



**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
February 4, 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**
- Janie Cooper-Smith**

**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 February 2019 Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:40 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**January 22, 2019 (RS)**

**Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Vice-Chairman Harry Wimberly made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. 7-0-0.**

**Councilman Willie Owens made a request for County Council to have a parliamentary workshop in regards to the statement that was made at the January 4, 2019 Council meeting which stated the Chairman does not vote in the event of a tie. Councilman Owens advised the County ordinance states in Sec.2-59 (h) The chairman shall vote in all cases, except when he may be personally or pecuniarily interested or otherwise excused. The chairman's name shall be called last, and if with his vote the council remains equally divided, the question shall be decided in the negative. (Code 1983, § 2-39)**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**NONE**

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**OTHER MATTERS**

**Janice Frederick-Watts, a homeowner in the Fredrick Street area came before Council**

to express her concerns for the food service that is to be placed in the Fredrick Street area, in regards to the rezoning, her hope is with the decision to rezone it would enhance and expand the growth of the community.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Presentation from Clemson Extension**

Chairman Wright recognized Jonathan Croft, Agriculture Extension Agent with the Orangeburg County Cooperative Extension Office. Jonathan Croft introduce two new staff members Glenna Mason, 4-H Agent and Janet Steele, Area Forestry Agent both gave a short detail overview of what they are currently doing within the County. Jonathan Croft also advised Council of a new staff member Susan Till, Administrative Assistant.

Chairman Wright thanked the Clemson Extension for their presentation.

#### **Litter Committee Overview**

Chairman Wright recognized Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Councilwoman Janie Cooper Smith gave a detail overview from the Friday, January 25, 2019 meeting with an array of local and state leaders who discussed ways to combat litter in Orangeburg County.

Chairman Wright thanked Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith for the Litter Committee overview.

### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

- 1. A Resolution To Authorize And Approve The Waiver Of A Repurchase Right With Respect To Certain Property Owned By The Orchard Clemson-Orangeburg, LLC, A North Carolina Limited Liability Company, Blt-O707, LLC, A South Carolina Limited Liability Company, And KCC Orangeburg, LLC, A South Carolina Limited Liability Company; To Authorize And Approve The Execution And Delivery Of A Waiver Of Repurchase Right To Document Such Waiver; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto**

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

- 2. A Resolution Adopting Orangeburg County Information Technology Policies, Procedures & Standards and Revising the Employee Handbook to Include Violation of Same as the Basis for Disciplinary Action**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the resolution. Councilman Johnny Ravenell made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

### **Ordinance Third Reading**

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

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

### **Ordinance Second 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 ordinance for second reading. Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier. Motion carried. (7-0-0)**

### **Ordinance First Reading**

- 5. An Ordinance Establishing A New Structure For Water And Sewer Service Charges, Water And Sewer Tap Fees, Deposits And All Other Fees And Surcharges For Commercial And Industrial Customers Of The County Of Orangeburg, South Carolina**

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

### OFFICIAL ACTION

#### Approval of the Orangeburg County Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2020

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to pass the budget calendar for Fiscal Year 2020. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

### APPOINTMENT - BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES

#### Appointment to Lower Savannah Council of Governments Board

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to approve the appointment. Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion to appoint Michael C. Butler to the Lower Savannah Council of Governments Board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Deloris Frazier made the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

### 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 three items on the agenda one was Rerouting or Discontinuing Maintenance along Nettles Road but no action was taken. The second agenda item was a Proposed Revision to the Solid Waste Ordinance, the recommendation from the committee is to amend the solid waste ordinance to oppose a penalty for mixed loads that would include house hold garbage and CND into the landfill, the fee would be \$500.

Chairman Wright ask for a motion to accept the recommendation coming from the Public Works Committee. Vice-Chairman Harry Wimberly made the motion to pass the recommendation of the \$500 fee for mixed loads of house garbage mixed with CND container and to move forward with an ordinance. Councilman Willie Owens second the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

Councilman Johnny Ravenell advised the third agenda items was An Ordinance Establishing a System for Recouping Costs Incurred to Repair Damage to County-Maintained Roads When Damage is the Result of Extraordinary Use, no action was taken, this agenda item was carried forward.

### VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright read the item for executive session and entertained a motion. Councilman Willie Owens made the motion. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1) Economic Development Update**

**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)**

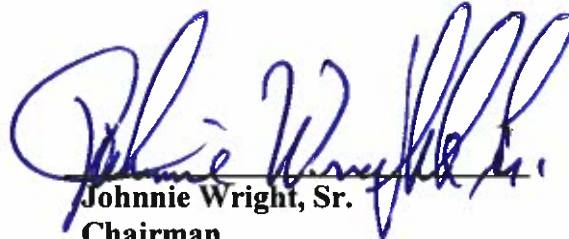
**a. Project Glass**

**VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Deloris Frazier motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of February 4, 2019 stand adjourned. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

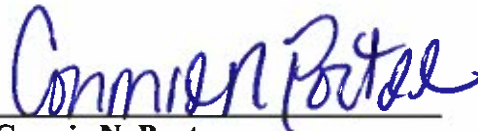
**Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.**



**Johnnie Wright, Sr.**

**Chairman**

**Orangeburg County Council**



**Connie N. Portee**

**Clerk to Council**

**Orangeburg County Council**