



MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
August 7, 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:

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 August 7, 2017 at 4:54 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 5, 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 RIPPLE ROAD

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised the committee of the agenda item.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell yielded to Mr. Henry Summers for an update on Ripple Road.

Henry Summers advised it was only a portion of Ripple Road .92 miles that has been requested to have maintenance abandon. This road currently runs from Neeses Hwy to Beachwood Rd and Mrs. Sloan is requesting to close off a portion totaling to .72 of a mile. The request was based on people doing a lot of dumping on the road. There are no mail carriers and no school buses travel this portion of the road. There is only one home on the end of the road and the proposed discontinued maintenance will begin after the homeowner's driveway. Signs were put up for seven days on both ends of the road and the counter was put down on the road which the count was only seven (7) because someone cut the cord on the counter so we aren't able to give you an in order to give you an accurate traffic count. There were no phone calls to the Public Services office in reference to keeping Ripple Road open.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked if there was any way to prevent some from cutting the counter by pulling it through a pipe.

Henry Summers advised from his understanding it was the weight of the car that travels the road. It still would not stop someone from cutting the counters because it has to be tied off to a tree.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised he did not have any problems with closing the road but he was not sure if the requester owns the whole section they are wanting to abandon maintenance on.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised the committee of with part the requestor owned and a stopping point to abandon maintenance.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised he did not think the County should start skipping part of the road, he could understand one end of a road but to start skipping here and there that would not be right.

Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith asked why they were wanting the road closed.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised because people are dumping trash on the road.

Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith advised if they are requesting a portion .92 miles that would not stop people from dumping the trash on the road.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised he believed the requestor's were going to put a gate up.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised that the requestor was not present and because it was in Councilman Heyward Livingston district would he make a recommendation.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised to abandon maintenance on the portion of Ripple Road on the land Mrs. Sloan owns.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked Henry Summers his opinion on the recommendation.

Henry Summers advised he did not see an issue with Councilman Livingston's recommendation.

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 Ripple Road on the land owner's property and to provide limited maintenance on Beachwood road as needed. 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 Ripple Road and limited maintenance on Beachwood Road this will be our recommendation to Council. Motion carried (3-0-0).

2. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ravenell asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that Orangeburg County Council Public Works Committee of August 7, 2017, be adjourned. Councilman Harry Wimberly second the motion. Motion carried (3-0-0).

3. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council



Johnny Ravenell
Chairman
Public Works Committee