



**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
September 4, 2018  
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  
Ray W. Sabalis  
Willie B. Owens  
Johnny Ravenell  
Heyward H. Livingston  
Harry Wimberly**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Harold Young, County Administrator  
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney  
Connie N. Portee, Clerk to Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman**

**On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:36 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**August 20, 2018 (RS)**

**Chairman Wright asked for a motion on the minutes of the Orangeburg County Council meeting on the above date be approved as written. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:                      AGENDA ITEMS                      NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:                      OTHER MATTERS                      NONE**

**Chairman Wright closed public comments of other matters at 5:39 p.m. and went into the regular agenda.**

**1. Presentation of Fire Sprinkler Tax Credit**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised South Carolina Code 12-6-3622 provides for a local taxing entity may allow a taxpayer who installs a new or existing fire sprinkler system in a new or existing commercial**

or residential structure that is not required by law, regulation, or code, a property tax credit equal to 25% of the direct expenses, not including any fee charged. The County has been approached about using those tax credits for installation of a sprinkler system. At this point the County has not done a tax credit for sprinkler system and it is not widely used. The County recommendation to Council is the County study this in a Committee meeting to make sure we understand and the revenue implications of this particular tax credit before the County move forward with any request that may come because of this tax credit.

Chairman Wright asked, the Council if they had any questions?

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to accept the recommendation from the Administrator to spend item (1) to the Finance Committee. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ray Sabalis made the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**2. Resolution Honoring Ben Smith, Jr., 100 TH Birthday**

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**3. Resolution Authorizing Revision of Employee Handbook**

Chairman Wright read the resolution in its entirety.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution authorizing revision of the Employee Handbook. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

**4. Ordinance Third Reading**

To change the Zoning Designation of the following parcel:  
TMS # 0173-16-05-015.000, 1523 Gregg St., from RG to CG

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the Planning Commission met on June 13, 2018 to discuss this request from Robert Jackson to have the property located at 1523 Gregg St in Council District 7 from RG (Residential General) to CG (Commercial General). The property was a commercial use in the past but was burned and never rebuilt. The owner wished to reestablish the auto repair business. Two neighbors came to support the request and there were no opposition. It had been noted during second reading the Council representative requested that the property be kept up and cleaned and the commission voted unanimously to recommend approval.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

**5. Ordinance Second Reading**

**An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds, In One Or More Series, Tax-Exempt Or Taxable, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,500,000 To Fund The Purchase Of County Vehicles And Equipment; Authorizing The County Administrator To Prescribe The Form And Details Of The Bonds; Providing For The Payment Of The Bonds And The Disposition Of The Proceeds Of The Bonds; Providing For Borrowing In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of The Bonds; And Other Related Matters**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised this is a bond to finance the additional vehicles but mainly the trash compactors for the additional convenience sites. Twenty-two trash compactor will be purchased one new compactor for each convenience site as well as new sheriff vehicle will be purchased, building and ground vehicles, star teams vehicles, taser equipment for the Sheriff Department and the salt trucks as discussed during the budget hearings during the summer. Additional litter control, public works, and pool vehicles.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ray Sabalis. Motion carried. (7-0-0)**

**6. Presentation of Planning Commission Resolution and Ordinance First Reading**

**To change the Zoning Designation of the following parcel:  
TMS #0181-08-01-001.000, 163 Citadel Rd., Citadel Road Holding Company LLC  
From: FA to CG**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the planning commission met on August 8, 2018 to consider the request from Citadel Road Holding, LLC to rezone the property at 163 Citdael Rd. from FA to CG for a rental equipment business. There were no opposition and the adjacent property owner is in favor of the request. The planning commission voted unanimously to recommend approval.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution and ordinance for first reading. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0)**

