

**Pickens City Council
Minutes of Regular Session
Public Works Facility
March 1, 2021**

Present: Mayor Fletcher Perry
Council Member Donna Owen
Council Member Jimmy Davis
Council Member Lois Porter
Council Member Patrick Lark
Council Member Donnie McKinney
Administrator Philip Trotter
Finance Director Donna Perry
Clerk to Council Kaycee Couch

1. Invocation

Police Chief Randal Beach provided the Invocation.

2. Call Regular Session to Order

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

3. Comments from Citizens

a. Town Creek Waterfowl Feature-(Wayne Kelley)

At 6:01 p.m., Wayne Kelley request that council consider having a Bird Sanctuary at Town Creek. Mayor and Council approved moving forward with this idea.

4. Administrators Report

At 6:04 p.m., Philip Trotter presented an Administrators Report:

a. UV Light Project Update

b. Town Creek Bar Screen Update

c. Recreation Department

i. Summer Camp 2021 discussion

ii. High School scrimmage at Bruce Field

d. Municipal Court dates will resume in April

e. Bruce Field fence replacement project

f. Successful Zone 1 Unidirectional Flush

g. Introduction of City Services Supervisor, Craig Dalton

h. Recommendation to purchase a new Skid Steer for use by City of Pickens. This purchase is to be made out of the 2020 GO Bond funds.

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5. Finance Directors Report

At 6:14 p.m., Donna Perry presented with a Finance Directors Report:

- a. General Fund, Utility Fund, Hospitality Tax, Stormwater, and Reconciled Bank Account Balances
- b. Fiscal Year 21-22 Budget Calendar Review
- c. March 15th Audit Update (Special Called Session)
- d. Class Action Law Suit Settlement
- e. Buyout of Public Works vehicle leases
- f. Compass Advisors update

6. Chief of Police Report

At 6:30 p.m., Chief Randal Beach presented with a Chief of Police Report:

- a. Police Department Staff Update
- b. Arrest are up by 300% (this includes narcotics)
- c. Community/Council Reporting
- d. Police Department Infrastructure
- e. Computer Update
- f. Recent Public Appearances as the new Police Chief

7. 2021 Azalea Festival Discussion-(Russ Gantt)

At 6:39, Russ Gantt led discussion pertaining to the 2021 Azalea Festival. Mr. Gantt began by giving some background information on the Festival. Mr. Gantt then stated that the Committee has made the decision to postpone the event until 2022. The event will be "replaced" by a summer movie series.

8. Chief of Police Report cont...

Due to an emergency interruption and officers having to leave prior to the Chief of Police Report, Chief Beach completed his report upon the return of those officers. At 6:46, Chief Beach and Sgt. Griffin recognized Officer Pitts for being awarded the 2020 D.U.I Enforcement Leader and February 2021 Arrest of the Month for pursuing and apprehending a suspect in a stolen vehicle.

9. Doodle Park Playground Discussion-(Philip Trotter)

At 6:50 p.m., Philip Trotter stated that it had been brought to his attention that hover boards, bicycles, scooters, etc. are being ridden on the play mat at the Doodle Park. This is causing significant damage to the rubber mat. Staff will be moving forward with having a sign made stating "No Hover Boards, Bicycles, Scooters, etc. are not allowed on the playground.

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10. Cub Scout Pack 51-Pinewood Derby-(Philip Trotter)

At 6:56 p.m., Philip Trotter informed Council that Cub Scout 51 has requested to use the Doodle Pavilion on April 17th from 8:30a-3:30p for their annual Pinewood Derby. Mayor and Council approved the use of the Doodle Pavilion on this date.

11. Pickens Regional Joint Water System Update-(Philip Trotter)

At 7:00 p.m., Philip Trotter provided Council with a Pickens Regional Joint Water System Update:

- a. Draft Budget Ordinance
- b. Approved Resolution appointing Tim Gilstrap to solicit bids for bridge loans
- c. Bridge Loan overview

12. Approval of Minutes

- a. **February 1, 2021- Regular Session**

MOTION: Council Member McKinney motioned to approve the above listed minutes; Council Member Porter seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:08 p.m. with the absence of Council Member Scipio.

13. Unscheduled/Miscellaneous Business for Discussion

Council and the City Administrator briefly discussed options for the fountain located at Legacy Square.

14. Motion to Enter Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contractual and Personnel Matters

- a. **Municipal Services Agreement for the Provision of Electrical Service with Duke Energy as allowed by S.C. Code 30-4-70(a)(2)**
- b. **City of Pickens Staff Update as allowed by S.C. Code 30-4-70(a)(1)**

MOTION: Council Member Lark motioned to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of Discussing Contractual and Personnel Matters; Council Member Owen seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:20 p.m. with the absence of Council Member Scipio.

15. Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

MOTION: Council Member Lark motioned to Adjourn Executive Session; Council Member Owen seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 8:02 p.m. with the absence of Council Member Scipio.

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16. Possible Action Taken Pertaining to Executive Session

a. First Reading of Ordinance 2021-02 (Duke MSA Agreement)

MOTION: Council Member McKinney motioned to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2021-02 (Duke MSA Agreement) with amending the current rate of 5% to 6%; Council Member Porter seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 8:02 p.m. with the absence of Council Member Scipio.

17. Motion to Adjourn Regular Session

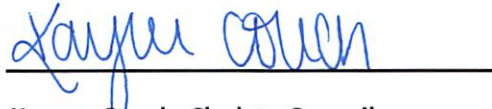
MOTION: Council Member Lark motioned to Adjourn Regular Session; Council Member McKinney seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 8:03 p.m. with the absence of Council Member Scipio.

NOTE: (1) Agenda was posted on the City Website, the City Hall Bulletin Board and Distributed to Media via Email on February 26, 2021 and (2) Quorum was present.

Approved as Written:



Fletcher Perry, Mayor



Kaycee Couch, Clerk to Council