

**Pickens City Council
Minutes of Work Session
Public Works Facility
133 Railroad Street
November 17, 2015–6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor David Owens
Council Member Carlton Holley (6:02 p.m.)
Council Member Donnie McKinney
Council Member Fletcher Perry (6:02 p.m.)
Council Member Patti Welborn
Council Member Patrick Lark
City Administrator Bruce Evilsizor
Clerk to Council Brittany Chapman

Absent: Council Member Isaiah Scipio

1. Invocation

Brian Gravely provided the Invocation at 6:00 p.m.

2. Call Work Session to Order

Mayor Owens Called the Work Session to Order at 6:01 p.m.

3. Joint Council/PRA Discussion on Proposed EPA Brownfield Application for Doodle Trail Head

Bruce Evilsizor opened the discussion on the Proposed EPA Brownfield Grant Application for the Doodle Trail Head. Grant eligibility and the possibility of deeding the former Railroad Depot Site property to the Pickens Revitalization Association were considered by City Council Members and PRA Board Members. The City would still be responsible for costs associated with the clean-up process that could potentially not be covered by the EPA Brownfield Grant. Bruce mentioned that EPA Brownfield Division is very involved with serving and improving the community. If the EPA Brownfield Grant is not approved the property title would revert back to the City. Terracon is currently conducting an assessment of the property to determine how much clean-up will need to take place for the removal of lead paint and asbestos. More information should be available next week from a financial standpoint.

4. Joint Council/PRA Discussion on Proposed Economic Development Ordinance

Bruce began the joint discussion on the Proposed Economic Development Ordinance and possibly offering an incentive plan that would be available for businesses.

5. Discussion on Amphitheater Roof Project

Mayor Owens briefly went over the recommended amphitheater roof project and costs associated with the improvements.

6. 6 Month Budget Review

Bruce went over the detailed 6 Month Budget Review with the Council Members.

7. Reports from Council Committees:

a. Parks & Recreation (Chair Carlton Holley, Members Isaiah Scipio & Donnie McKinney)

Council Member Holley mentioned that basketball tryouts are currently taking place at the Recreation Department.

b. Planning/PRA (Chair Patrick Lark, Members Isaiah Scipio & Carlton Holley)

Council Member Lark congratulated the recent graduates of the Clemson Tech Village Course. A brief discussion regarding variance requests took place.

c. Finance (Chair Patti Welborn, Members Patrick Lark & Fletcher Perry)

Bruce covered all areas of Finance in the 6 Month Budget Review #6.

d. Public Works & Utilities (Chair Isaiah Scipio, Members Fletcher Perry & Patrick Lark)

Brain Gravely and Bobby Abercrombie went over the latest DHEC inspection and most recent ESG progress. Cory Cox added that the ESG project should be completed by January, 2016. Cory asked City Council to consider adding another 4 man crew as of May 1, 2016 for water line replacement projects. He also added that the City maintains 110 miles of water lines and that adding another crew would be extremely beneficial for numerous reasons.

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

Chief Elrod passed out plans for the memorial to be placed outside of the Fire Department. Police Chief Riggs informed Council of an accident that occurred and that the Police Department recently received a new patrol car. Chief Riggs also mentioned that he is hoping to be able to increase officer pay soon.

f. Pickens Senior Citizens (Chair Donnie McKinney, Members Patti Welborn & Carlton Holley)

Council Member McKinney reviewed the current events at the Senior Center and announced the December 10, 2015 breakfast that will be held as a fund raiser.

8. Any Unscheduled Matters for Discussion

Mayor Owens briefly mentioned that the Swearing in of newly elected Council Members will take place December 7, 2015. Council Member Welborn and Bruce Evilsizor discussed the progress for better employee health coverage.

9. Adjourn Work Session

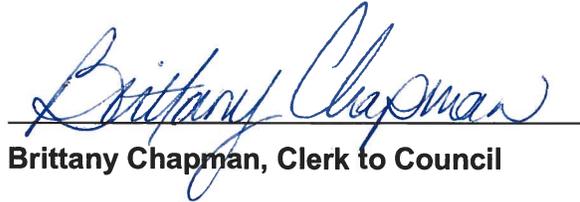
Mayor Owens Adjourned the Work Session at 8:32 p.m.

Note: (1) Agenda was posted on the City Hall Bulletin Board, Website, and Distributed to Media via Email on November 16, 2015.

Approved as written:

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David Owens, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brittany Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Brittany Chapman, Clerk to Council