**7. Presentation of Planning Commission Resolution and Ordinance First reading**

**To change the Zoning Designation of the following parcel:  
TMS #0036-00-07-001.000 2610 Ninety Six Rd. Mt. Beulah P.H. Church From: FA  
to CG**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the planning commission met on August 8, 2018 to consider the request from Mt/ Beulah P.H. Church to rezone the property at 2610 Ninety Six Road. In Council District Four from FA to CG to allow a digital sign. There were no opposition and the planning commission voted unanimously to recommend approval.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution and ordinance for first reading. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0)**

**8. Presentation of Planning Commission Resolution and Ordinance First Reading  
To change the Zoning Designation of the following parcel: TMS #0342-08-02  
001.000, 11064 Old Number Six Hwy., Missionary Baptist Church From: FA to CG**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the planning commission met on August 8, 2018 to consider the request from Springfield Missionary Baptist Church to rezone the property at 11064 Old Number Six Hwy. In Council District One from FA to CG to allow a digital sign. There were no opposition and the planning commission voted unanimously to recommend approval.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution and ordinance for first reading. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. (7-0-0)**

**9. Ordinance First Reading and Consideration of Committee Referral**

**An ordinance amending Orangeburg County Code of Ordinances**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised this amendment has to be made in order to keep the County Code of Ordinance the books and website legal. The County has to update the Municipal Corporation is the company the County use to keep with the changes and amendment that are made by the County. Administrator Young yielded to Attorney Haydel for any legal justification.**

**Attorney Haydel advised as part of the service to the County the Municode Corporation the legal review of the County Code of Ordinance has suggested some clean up points. Some of them would involve subjective decision making for example if the County will have road policies in the ordinance or will it be a standalone policy. To assure Council have enough time to look at those suggested changes and decide if they want to change them. It is suggested that Council start the process by having first reading and then refer it to a committee for study and the appropriate Council committee would be the Public Health and Safety Committee.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass first reading and refer ordinance to Council committee. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ray W. Sabalis. Motion carried. (7-0-0)**

**10. Ordinance First Reading and Consideration of Committee Referral**

**An ordinance to amend the animal control code**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Attorney Haydel to give a summary. Attorney Haydel advised this ordinance was the same as agenda item 9 except it come from Administration on an outside entity but is also being referred to the Park, Recreation, & Agriculture Committee.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass first reading and refer ordinance to Council committee. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston carried. (7-0-0)**

### **OFFICIAL ACTION**

#### **11. Acceptance of USDA Grant Funds for Reimbursement of Command Vehicle**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised May 7, 2018 Council voted to approve the purchase of a new command vehicle to replace a thirty year legacy vehicle. The cost of the vehicle was \$89,900.00. It will cost approximately \$50,000 to retrofit the vehicle. The County requested funds from USDA to assist with the cost of the purchase. The grant funds have been approved and now has to be approved by Council. A neighboring County has shown interest in the legacy vehicle and is currently offering \$26,000.00 to purchase it.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution and the community grant resolution that are included in the package before Council and Council hereby authorizes the Counties official and employees to complete and submit all of the necessary documentation that the USDA requires. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TAX AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

#### **a. Recommendations from Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee**

**Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised the Orangeburg County Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee met on August 28, 2018 for their regular quarterly meeting. The following funding recommendations were made by the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee:**

- 1. The Regional Economic and Educational Community Development Corporation requested funds to reprint the African American Historical Sites in Orangeburg County brochures. \$3,000.00**
- 2. The Holly Hill Christmas Festival requested funds for advertising (newspapers ads, radio spots, and yard signs) and port-a johns. The festival has steadily grown and it continues to grow. \$3,000.00**
- 3. Santee Cooper Country requested funds to attract more visitors and their dollars to Santee Cooper Country. They will be adding new publication to their print marketing campaign, different consumer shows and more Facebook and digital marketing. The money requested is to achieve their marketing goals. \$10,000.00**
- 4. The Town of North requested funds for The Pecan Festival in October. The Festival will include food and craft vendors, a car and bike show, a pecan baking contest a display of military and fire equipment, a climbing wall and a video arcade for the**

children. We are trying to further instill a sense of community pride with the festival and attract visitors to the Town of North. \$1,000.00

