

**Pickens City Council
Minutes of Regular Session
City Hall Council Chambers
August 2, 2021**

Present: Mayor Fletcher Perry
Council Member Donnie McKinney
Council Member Lois Porter
Council Member Jimmy Davis
Council Member Isaiah Scipio
Council Member Patrick Lark (via Zoom)
Council Member Robert Nealy
Administrator Philip Trotter
Finance Director Donna Perry
Clerk to Council Kaycee Couch

1. Invocation

Council Member Scipio provided the Invocation

2. Call Regular Session to Order

Mayor Perry called the Regular Session to Order at 6:01 P.M.

3. Comments from Citizens

None

4. Motion to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of:

- a. **Receiving legal advice pertaining to Jewel St. as allowed by S.C. Code Sect. 30-4-70(a)(2)-City Attorney Daniel Hughes and Zach Hood**

MOTION: Council Member McKinney Motioned to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters; Council Member Davis Seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 6:01 P.M.

5. Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

MOTION: Council Member McKinney Motioned to Adjourn Executive Session; Council Member Scipio Seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 6:49 P.M.

6. Administrators Report

At 6:49 P.M. Philip Trotter presented with an Administrators Report

- CDBG Wastewater UV Lights pre-bid meeting
- 2021 A and B Utility Bond Closings
- Doodle Trail Closure for Maintenance this Thursday
- Christmas 2021 preparations have begun
- Rolling Into Toys Toy Drive
- 2021 Capital Improvement Projects
- First Responders Prayer and Appreciation Rally on August 5th at The Market at the Mill

7. Chief of Police-Vehicle Acquisition-Chief Beach

At 6:53 P.M., Chief Randal Beach led discussion regarding the growing fleet in the Police Department with the addition of two new late model vehicles.

8. Finance Directors Report

At 6:56 P.M., Donna Perry presented a Finance Directors Report:

- Finance Report for FY 20/21
 - General Fund, Utility Fund, Hospitality Fund, Stormwater Utility Fund
- Schedule of Current Outstanding Debt
 - Scheduled Payments

9. First Reading of Ordinance 2021-11-Amendment to the FY 21/22 Budget for the Fire Department- Donna Perry

Donna Perry explained that the amendment to the Budget will be to cover a delayed order of turnout gear for the fire department.

MOTION: Council Member McKinney Motioned to Approve the First Reading for Ordinance 2021-11; Council Member Scipio seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:09 P.M.

10. Resolution 2021-08-Digital Siren Contract-Chief Beach

MOTION: Council Member Scipio Motioned to Approve Resolution 2021-08; Council Member Davis seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:11 P.M.

11. Resolution 2021-09-Retail Recruitment-Mayor Perry

MOTION: Council Member Davis Motioned to Approve Resolution 2021-09; Council Member Nealy seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:14 P.M.

12. Resolution 2021-10-FEMA Table Adoption-Philip Trotter

MOTION: Council Member McKinney Motioned to Approve Resolution 2021-10; Council Member Scipio seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:15 P.M.

13. Resolution 2021-11- MR Systems Contract-Harley Deal/Philip Trotter

MOTION: Council Member McKinney Motioned to Approve Resolution 2021-11; Council Member Scipio seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:19 P.M.

14. Main Street City Banner Partnership-Anna Chastain

At 7:20 P.M., Anna Chastain presented a sample banner to Council that would be placed on Main St. with the hopes of advertising local small businesses. Philip Trotter chimed in to let Council know that the hardware on the light post will be changed before adding these banners.

Anna also updated Council on upcoming events: sidewalks will be cleaned this week, the Amphitheater is booked for bands for the next 2 weeks, the next Doodle Market is scheduled for August 13th.

15. Pickens Regional Joint Water System Update-Philip Trotter

At 7:24 P.M., Philip Trotter advised council that the City of Liberty would like to become an owner member to the PRJWS pending a break away from the Pickens County Water Authority.

16. Approval of Minutes

- a. **April 19, 2021-Special Called Session**
- b. **May 10, 2021-Regular Session**
- c. **June 7, 2021-Regular Session**
- d. **June 21, 2021-Police and Fire Committee Meeting**
- e. **June 21, 2021-Work Session**
- f. **July 12, 2021-Regular Session**

MOTION: Council Member Scipio Motioned to Approve the above listed minutes; Council Member Davis seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:29 P.M.

17. Unscheduled/Miscellaneous Business for Discussion

City Administrator, Philip Trotter invited Harley Deal to discuss matters related to the Water Treatment Plant.

Harley Deal presented videos related to the current flushing project and manganese growth in the lines. 75% of the hydrants in the City have been flushed thus far- which has never been done.

18. Motion to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

- a. **Contractual Matter related to Clearwater Solutions as allowed by S.C. Code 30-7-70(a)(2)**
- b. **Personnel Matters as allowed by S.C. Code 30-4-70(a)(1)**

MOTION: Council Member McKinney Motioned to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters; Council Member Nealy Seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:54 P.M.

MOTION: Council Member McKinney Motioned to Adjourn Executive Session; Council Member Porter Seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 9:32 P.M.

19. Possible Action Taken Pertaining to Executive Session

None

20. Motion to Adjourn Regular Session

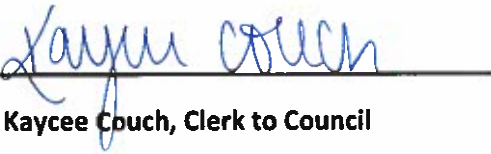
MOTION: Council Member Lark Motioned to Adjourn Regular Session; Council Member Scipio Seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 9:33 P.M.

NOTE: (1) Agenda was posted on the City Website, the City Hall Bulletin Board and Distributed to Media via Email on July 28th, 2021 and (2) Quorum was present.

Approved as Written:

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Fletcher Perry, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kaycee Couch". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Kaycee Couch, Clerk to Council