



MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
June 5, 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.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Connie Portee, Clerk to Council
Henry Summers, Public Works Supervisor
Marion Lloyd, Deputy Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Johnny Ravenell, Chairman

Chairman Johnny Ravenell called to order a special session of the Orangeburg County Public Works Committee on June 5, 2017 at 4:09 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 1, 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. MAINTENANCE ABANDONMENT REQUEST ON A PORTION OF LEAN LANE

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised the committee of the agenda items.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell yielded to Mr. Henry Summers for an update on Lean Lane.

Henry Summers advised it was only a portion of Lean Lane road that has been requested to have maintenance abandon. Lean Lane road is approximately 2.6 miles long and the length is about three tenth of a mile that he wants to close. What Public Works would do is go down to the other road turn around and come back out. There are no residence living on this road, there are no school buses traveling the road, and there are no mail carriers. This road is just a road that goes into a dead end of the property. After speaking with Mr. Leonardi he would like to close the other session off so people won't be able to come back onto the property.

Henry Summers asked Councilman Wimberly to explain to Mrs. Leonardi who was present in her husband's absent because Mr. Leonardi was under the impression that after Council approve to abandon maintenance on the road he could go up tomorrow morning and put a gate up and Mr. Henry stated he advised him he could not put a gate up.

Mrs. Leonardi advised it would definitely not be tomorrow morning. The intention is to gate the portion of the road that leads back to the structure.

Henry Summers advised he explain to Mr. Leonardi that is a court process and Mr. Leonardi advised him he understood that.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised Mrs. Leonardi to understand once they have taken the road out of the maintenance system it is hard to get it back into the system, if you wanted to put it back in because once it is out, it's out.

Mrs. Leonardi asked, what would be the advantage of putting it back into the maintenance system?

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised if you ever wanted to build a house on the road.

Mrs. Leonardi advised if that would be their intention later on and the road gets closed off, would it not be consider more of a private drive way at that point.

The Committee Members advised yes it would be.

Mrs. Leonardi advised that is their intentions.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised that once Council pass to abandon maintenance on the road, it's out of our hands at that point. If he puts up a gate that is his business or it's between him and the next property owner that comes because the County is out of it. He is not supposed to put up a gate, but if he does put up a gate it's alright with the County because we are done with the road.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised you have to clearly understand if you put up a gate and someone were to come back there and run into it you will be liable.

Mrs. Leonardi advised okay.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised so if you want to put a gate up you need to take it to the next level through the court system.

Mrs. Leonardi advised they are supposed to get a court order.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised if you get the court order than you are covered and once the County abandon maintenance it is private property.

Chairman Ravenell ask the committee for a motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion to grant the request to abandon maintenance on a portion of Lean Lane. Councilman Harry Wimberly second the motion. Chairman Ravenell advised it has been motion and second to grant the request to abandon maintenance on a portion of Lean Lane and this will be our recommendation to Council. Motion carried (3-0-0).

2. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Chairman Ravenell advised the Public Works Committee that during this portion of the agenda the Public Works Committee will go into executive session for a period of time to discuss a personnel matter. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. (Motion carried (3-0-0)).

3. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ravenell called the Orangeburg County Council Public Works Committee of June 5, 2017, be adjourned.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council



Johnny Ravenell
Chairman
Public Works Committee