

**City Council Minutes**  
**January 15, 2019**

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Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 7:00 P.M., in Council Chambers with Mayor Butler presiding.

**PRESENT:**

Michael C. Butler, Mayor  
Bernard Haire  
Jerry Hannah  
Charles W. Jernigan  
L. Zimmerman Keitt  
Sandra P. Knotts  
Richard F. Stroman

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, to approve the December 18, 2018, City Council Minutes, as distributed. This motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. William Green of 1048 Doyle Street addressed Council. He stated, "I come before you again on the property located at 1605 Russell Street. This building is a sleek art deco style building that the County wants to take down for the library. It recently celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and was one of the first buildings in Orangeburg made out of cinder block. I met recently with the Orangeburg County Historical Society and I am handing out a letter and a picture of the building in question and the Historical Society is asking that this building be saved and the building be integrated into the County's plan for the library complex. I would ask if you could please read this and take a look at it and be in consideration."

Mayor Pro Tem Keitt asked, "Have you spoken to the County?"

Mr. Green replied "Yes, and they are determined to take it down, but I, along with the Orangeburg Historical Society, are sending letters to the State not to take it down. I really do not know what is going to happen."

Mr. Green stated, "I am also here tonight to recommend to you to increase the young participants on your Boards and Development, even perhaps a Junior Council to hear their wants and needs."

Mayor Butler stated, we will take this matter under advisement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Knotts, seconded by Councilmember Haire, to approve the Third Reading of an Ordinance relating to the Recovery of Collection Costs as a part of Delinquent Debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act. This motion was unanimously approved.

Assistant City Administrator John Singh overviewed the Model Ordinance of Small Cell Wireless Facilities in the City of Orangeburg. He stated, "This is a model Ordinance recommended by MASC in regards to new technology (5GLTE) which is the next phase of cellular communication. There is a lot going on with the FCC on this and we are better off having a model Ordinance in place to work with the State where we will have some say. This will provide some means of regulation. I went to a community meeting last week and one comment was 5G technology in regards to citizens and communications. It increases the speed of technology, not only for citizens, but for cities and counties also. We have put some pictures up and basically this shows examples of small cell technology and the structures. This again has to work with the Utility Companies."

Councilmember Haire stated, "I abstained at the last meeting because I had some concerns on how this would affect the public health and what is being emitted. I had contact with others on their opinion, William Evans and Willie Hubbard, and they have put my concerns to rest as it relates to the harmfulness of these towers. How frequent will these be placed?"

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Assistant City Administrator Singh replied, "What I have been told is that the small cells enhance the large towers and this increases the signal strength. The pictures you have are from Charlotte, Atlanta and Columbia. Actually, they are very spread out and they are active in Charlotte and Atlanta as 5G."

Councilmember Haire asked, "We are attaching these to our utility poles. We have other telecom individuals that have attached already and when it is time to change out poles, you can see where poles are cut off and are just there and it doesn't look good. What are we going to do as it relates to moving equipment due to an accident and it is not attached to the pole and rid our City of some of these problems and we are adding another telecom product to the mix where we will have more of a problem to deal with."

Assistant City Administrator Singh replied, "Part of our discussion is that this is a good opportunity where we would be discussing those things with a group now as well as attaching these cells currently. That is something DPU is working on also. In particular, the attachment agreement is something that needs to be addressed and this is a good opportunity to do so."

DPU Manager Harley stated, "We are having conversations now with a company where this is an issue now all over and that has led to confusion on the ownership of poles and replacing of poles during storms. It adds to confusion when things take too long and we are working to speed things up."

Councilmember Jernigan asked, "Who will be attaching these to our poles?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh replied, "Any carrier, the first active carrier that is doing this now is AT&T. Verizon won't be far behind. Again, you might have more than one antenna and having something in place will allow us to dictate a little bit what happens. This is a moving target for a while, but we feel like that the Telecom groups are fine with the model Ordinance so if you have Legislation from the State level, this may be better than the Legislation. This would be better than not having anything, this gives us something. We may have to amend it in the future, but this gives us a start."

Mayor Butler stated, "We need something in place."

Councilmember Jernigan asked, "Will we get any income from this?"

Assistant City Administrator Singh replied, "We will get very little unless a new Telecom business comes in and we can get business license fees off of a new business. In 2017, a company called Mobile Light came in to put in a standing pole with a light with a telecom feature that was testing the water and using the right of way option. We are looking to regulate this and we are open to new technology and hope they will roll this out here."

A motion was made by Councilmember Haire, seconded by Councilmember Knotts, to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance to establish the standards for the placement of small wireless facilities in covered areas in the City of Orangeburg, SC, and for other purposes. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Evelyn Disher, Executive Director of the Community of Character, accepted the January, 2019, Character Trait Proclamation, "Wisdom".

Parks and Recreation Director Shaniqua Simmons overviewed the Accommodations Tax Meeting that was held on January 7, 2019. She stated, "The meeting was advertised in the Times and Democrat newspaper on December 22nd and December 29th and was also posted on the City's Website. The Committee recommends that the County Chamber of Commerce be designated as the lead agency and recommend the following disbursements:

1. Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce	Lead Agency	2785
2. Orangeburg County Fine Arts Center—Signage and Showcase Promotions	\$ 7,500	
3. Hillcrest Golf Course—Promotion and Advertising of the Golf Course	\$ 3,500	
4. Parks & Recreation—Promotion of vocal, musical and dance, Arts Festival	\$ 1,000	
5. Parks & Recreation—Promotion and advertisement of sports tourism, North Road	\$10,000	
6. DORA—Advertising and promotion of all DORA events	\$12,000	
	TOTAL	\$34,000

Councilmember Haire asked, "If you have other monies, will it be re-opened?"

