

**City Council Minutes
April 18, 2023**

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Michael C. Butler presiding.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Butler, Mayor
Dr. Kalu Kalu, Mayor Pro Tem
Jerry Hannah
L. Zimmerman Keitt
Sandra P. Knotts
Richard F. Stroman

ABSENT:

Bernard Haire

Mayor Butler opened the Public Hearing for consideration of amending the City's Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, and the City's Organizational Chart to provide for the creation of two positions. No one spoke at the public hearing.

Mayor Butler requested postponement of Councilmember Haire's Executive Session item to the next meeting due to his absence at this meeting.

Council agreed to postpone the Executive Session item to the next Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the April 4, 2023, City Council minutes. The motion was approved 4-0-2. Councilmember Knotts and Councilmember Keitt abstained.

Mayor Butler and DPU Manager Harley recognized Ms. Kathleen Keller with a Retiree Resolution of twenty-six years, two months, and two days with a retirement date of March 31, 2023.

City Administrator stated, "We have an unforeseen situation where our CPA, Mr. Marc Wood, who provides these updates is unable to attend this evening. We request you postpone the update until our next Council meeting."

Council agreed to postpone the financial update to the next Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the second reading of an ordinance authorizing the lease of 351 Langston Street TMP# 0173-17-31-006-000 and delivery of a lease agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to approve the second reading of an ordinance to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services; to participate in one or more Local Revenue Service Programs; to execute and deliver one or more participant program supplements. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending the City's Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, and the City's Organizational Chart to provide for the creation of two positions. The motion was approved 5-1. Councilmember Stroman opposed.

Assistant City Administrator Singh addressed Council concerning first reading of an ordinance amending the City Code to provide for the adoption of the 2021 Building Codes. He stated, "I come before you tonight with an ordinance update on our International Building Codes. Every three years, the International Code Council updates the international building codes, which the state of South Carolina then adopts those codes at a state level, and in turn every governmental

entity in the state of South Carolina adopts the international building code. It is typically minor tweaks, whether it is plumbing, HVAC, electrical, etc. I have a detailed list of the changes if anyone has a question. This is simply the process of the state coming down to the City level for our building codes.”

Councilmember Hannah asked, “In America, who is the oversight agency of this?”

Assistant City Administrator Singh responded, “The International Code Council sets the standards. Some changes are due to updates in technology and improvements whether it be electrical, water, etc. The other way is when we have disasters, building officials across the country and world look for ways to improve the way construction is done. The state level typically conforms to what they recommend and then it drops down as recommended to the local government. The intent of it is to provide a uniform way to enforce and update code.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Hannah, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to approve first reading of an ordinance amending the City Code to provide for the adoption of the 2021 Building Codes. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to accept the Resolution Recognizing April 18th as Electrical Lineworkers Appreciation Day.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda McDaniel
City Clerk





A Resolution Recognizing April 18th as Lineworkers Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, America is powered by thousands of independently owned and operated electric generating facilities known as power plants that generate electric energy; and

WHEREAS, those power plants are connected to a complex energy system called the electric grid that is comprised of over 5 million line miles of transmission and distribution lines that deliver energy to homes, businesses, churches, hospitals and schools across the country; and

WHEREAS, the electric grid must be maintained in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year in rain, cold, hurricanes and tornadoes and must be capable of withstanding any hazards that occur; and

WHEREAS, this system of electric lines is kept in a high state of readiness by 114,000 dedicated and skilled men and women known as electric lineworkers that work for all the independently owned and operated utilities across America; and

WHEREAS, electric lineworkers are a cohesive group that must work as highly effective teams in very hazardous situations under very rigorous conditions that respond to disaster areas to restore power to victims' homes and has been ranked as one of the 10 most dangerous jobs in which 30 – 60 people lose their lives annually; and

WHEREAS, the lineworkers from the Department of Public Utilities are particularly dedicated and hard working men who risk their lives daily working in extremely dangerous situations to ensure that reliable electric energy is delivered to the Department of Public Utilities' homes and businesses.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting and proper that the City of Orangeburg set aside a special day to recognize and honor those dedicated professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, and on behalf of Orangeburg's grateful citizens, do hereby proclaim April 18th as Lineworkers Appreciation Day in the City of Orangeburg and call upon the people of Orangeburg to be particularly mindful of the dangerous work done under exacting conditions day in and day out by these dedicated workers and show their appreciation at every opportunity by recognizing lineworkers throughout Orangeburg.

ADOPTED BY the City Council on April 18, 2023.



Michael C. Rutch

Mayor

Ronnie A. Cross

James H. ...

J. Jean Smith

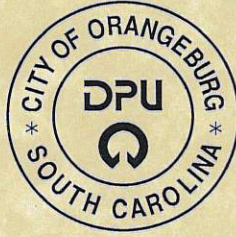
Richard J. ...

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Members of Council

Attest: *Ruida McDaniel*

City Clerk



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Kathleen Keller, faithfully served the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Orangeburg for twenty-six years, two months and two days with a retirement date of March 31, 2023; and

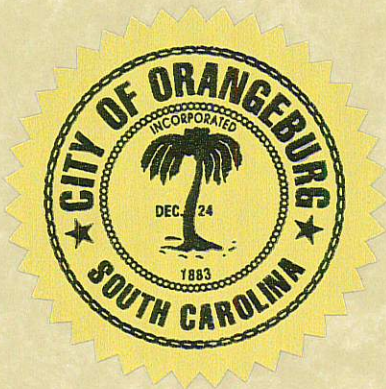
WHEREAS, she, through her long and faithful service contributed greatly to the successful operation of the City of Orangeburg; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in recognition of the fine contribution rendered to the City of Orangeburg, wants to inscribe on the records its appreciation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Members of Council, in Council assembled, do officially recognize the faithful service rendered to the City of Orangeburg in the capacities in which she served and we take pride in commending her for a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, in appreciation for her devotion of duty to the City of Orangeburg, be placed in the Minute Book of the City in recognition of her services.

PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Orangeburg, State of South Carolina, this 18th day of April 2023.



Michael C. Butler

Mayor

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James H. Hare

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Richard F. Stone

L. Zimmerman Keitt

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Members of Council

ATTEST:

Linda McDaniel

City Clerk