

Regular called City of Pickens Council Meeting
January 09, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in a Regular called session in the Council Chambers at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. Agendas were posted and sent to media on January 5, 2022.

Council Members in attendance:

Mayor Fletcher Perry
Council Member Jimmy Davis
Council Member Patrick Lark
Council Member Robert Nealy
Council Member Lois Porter
Council Member Isaiah Scipio

Staff:

Administrator Carter
Police Chief, Randal Beach
Fire Chief, Chris Elrod
Fire Captain, Rodney Crenshaw

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mayor Perry further noted that all members of Council were in attendance. Mayor Perry gave the Invocation and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mayor Perry opened the floor for citizens with business/comments.

1. Chase Shaffer- Mr. Shaffer, a student at Pickens High School was following up with staff as it relates to the future of Jaycee Park and the possibility of a future Skate Park. Administrator Carter stated she would be in contact as things progress.
2. Joyce Williams-Ms. Williams inquired about the leaf and brush pick-up. Administrator Carter stated the grinder has been down at the County and when that happens it suspends brush pick-up. The leaf truck is currently running 5 days per week.
3. Cheryl Smith – Ms. Smith asked Council to keep the water quality as the top priority for the City of Pickens.
4. Edwina Lone – Ms. Lone reiterated to Council that she was thankful for the parents who brought their children to the meeting regarding the termination of Recreation Director, Mr. Enoch. Ms. Lone also thanked Mayor Perry for allowing the citizens to be heard as it relates to this issue.
5. Jimmy Patten- Mr. Patten spoke to Council about the 2022 Jeep Explosion. He stated he took \$13,000 out of his personal money to have this event in Pickens. The event is extremely popular and Pickens Main Street is a difficult venue. Mr. Patten stated he was going to be having conversations with Chief Beach for the 2023 event and asked Council to consider other venues such as Haygood Mill. Mr. Patten also requested \$8,000 for the 2023 event. This event is the 4th Saturday in September.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: December 12, 2022, Regular Council Meeting –
>>Motion was made by Council Member Lois Porter, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes as presented.

ORDINANCES- Second Reading

Ordinance 2022-10 Purchasing and Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark and seconded by Council Member Lois Porter to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2022-10.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL:

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023 APPROVAL:

During discussion Council Member Isaiah Scipio stated he had been asked to consider having the meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month so that more people can attend both the County Council meetings as well as the City Council. Council members were in agreement with a change. However, the ordinance will need to be amended. Administrator Carter stated she was planning to have the Ordinance about Council Rules for the January 23, 2023, work session. (Committee of the whole) The Council could have a first reading at the regular meeting in February.

ORDINANCES- First Reading

ORDINANCE 2023-01 ANNEXATION OF 151 HOLDER STREET:

>>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. 2023-01 for annexation.

ORDINANCE 2023-02 ANNEXATION OF 231 HOLDER STREET:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Robert Nealy, and unanimously approved that this constitutes a first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-02 for annexation.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CODE OF LAWS, SECTION 30-4-70 Contractual matters and/or Personnel

>>Council Member Patrick Lark moved to convene into executive session for the stated purpose. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lois Porter and unanimously approved.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark and seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio to reconvene into Public Session.

ACTION AS IT RELATES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Perry called for motions as it relates to executive session.

>>Motion was made by Council Member Lois Porter to authorize the City Administrator to make required improvements to City property located at 602 Red Hill Road and complete rental agreements for property. Motion was seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio and unanimously passed.

>>Motion was made by Council Member Robert Nealy to authorize the City Administrator to complete applications and submission for additional resources and grants for special projects on behalf of the City. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lois Porter and unanimously passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Administrator Carter updated Council on the following items.

- Today is National Law Enforcement Day and she asked that everyone thank the officers for all they do to keep our communities safe.
- Court was held at the Railroad street property last week and everything is going well.
- The leaf truck is running (5) days per week.
- Several City jobs have been posted.
- Ms. Carter had a staff meeting on January 6, 2023. She informed Council that the meeting went well as staff is setting goals for 2023.
- Repairs have been completed on the Doodle Trail.
- Ms. Carter will be meeting with Bryan Owens and Debbie Gravely to discuss 2023 Event schedule.

Mayor Perry inquired about the contact personnel at the Recreation Department. Ms. Carter stated that would be Sam Baily.

APPOINTMENTS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:


Board of Zoning and Appeals- Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously passed to appoint Mr. John Adams to the Board of Zoning and Appeals.

Planning Commission – Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Robert Nealy, and unanimously passed to appoint Ms. Candice Heatherly to the Planning Commission.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further discussion, motion was made by Council Member Lois Porter, seconded by Council Member Patrick Lark, and unanimously passed. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Approved:


Mayor Fletcher Perry