

**Pickens City Council  
Minutes of Work Session  
June 20, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chambers**

Present: Mayor David Owens  
Council Member Carlton Holley  
Council Member Patti Welborn  
Council Member Donnie McKinney  
Council Member Fletcher Perry  
Council Member Patrick Lark (Absent)  
Council Member Lois Porter  
City Administrator Bruce Evilsizor  
Clerk to Council Brittany Chapman (Absent)

**1. Invocation**

Jame Gravley provided the Invocation.

**2. Call Work Session to Order**

Mayor David Owens called the Work Session to order at 6:03 p.m.

**3. Duke Energy's Overhead to Underground Incentive Program**

Bruce Evilsizor gave an overview of Duke Energy's Overhead to Underground Incentive Program and noted Council would need to adopt a Resolution to implement the program.

**4. Review Storage Building Conditional Use Application in Central Business District**

Becky Horace reviewed the proposed addition of storage units being a conditional use in the Central Business District. There was a brief discussion any further questions can be addressed by Becky.

**5. Review Proposed Amendment to Sign Ordinance to Clarify Political Signage**

Becky reviewed the proposed updates to the sign ordinance as it relates to political signage. There was a brief discussion and request for changes before bringing back to Council.

**6. Review CDBG Needs Assessment Process**

Becky reviewed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Needs Assessment that is being conducted to prepare for an upcoming CDBG grant application.

**7. Review Proposed Storm Water Grant Program**

Cory Cox reviewed the latest proposed version of the storm water grant program. There was a brief discussion and a request for changes before bringing it back to Council.

**8. Blackboard Connect Notification Software**

Cory and Bruce reviewed the Blackboard Connect program which is an effective program to notify utility billing customers about late payments and boil water advisories and potentially meet other needs of the City in communicating with residents and customers.

**9. City Hall Exterior Painting Recommendation**

Bruce gave an update on the 3 proposals received for painting and renovating the exterior of City Hall. Council asked that a recommendation be brought back for consideration.

**10. Reports from Council Committees:**

**a. Parks & Recreation (Chair Carlton Holley, Members Donnie McKinney & Lois Porter)**

Cheri Anthony gave an update on the Recreation Department activities. Jamie Gravley gave an update on the Grounds activities.

**b. Planning/PRA (Chair Patrick Lark, Members Carlton Holley & Fletcher Perry)**

Becky gave an update on the upcoming Venture Outdoors event on August 27, 2016.

**c. Finance (Chair Lois Porter, Members Patrick Lark & Patti Welborn)**

No updates

**d. Public Works & Utilities (Chair Patti Welborn, Members Fletcher Perry & Patrick Lark)**

Cory noted that per a Pickens County directive, glass can no longer be accepted as a recyclable material in the curbside pickup program but glass can be taken to the Pickens County Recycling Centers. Cory also gave a project update.

Brian Gravely gave an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant activities.

**e. Police/Fire (Chair Fletcher Perry, Members Patti Welborn & Donnie McKinney)**

Travis Riggs gave an update on the Police Department and noted that a recent SLED site visit mandated some building security updates to meet NCIC security requirements. Travis is working to meet the security requirements.

**f. Pickens Senior Citizens (Chair Donnie McKinney, Members Carlton Holley & Lois Porter)**

Council Member Donnie McKinney gave an update on the Senior Center activities.

**11. Any Unscheduled Matters/Miscellaneous Business**

Mayor Owens gave an update on the Amphitheater Roof.

**12. Adjourn Work Session**

Mayor Owens adjourned the Work Session at 7:28 pm.

**Note:** (1) Agenda was posted on the City Hall Bulletin Board, Website, and Distributed to Media via Email on June 17, 2016.

**Approved as written:**



**David Owens, Mayor**



**Bruce Evilsizor, City Administrator**