

**Pickens City Council
Minutes of Work Session
City Hall Council Chambers
July 15, 2019 — 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor David Owens
Council Member Donna Owen
Council Member Patrick Lark
Council Member Donnie McKinney
Council Member Fletcher Perry
Council Member Lois Porter
Council Member Patti Welborn
City Administrator David Poulson
Clerk to Council Brittany Chapman

1. Invocation

Isaiah Scipio provided the Invocation.

2. Call Work Session to Order

Mayor Owens Called the Work Session to Order at 6:04 p.m.

3. Breann Nicholson – Discussion on Upcoming Elections

Mrs. Nicholson discussed the upcoming elections and the current City Nepotism Policy with Council Members. Dan Brubaker from Rotary spoke positively on behalf of Breann running for City Council if the proposed Policy Changes were to take place. Tammy Sorrells also spoke in support of Mrs. Nicholson and the need for younger candidates.

4. Proposed Ordinance 2019-05 -- Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum

Mayor Owens briefly discussed Ordinance 2019-05 – Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum.

5. Proposed Resolution 2019-03 -- Renaming of Post Office

Council Member Perry introduced family members of Charles Johnson, the first fatality of Pickens County in the US Army during Vietnam. Perry Gravely went over historical facts about Mr. Johnson and the Johnson family. Reverend Isaiah Scipio shared information about the impact Mr. Johnson's passing had on his community when he was growing up. Mayor Owens and City Council shared appreciation of Mr. Johnson's service.

6. PRA Employee Discussion

Administrator, David Poulson, discussed the proposed job description and that he has been waiting for feedback prior to moving forward. Special Called Session to discuss further was tentatively set to take place on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 5 p.m.

7. Reports from Council Committees:

a. Parks & Recreation (Chair Patti Welborn, Members Donnie McKinney & Lois Porter)

Parks and Recreation was reviewed.

b. Planning/PRA (Chair Patrick Lark, Members Fletcher Perry & Donna Owen)

Council Member Lark briefly reviewed Planning/PRA and facility/City Property upkeep complaints.

c. Finance (Chair Lois Porter, Members Patrick Lark & Donna Owen)

Nothing new to report. Council Member Porter introduced the new Finance Director, Kayla McJunkin.

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

Council Member Perry introduced the new Public Works Director, Philip Trotter.

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

Council Member McKinney commended the Police Department on how well they handled the recent bomb investigation that took place.

f. Pickens Senior Citizens (Chair Donna Owen, Members Donnie McKinney & Lois Porter)

Council Member Donna Owen briefly reviewed

8. Unscheduled/Miscellaneous Business for Discussion

None

9. Adjourn Work Session

Mayor Owens Adjourned the Work Session at 6:44 p.m.

Note: (1) Agenda was posted on the City Hall Bulletin Board, Website, and Distributed to Media via Email on July 12, 2019; and (2) Quorum was present.

Approved as written:



David Owens, Mayor



Brittany Chapman, Clerk to Council