

**Regular Council Meeting
June 12, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. Agendas were posted and sent to media on June 9, 2023. (noted was the absence of Mayor Perry)

Council Members in attendance:

Council Member Jimmy Davis, Mayor Pro-Tem
Council Member Patrick Lark
Council Member Lois Porter
Council Member Robert Nealy
Council Member Isaiah Scipio

Council Members Absent:

Mayor Fletcher Perry

Staff:

Administrator, Charlene Carter
Police Chief, Randal Beach
Fire Chief, Chris Elrod
Finance Director, Mandy Hess
Francisco Mendoza, Supervisor of Public Works

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Davis called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Davis further noted the absence of Mayor Perry. Council Member Isaiah Scipio gave the Invocation and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

- 1) Keith Rogers- Mr. Rogers stated he has several Freedom of Information Request (FOIA) that has not been provided as of this date. He requested this information from the City Administrator. He also requested to know the Administrators schedule, as he stated he has not been able to find her when he come to City Hall. Ms. Carter responded that the FOIA request as stated by the attorney, will be complete on or before June 18, 2023. Ms. Carter explained her schedule varies with times that she is in the office from 7:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M. Ms. Carter also stated that she is often out in the field. Mr. Rogers stated he had a problem with her staff not knowing her schedule. In addition, Mr. Rogers stated he was concerned with police pay, and voiced concerns regarding paying someone for social media.
- 2) Ray Wilson- Mr. Wilson stated he has been to City Council four times and eight months ago he provided Council with a list of street signs that are missing. Ms. Carter stated she was aware, and staff are working on those signs.
- 3) Cheryl Smith- Ms. Smith stated she wants to continue to follow up on water conditions for the City. She also thanked the Police Department for all they do for the community.
- 4) Ron Garren- Mr. Garren stated he was a resident of Ann Street, and he was not opposed to the re-zoning of the real-estate office at 247 Ann Street. Mr. Garren stated this property was a salon for many years and did not disturb the residential quality.

- 5) Gail Johnson – Ms. Johnson stated she was a resident and next door to 247 Ann Street. She is not opposed to the overlay district for the real-estate business on Ann Street.
- 6) Dan Johnson- Mr. Johnson stated he was a resident and next door to 247 Ann Street. He echoed the thoughts of Mr. Garren and Ms. Johnson that he was not opposed to the re-zoning of Ann Street for the purpose of allowing the real-estate office.
- 7) Francine Powers- Ms. Powers, owner of 247 Ann Street thanked Council, Staff, and the Ann Street residents for their support with allowing her the opportunity to have a real-estate property on Ann Street. Ms. Powers was supportive of the overlay district language as it did not disturb the residential quality of the area.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:

May 22, 2023, Regular Council and Committee of Whole Meeting

>>Motion was made by Council Member Lois Porter, seconded by Council Member Patrick Lark, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of May 22, 2023.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-06 Chapter 4 Section 4-3 Keeping of Animals:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously approved that this constitutes a second and final reading of Ordinance NO. 2023-06.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously approved to convene into executive session for the stated purposes. CODE OF LAWS, SECTION 30-4-70. City Council will enter executive session to discuss personnel matters and contracts.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Lois Porter, and unanimously approved to reconvene in public session.

Ordinances for First Reading or Resolutions

Ordinance 2023-07 FY 2023-2024 City of Pickens Budget:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously approved that this constitutes first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-07 FY 2023/2024 budget Ordinance.

Ordinance 2023-08 FY 2023-2024 City of Pickens Local Revenue Service Programs:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, seconded by Council Member Lois Porter, and unanimously approved that this constitutes a first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-08 for participation in Local Revenue Service Programs.

Resolution 2023-12 Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously passed to approve Resolution 2023-12.

Resolution 2023-13 SRO Memorandum of Agreement:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, seconded by Council Member Patrick Lark, and unanimously passed to approve Resolution No. 2023-13.

Ordinance 2023-09 Temporary Sign additions to the Zoning Ordinance:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Lois Porter, and unanimously approved that this constitutes a first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-09.

Ordinance 2023-10 Baker Street Re-Zoning:

>>Mayor Pro-Tem Davis stated this item has been removed from the agenda at this time.

Ordinance 2023-11 Ann Street Overlay District Zoning:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Isaiah Scipio and Seconded by Patrick Lark. Mr. Lark and Mr. Scipio voted in favor. Council Member Lois Porter, Council Member Robert Nealy, and Mayor Pro-Tem Davis voted in opposition. Council entered discussion after the vote. Ms. Porter and Mr. Davis both stated they had citizens that contacted them to state they wanted Ann Street to be residential only. Council Member Patrick Lark stated he thought the direction Council gave staff was to develop the new overlay district language, and he thought everyone was satisfied. Administrator Carter asked Council if there was language regarding this specific piece of property that would help. Robert Nealy stated he had also heard from citizens, and they were opposed. Mr. Nealy further stated the vote was 3-2 and he thought this should not entertain further discussion. Mayor Pro-Tem Davis stated that even with the vote being taken and failed, he was not opposed to Administrator Carter looking at specific language.

Resolution 2023-10 Jeep Explosion Sponsorship:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio. During discussion Administrator Carter stated she had contacted the City Attorney with Council's concerns about private property, and sponsorships. Ms. Carter stated she had sent Council the attorney's response. Council Member Robert Nealy stated he was opposed to City funds going toward private events. Council Member Lois Porter stated she was abstaining from voting because she has mixed feelings about the situation. Motion passed with Council Member Patrick Lark, Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and Council Member Jimmy Davis voting in favor. Council Member Robert Nealy opposed, and Council Member Lois Porter abstaining.

Administrative update:

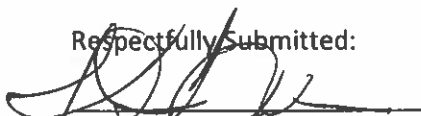
Ms. Carter advised the following:

- Meeting with the Council of Governments to move forward with the grants to improve water lines.
- City is still waiting for the second arrival of Roll Carts.
- City of Pickens will be hosting News Channel 7 (Zip Trip) – this will begin on June 30th at 5:00 a.m. -9:00 a.m., this will be a positive promotion for the City.
- There will be a 5K added to the morning of the July 1st festivities.
- Ms. Carter called attention to a letter from Pickens County regarding road paving.
- Ms. Carter reminded everyone about the Municipal Conference.

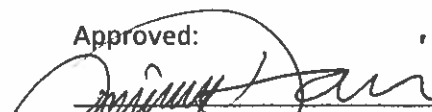
ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Council Member Jimmy Davis, Mayor Pro-Tem called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously approved. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:


Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Approved:


Mayor Pro-Tem, Jimmy Davis