Director Simmons replied, "There are additional funds and we can open it up for a second round."

A motion was made by Councilmember Haire, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, to approve the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee's Recommendations for A-Tax Funds. This motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Haire, to approve a Resolution of Support of the Municipal Association's 2019 Legislation Agenda. This motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Yow presented a Resolution to provide a one-time grant to the Chamber of Commerce.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haire, seconded by Councilmember Stroman, to approve a Resolution on Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce Funding for a grant in the amount of \$25,000. This motion was unanimously approved for the amount of \$25,000. The Chamber is to provide the City a copy of their balanced budget for the Fiscal Year as well as an accounting of expenditures of the \$25,000.

City Administrator Yow stated that Mayor Butler asked about putting the February 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on the Agenda for possible cancellation. He stated, "Due to the MASC Hometown Legislative Action Day, meetings, and the Municipal Elected Officials Institute Sessions on the next day that myself and Mr. Singh will be attending, it may be wise to cancel the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and it will be up to Council to decide. However, it may be necessary to call a Special City Council meeting to cover a few items the next week."

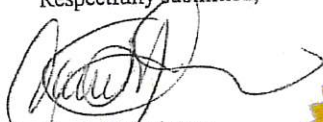
A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, to cancel the February 5, 2019, City Council Meeting due to the Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Legislative Action Day being held on this date. This motion was unanimously approved.

There were no utility matters brought before Council concerning the Department of Public Utilities.

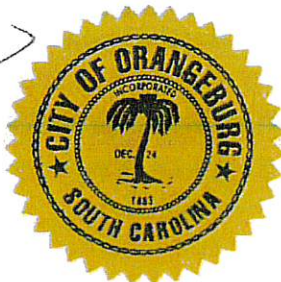
A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt, to enter into an Executive Session for a Legal Matter concerning (1) Proposed City Fire Tax District and (2) SLED Investigation—Department of Public Safety Incident, 12-06-18.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Carrie W. Johnson  
City Clerk

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT FUNDS TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**WHEREAS,** the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "Chamber") encourages cooperation among the geographic areas of the county, political entities, governments and other stakeholders that add strength to programs for improving our community, and

**WHEREAS,** the Chamber processes and activities result in an unified body to obtain regional growth and economic development leading to job growth and an increase in tax bases for the governmental entities of the county, and

**WHEREAS,** the Chamber develops and provides cultural, educational and environmental resources and promotes same in a unified voice resulting in economic growth and improvements to the quality of life in Orangeburg County and the City of Orangeburg, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Orangeburg finds that the services and resources of the Chamber benefits the residents of the City of Orangeburg and contributes to the general welfare of its citizens and wishes to support the activities of the Chamber.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by City Council duly assembled that in support of the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce a grant to the Chamber in the amount of \$25,000.00 is hereby approved and John H. Yow, City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to offer said grant to the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce on the following conditions:

(a) The Chamber will provide the City a balanced operating budget for the calendar year 2019;

(b) On or before January 15, 2020 the Chamber will provide the City an accounting of the grant funds.

**PASSED BY** the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

Michael C. Butler  
Mayor

Paul Haire

Jandra P. Kuster

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Members of Council



Attest: [Signature]  
City Clerk

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION  
2019 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY INITIATIVES



- BE IT RESOLVED,** cities and towns in South Carolina are the government closest to the people providing the core services residents and businesses demand for an exceptional quality of life; and,
- WHEREAS,** hundreds of municipal officials from across the state collaborated to identify challenges at the municipal level; and,
- WHEREAS,** these challenges can be addressed through a comprehensive approach that includes changes to state law, training from experts, research and collaboration with stakeholders; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Municipal Association identified three advocacy initiatives based on the feedback from local officials including updating the Local Government Fund formula, expand flexibility for using accommodations and hospitality taxes and reduce the wait time for local law enforcement hires to be admitted to the SC Criminal Justice Academy; and,
- WHEREAS,** update the local Government Fund formula to guarantee a reliable funding level that is fair to cities and towns of all sizes; and,
- WHEREAS,** expand flexibility for using accommodations and hospitality taxes to allow expenditures for infrastructure and law enforcement to tourist-related areas; and,
- WHEREAS,** reduce the wait time for local law enforcement hires to be admitted to the SC Criminal Justice Academy; and,
- WHEREAS,** working together, cities and towns and the Municipal Association legislative team can work with legislators to introduce, pass and implement new laws which help municipalities provide more and better services to residents, businesses and visitors; and,
- WHEREAS,** the City of Orangeburg supports the agenda set forth by the Municipal Association of South Carolina Board of Directors for city and town councils to govern effectively and efficiently.

**BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Orangeburg affirm on this 15th day of January 2019, its support for the Municipal Association's 2019 advocacy initiatives for the state's 270 cities and towns.

**DONE AND RATIFIED THIS 15th DAY OF JANUARY 2019.**



*Michael C. Butler*  
MAYOR

*Ben Haire*  
*Daniel P. Cross*  
*Jeffrey*  
*D. Zimmerman*  
*Richard J. Lane*  
MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
City Clerk