- 5. The Orangeburg County Community of Character requested funds for an inaugural International Character Jamboree event. It is to help defray marketing expenses and cost for security and outside contractor fees at venue. The basis for the request is to develop culture and tourism, as well as enhance relationships and economic development by growing our reputation as a premier destination for living, working, learning, shopping, and playing. \$2,000.00
- 6. South Carolina State University Athletics requested funds to support the SCSU Athletics Outreach Programs. Such as, Athletics sponsors Youth/ROTC Day, Military Appreciation Day, Homecoming, Athletics Hall of Fame, Breast Cancer Awareness and High School Band Day, which each one brings thousands of fans to the Orangeburg County area. \$45,000.00

Total Funds Recommended:	\$64,000.00
Funds Available for Disbursement	\$64,096.96
Remaining Balance	\$96.96

Chairman Wright asked Council if they had any for questions.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the recommendation of the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion to accept all the recommendations. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**APPOINTMENT - BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES**

- a. Appointment of a Code Enforcement Officer for the Orangeburg County Animal Control Department

Chairman Wright read the Code Enforcement Officer for Animal Control statement to Jasmine Quarles in its entirety.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion for the appointment and commission of Jasmine Quarles as a Code Enforcement Officer for Animal Control. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

- b. Appointment to the EMS Ambulance Committee

Administrator Young this appointment was for District Three seat on the EMS Ambulance Committee recommending Michael E. Parlin.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the appointment to the EMS Ambulance Committee. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

**c. Re-Appointment to the Orangeburg County Library Board of Trustees**

**Administrator Young this re-appointment was for the District One seat on the Orangeburg County Library Board of Trustees recommending Charletha Heyward-King.**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the re-appointment to the Orangeburg County Library Board of Trustees. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

**UPDATE**

**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 a discussions on several items on the Public Works agenda: it was motioned and seconded in the Public Works meeting for the Administrator and staff would identify the roads that were still being violated and the County Attorney to make sure to send a letter to those individuals who are in violation.**

**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. (7-0-0).**

**Public Works Committee Chairperson Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised the committee also had a lengthy discussion about E-Waste at the Landfill, e-waste are electronics that are being place at the landfill and they are accumulating in large quantities, a committee was formed to come up with a strategy to curtail this, no action was taken. The last item was concerning Loggers damaging County dirt roads a committee was formed to come up with a recommendation within two weeks.**

**VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Chairman Wright read the item for executive session and entertained a motion. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. Councilwoman Ray Sabalis seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**S.C. Code §30-4-70(A)(5) (Discussion Of Matters Relating To The Proposed Location, Expansion, Or The Provision Of Services Encouraging Location Or Expansion Of Industries Or Other Businesses In The Area Served By The Public Body)**

**1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

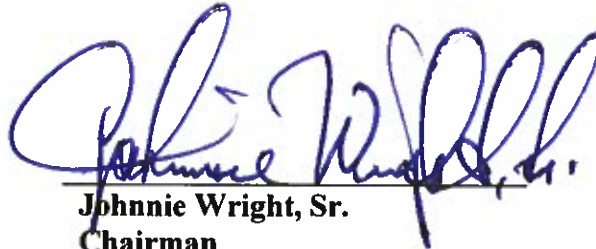
- a. Industrial Park Development**
- b. Project Crete**
- c. Project Samba**
- d. Gateway Enhancement Zones**

**VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT**

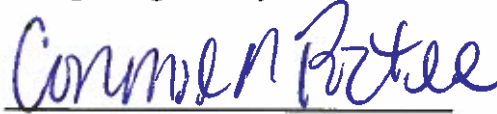
**Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of September 4, 2018 stand adjourned. Councilman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.**



**Johnnie Wright, Sr.  
Chairman  
Orangeburg County Council**



**Connie N. Portee  
Clerk to Council  
Orangeburg County Council**