does not mean it's going to happen this way.

Attorney D'Anne Haydel advised what Director Staley is presenting sounds like a cooperative effort because the County and Yonder Field to agree as to what should be done to keep things safe out there. This document does not states who is paying for any of this because this is only an assessment for public safety. There two different things going on here the first is Director Staley has drafted and Yonder Field agrees would be the best way to handle safety but not whose doing it and how much it's going to be other than Yonder Field pays for it.

Billy Staley advised as of this morning in the County Administrator's office we were finalizing the numbers to Yonder Field letting them know this is what it is going to cost and this is where we expect that cost to come from.

Councilman Wimberly advised if Yonder Field has not requested anything we don't owe them nothing, they have to request it the County cannot mandate that and they do not request it the County get out of the way.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised he agreed with Councilman Wimberly but if Yonder Field would request some fire protection it would need to be clear Yonder Field will have to pay, if they have ten (10) people on standby somebody has to pay those people.

Billy Staley advised the cost component was not a part of this document because it was not finalized yet.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised this information was well taken and thanked Billy Staley for his report.

Councilman Wimberly asked Chairman Ravenell if the committee could have a recess to go into executive session. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion for the Public Works committee go into executive session after the regular scheduled County Council meeting. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion.

The public works committee meeting recessed at 5:23 p.m.

The public works committee meeting resumed at 7:24 p.m.

Chairman Ravenell advised the Public Works Committee came up with a recommendation for the Yonder Field assessment and yielded to the County Administrator. The County Administrator advised Billy Staley has presented the assessment and the assessment was based upon the things the County felt were needed to make this event safe from a stand point of several sides, they told us thirty thousand (30,000) people but it is depending upon ticket sales. What the County will do now that we have a proper assessment of what it would take to handle certain events that would come along with an event of this size, we will go back to Yonder Field and see what they requests are and make sure the County is adequately reimburse for any assets they request of us based upon the assessment we have put together.

Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion that the public works committee accept the recommendation from the County Administrator. Councilman Harry Wimberly second the motion. Motion carried (3-0-0).

3. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ravenell called the Orangeburg County Council Public Works Committee of May 1, 2017, be adjourned.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council



Johnny Ravenell
Chairman
Public Works Committee