

**Pickens City Council  
Minutes of Regular Session  
City Hall Council Chambers  
March 2, 2020 — 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Fletcher Perry  
Council Member Donna Owen  
Council Member Jimmy Davis  
Council Member Donnie McKinney  
Council Member Isaiah Scipio  
Council Member Patrick Lark (Absent)  
Council Member Lois Porter  
Interim Administrator Philip Trotter  
Clerk to Council Brittany Chapman

**1. Invocation**

Council Member Scipio provided the Invocation.

**2. Call Regular Session to Order**

Mayor Perry Called the Regular Session to Order at 6:02 p.m.

**3. Open Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-02 – Amending Section 2.160 (Suspension and Removal of Chief of Police and Police Officers)**

Mayor Perry Opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-02 – Amending Section 2.160 (Suspension and Removal of Chief of Police and Police Officers) at 6:02 p.m.

**4. Open Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-03 – Rezoning of 411 Johnson Street**

Mayor Perry Opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-03 – Rezoning of 411 Johnson Street at 6:02 p.m.

**5. Open Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-04 – Amending District Regulations Section 406.03 (Façade Paint Colors)**

Mayor Perry Opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-04 – Amending District Regulations Section 406.03 (Façade Paint Colors) at 6:02 p.m.

**6. Comments from Citizens**

The residents at 3014 Gentry Memorial Hwy (Mr. & Mrs. Parton) brought forth concerns to City Council Members about ongoing dirty water issues at their property with hopes of a near future resolution.

**7. Azalea Festival Committee Proposal – Russ Gantt**

Mr. Russ Gantt presented the Azalea Festival Committee’s proposal for funding in the amount of \$5,500. A temporary banner approval display was also requested also.

**MOTION:** Council Member Scipio moved to Approve the Proposed \$5500.00 for Azalea Festival funding and temporary banner approval; Council Member Davis seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.

**8. Council Committee Reports/Recommendations:**

**a. Public Works & Utilities (Chair Jimmy Davis, Members Lois Porter & Patrick Lark)**

**i. February 13, 2020 – Public Works & Utilities Special Called Committee Meeting**

Council Member/Committee Chair Davis reviewed/read the February 13, 2020 – Public Works & Utilities Special Called Committee Meeting.

**ii. February 22, 2020 – Public Works & Utilities Special Called Committee Meeting**

**Council Member/Committee Chair** reviewed/read the February 13, 2020 – Public Works & Utilities Special Called Committee Meeting. The Committee Recommendation to waive the \$50.00 disconnection list penalty twice per calendar year was approved unanimously.

**9. Approve Minutes**

**a. Public Works Committee Special Called Meeting – February 13, 2020**

**b. Public Works Committee Special Called Meeting – February 22, 2020**

**MOTION:** Council Member Porter moved to Approve the above listed Minutes; Council Member Scipio seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.

**10. Approval of Proposed Changes to Employee Handbook – Changes to Nepotism Policy**

**MOTION:** Council Member Scipio moved to Approve the Proposed Changes to the Employee Handbook – Changes to the Nepotism Policy; Council Member Owen seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.

**11. Appointment of Municipal Clerk (Section 5-7-220)**

**MOTION:** Council Member Owen moved to Appoint Brittany Chapman as Municipal Clerk (Section 5-7-220); Council Member Scipio seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.

**12. Economic Incentive Discussion and Possible Action Taken – The Market at the Mill**

**a. Motion to Designate Pickens County Tax Map Number 4181-12-97-9113 as a Redevelopment Area**

**b. Motion to Defer Business License Fees for 6 Months (Registration of Business Required)**

**MOTION:** Council Member McKinney moved to Approved both a. and b. listed above with all compliance and registration required excluding buildings 9 and 10; Council Member Porter seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.

- 13. Economic Incentive Discussion and Possible Action Taken – The Cottages at Pickens**
  - a. Motion to Designate Pickens County Tax Map Numbers 4181-20-90-3800 and 4181-20-91-2039 as a Redevelopment Area**
  - b. Motion to Defer City Business License Pertaining to New Construction of The Cottages at Pickens**
  - c. Motion to Waive Water/Sewer Tap Installation Fees for Homes Within The Cottages at Pickens**

**MOTION:** Council Member McKinney moved to Approve a., b., and c. listed above; Council Member Porter seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.
  
- 14. Close Public Hearings on Agenda Items # 3, # 4, and # 5**

Mayor Perry Closed the Public Hearing on Agenda Items #3, #4, and #5.
  
- 15. Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-02 – Amending Section 2.160 (Suspension and Removal of Chief of Police and Police Officers)**

**Chief Riggs went on record to object to verbiage in Ordinance 2020-02.**  
There was conversation among Council Members and Police Chief Travis Riggs about the verbiage of Ordinance 2020-02.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Scipio moved to table the Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-02 and return to committee for further discussion; Council Member McKinney seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.
  
- 16. Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-03 – Rezoning of 411 Johnson Street**

**MOTION:** Council Member Porter moved to Adopt the Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-03 – Rezoning of 411 Johnson Street; Council Member Owen seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.
  
- 17. Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-04 -- Amending District Regulations Section 406.03 (Façade Paint Colors)**

**MOTION:** Council Member McKinney moved to Adopt the Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-04 – Amending District Regulations Section 406.03 (Façade Paint Colors); Council Member Davis seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.
  
- 18. Unscheduled/Miscellaneous Business for Discussion**

Brittany Chapman gave a brief Sunday sales update. The current Food Truck Ordinance was discussed among council members.
  
- 19. Motion to Enter Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel/Contractual Matters/Expansion of Businesses in Areas Served by the Public Body**

**MOTION:** Council Member McKinney moved to Enter Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel/Contractual Matters/Expansion of Businesses in Areas Served by the Public Body; Council Member Porter seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion at 6:57 p.m.

**20. Motion to Adjourn Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Council Member McKinney moved to Adjourn Executive Session; Council Member Porter seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion at 7:39 p.m.

**21. Action Taken Pertaining to Executive Session**

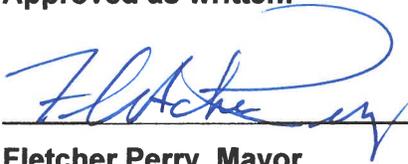
No Action Taken

**22. Motion to Adjourn Regular Session**

**MOTION:** Council Member Scipio moved to Adjourn Regular Session; Council Member Davis seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion at 7:40 p.m.

**Note:** (1) Agenda was posted on the City Hall Bulletin Board, Website, and Distributed to Media via Email on February 28, 2020 and (2) Quorum was present.

**Approved as written:**



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**Fletcher Perry, Mayor**



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**Brittany Chapman, Clerk to Council**