

**Pickens City Council
Minutes of Regular Session
Public Works Facility
January 4, 2021**

Present: Mayor Fletcher Perry
Council Member Donna Owen
Council Member Jimmy Davis
Council Member Lois Porter
Council Member Isaiah Scipio
Council Member Patrick Lark
Administrator Philip Trotter
Clerk to Council Kaycee Couch
Zoning Compliance Coordinator Jennifer Vissage

1. Invocation

Council Member Scipio provided the Invocation.

2. Call Regular Session to Order

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Fletcher Perry Called the Regular Session to Order

3. Pickens County Municipal Association Awards-Presented by President/City of Liberty Mayor Brian Petersen

- a. **City of Pickens Officer of the Year- Samuel Byers**
- b. **City of Pickens Firefighter of the Year-Scott Howard**

At 6:01 p.m., Mr. Petersen thanked Council for the opportunity to be present at the Council meeting in order to present these awards as their annual banquet was cancelled due to COVID. Mr. Petersen presented the Officer of the Year Award to Samuel Byers and the Firefighter of the Year award to Scott Howard and thanked them for their service and dedication.

4. Comments from Citizens

None

5. Oath of Office-City of Pickens Police Chief Randal Beach-Mayor Perry

At 6:06 p.m., Mayor Perry performed the swearing in ceremony for the new City of Pickens Police Chief, Randal Beach.

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6. Employee/Department Recognition-Philip Trotter

a. Dewayne Dobbins-5 years of service

City Administrator, Philip Trotter recognized Dewayne Dobbins for 5 years of service with the City of Pickens Fire Department.

Mr. Trotter went off script to recognize Chris Elrod, Kayla McJunkin and Kaycee Couch for helping with the 2020 Christmas Parade.

b. Lt. Samuel Byers-City of Pickens Police Department

Mayor Perry, City Administrator, Philip Trotter, and the new City of Pickens Police Chief, Randal Beach presented Lt. Samuel Byers with a plaque and a formal letter of thanks for his loyalty and dedication to the Police Department as the interim Police Chief.

c. Pickens Recreation Department-Athletic Department of the Year Award

Cheri Anthony and Heidi Covey were recognized for receiving the South Carolina Athletic Department of the Year-Class I award.

7. SC Athletic Programs Branch Youth Coach of the Year Award-Cheri Anthony

a. Jose Milton Aleman

At 6:16 p.m., Cheri Anthony presented the SC Athletic Programs Branch Youth Coach of the Year Award to Mr. Aleman. Cheri Anthony thanked Mr. Aleman for all of his hard work and dedication to the City of Pickens Recreation Department.

8. Administrators Report

At 6:19 p.m., Philip Trotter presented an Administrators Report

- Statements of Economic Interest
- Virtual Hometown Legislation Action Week
- 2020 GO Bond- Mr. Trotter made a recommendation to move forward with the purchase of a new Dump Truck
- Damage to the fence at Major Field due to a Single Vehicle Accident
- Use of the Amphitheater for Andy Reynolds memorial service
- Plumbing pipe separation at the Water Treatment Plant

9. Finance Directors Report

At 6:23 p.m., Philip Trotter presented with a Finance Directors Report

- Year End Audit Process will begin on January 5th

10. First Reading of Ordinance 2020-14-An Ordinance to Amend the City of Pickens Ordinances by Amending Ordinance Section 16-5 to Extend the Due Date For Payment- Kaycee Couch

At 6:23 p.m., Kaycee Couch led discussion on changes to Routes 1-8 and 9-16 billing cycles to remain compliant with the Water Bill of Rights. Routes 1-8 will be billed on the 15th, due on the 5th, late fees will be processed on the 10th and disconnect will be on the 11th. Routes 9-16 will be billed on the last day of the month, due on the 20th, late fees will be processed on the 25th and disconnect will be on the 26th.

MOTION: Council Member Scipio motioned to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2020-14; Council Member Owen seconded. The vote was unanimous at 6:26 p.m. with the absence of Council Member McKinney.

11. Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-13-Text Amendment to Temporary Sign Regulations of Zoning Ordinance-Jennifer Vissage

At 6:27 p.m., Jennifer Vissage led discussion on a few amendments to the Ordinance.

MOTION: Council Member Owen motioned to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-13- with the edit to change "City of Greer" to "City of Pickens"; Council Member Lark seconded. The vote was unanimous at 6:28 p.m. with the absence of Council Member McKinney.

12. Appointment of Board of Zoning Appeals Member-Jennifer Vissage
a. Courtney Lipscomb

MOTION: Council Member Lark motioned to appoint Courtney Lipscomb to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Council Member Scipio seconded. The vote was unanimous at 6:29 p.m. with the absence of Council Member McKinney.

13. Approval of Minutes
a. Police/Fire Committee Meeting-December 2, 2020
b. Regular Session-December 7, 2020

MOTION: Council Member Owen motioned to approve the above listed minutes; Council Member Scipio seconded. The vote was unanimous at 6:30 p.m. with the absence of Council Member McKinney.

14. Unscheduled/Miscellaneous Business for Discussion

- Council Member Owen stated that everybody that she has spoken to enjoyed the Christmas Parade.

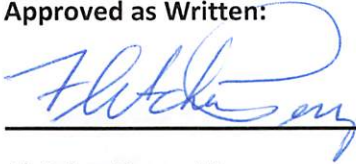
15. Motion to Adjourn Regular Session

Council Member Lark motioned to Adjourn Regular Session; Council Member Scipio seconded. The vote was unanimous at 6:32 p.m. with the absence of Council Member McKinney.

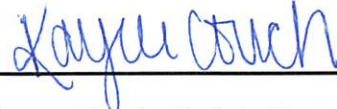
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NOTE: (1) Agenda was posted on the City Website, the City Hall Bulletin Board and Distributed to Media via Email on December 31, 2020 and (2) Quorum was present.

Approved as Written:

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Fletcher Perry, Mayor

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Kaycee Couch, Clerk to Council