

**City Council Special Meeting Minutes**  
**August 15, 2025**

Orangeburg City Council held a special meeting on Friday, August 15, 2025, at 10:00 am in Council Chambers, 933 Middleton Street with Mayor Pro Tem Keitt presiding.

**PRESENT:**

**Jerry Hannah**

**Dr. Kalu Kalu**

**L. Zimmerman Keitt, Mayor Pro Tem**

**Richard Stroman**

**PRESENT VIRTUALLY:**

**Annette Dees Grevious**

**Sandra P. Knotts**

**ABSENT:**

**Mayor Michael Butler**

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning a resolution to accept USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant in the amount of \$50,000. He stated, "We were scheduled to be here this morning for consideration of acceptance of a USDA Rural Development Community grant in the amount of \$50,000 to be utilized for technology and furnishings for the new City Hall. However, I received a call from Ms. Nickie Toomes this morning and Ms. Toomes is online with an update."

Ms. Nickie Toomes, USDA Rural Development Acting Community Programs Director. She stated, "Unfortunately, we cannot deliver the letter of conditions at this time. The approval process is a two-step process from the National Office, and all obligations must be approved through the Department of Government Efficiency in addition to our national office approval. We have been working on getting that secondary approval. They asked for additional information this morning which we provided, and it has not been reviewed yet. I apologize at this time we cannot present the letter of conditions. We hope to be able to move forward after the Department of Government Efficiency approval."

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Kalu to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda McDaniel*

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City Clerk

