



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
January 22, 2019
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.
Willie B. Owens
Deloris Frazier
Heyward H. Livingston
Harry Wimberly
Johnny Ravenell**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Janie Cooper-Smith

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 22nd day of January 2019 Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 7, 2019 (RS)

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OTHER MATTERS

Eutawville City Councilwoman Stephanie Adkins came before Council to express, during their town hall meetings the City Council has received numerous complaints from the citizens not receiving adequate response time from EMS service and the Sheriff department. She advised a concerned citizens form a petition of 1,200 signatures from citizens from Eutawville, Holly Hill Santee and Vance. The purpose was to shed some light on what was happening in the lower Eastern end of the County

Susan Gragan came before Council to express concern about hearing a rumor about closing down the Eutawville EMS station and moving it to Bowman.

Administrator Young advised it was a rumor because Bowman already had their own

EMS station.

Mary Everett and Laquisha Miller came before Council to express their concerns about the Regional Medical Center (RMC) needing to have a better trauma unit she advised she had a petition of signatures from others who felt the same.

County Council Chairman Wright closed public comments of other matters at 5:48 p.m. and went into the regular agenda.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- 1. Resolution Honoring Sheryl Spinger Jeffcoat Retirement from Orangeburg County Council on Aging, Inc.**

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 Harry Wimberly. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

Ordinance Third Reading

- 2. An Ordinance Adopting the "Bailey Bill" Providing for Special Property Tax Assessment for Rehabilitated Historic Properties; and Other Related Matters**

Chairman Wright read the ordinance in its entirety.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for third and final reading. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (5-1-0) Councilman Willie Owens opposed.

Ordinance Second Reading & Public Hearing

- 3. An Ordinance Amending the Orangeburg County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to Add a Section Regarding "Reasonably Safe From Flooding"**

Chairman Wright open the floor for public hearing questions. There were none.

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

Councilman Willie Owens asked for a follow up with the Corps of Engineers on their study on flooding in Orangeburg County.

Administrator Young advised the County was in the process of studying the areas and scheduling meetings with both watersheds.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the ordinance for second reading. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

Planning Commission Resolution and Ordinance First Reading

4. **To Change the Zoning Designation of the Following Parcels: TMS#: 0173-07-13-015.000/ 0173-07-13-008.000 and 0173-07-13-007.000, 491 Frederick Street, Orangeburg, Charles Brown Sr. From RG (Residential General) District to CG (Commercial General) District.**

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised The Planning Commission met January 9, 2019 to discuss the request from Charles Brown Sr. to have his property at 491 Frederick Street, Council District 5, rezoned from Residential General (RG) to Commercial General (CG). The property is made up of three (3) lots that are being combined and are currently vacant. The lots were recently cleared of vegetative debris. The combined lots front two (2) streets, Chestnut Ave. and Frederick St. Three-fourths (3/4) of the lots fall in the floodplain, categorized by the 0.2% annual flood (200-year flood). There are several other commercial uses within 500 feet of this site (e.g. Barbershop, ABC store, and Pharmacy). The properties contiguous to the east of the proposed rezoning request are zoned Commercial General (CG). The proposed site will be less than 700 feet from the main entrance to South Carolina State University as well as University Village student housing. The owner desires to establish a restaurant. A property owner, who owns property in the general vicinity, voiced her several concerns on how the rezoning will affect the residential community, would it affect property taxes, and inquired on the County's vision for future growth. Although she does not live there, she was concerned about the commercial nature of the proposal. A letter was received on January 18, 2019 from an adjacent property owner located at 489 Frederick Street, expressing his opposition of the rezoning. There being no other public comments in favor or opposition of the request, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution and pass the ordinance for first reading. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Owens. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

PROCUREMENT**FY19-0115 Whittaker Street Community Center Project**

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young to give a summary. Administrator Young advised a request for proposal FY19-0115 was requested and prepared for the Whittaker Street Community Center Project located in Orangeburg County. The proposals were advertised on Orangeburg Counties Website. The proposals were due on January 15, 2019 and the County received one (1) proposal from Paragon Builders, Orangeburg, SC \$498,997.00. Local, State, and MBA preferences were given however, the highest rank and recommended vendor for award is Paragon Builders for \$498,997.00. Paragon Builders is deemed a responsible bidder. It is the recommendation below Council to accept the vendor Paragon Builders.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the procurement proposal. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

APPOINTMENT - BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES

Appointment to the Orangeburg County Human Relations Council for District #1

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion to appoint Mary E. Jenkins to the Human Relations Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

UPDATES

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 one item on the agenda which was Further Discussion on Loggers Damaging County Roads. The Committee did not take any action on this items, so the agenda item will be carried forward.

VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright read the item for executive session and entertained a motion. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) Contractual Matters - Orangeburg Broadband
Legal Basis - FOIA Exemption S.C. Code 30-4 70(A)(2)
(Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Agreement)

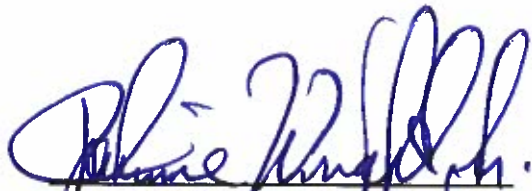
- 2) Legal Review. Exemption §30-4-70(A)(2) (Receipt Of Legal Advice)

VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of January 22, 2019 stand adjourned. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman
Orangeburg County Council



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council