

**Pickens City Council  
Minutes of Regular Session  
Public Works Facility  
November 2, 2020**

**Present:** Mayor Pro Tempore Donna Owen  
Council Member Donnie McKinney  
Council Member Jimmy Davis  
Council Member Lois Porter  
Council Member Isaiah Scipio  
Administrator Philip Trotter  
Finance Director Donna Perry  
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 6:04 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Owen called the Regular Session to Order.

**3. Comments from Citizens**

None

**4. Christmas Parade Discussion-Russ Gantt, Azalea Committee**

At 6:04, Russ Gantt updated Council on significant changes that have taken place since the last Council Meeting. Mr. Gantt stated that as we have continued to see a rise in COVID cases, surrounding Cities have begun to cancel their Christmas parades. Mr. Gantt stated that the Azalea Committee will be meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and then he will follow up with Mayor Perry, Philip and Council to establish a plan.

**5. Administrators Report**

At 6:12 p.m. Philip Trotter presented an Administrators Report:

- CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Update
  - Pre Bid Meeting took place November 2, 2020
  - Bid Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020
  - Proposed Completion Date-No later than February 2021
- Meals on Wheels Routes-City Employees Volunteer Opportunities
- Presentation check for Recreation Funds has been ordered
- PARD Grants for Bruce Field Renovations have been submitted
- FEMA Grant funds
- Infrastructure Improvements-Next Steps
  - Griffin/Midway area
- Doodle Trail Embankment repairs update
- Public Works Excavator Demo.-Recommendation to follow through with the purchase of this piece of equipment, additional attachments, and a trailer.

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### 6. Finance Directors Report

At 6:21 p.m. Donna Perry presented a Finance Directors Report:

- Excavator Purchase Allocation
- Monthly Finance Report
  - General Fund, Utility Fund, Hospitality Fund, Stormwater, and Reconciled Bank Account Balances.

### 7. Open Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-12-Amend the Zoning Map of 414 E. Cedar Rock St.

At 6:29 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem, Donna Owen opened the public hearing to amend the zoning map of 414 E Cedar Rock St. Zoning Compliance Coordinator, Jennifer Vissage explained what the amendment of the zoning map would entail. Currently, the property is zoned for a general business. The plan is to rezone the property to establish 3 duplex home buildings. E. Cedar Rock Resident, Caroline Rogers stated that she and some of her neighbors would like a little more information on the duplex homes. Ms. Rogers stated that in the past, duplex homes on the street caused issues that involved law enforcement on several different occasions. Ms. Rogers stated that she has lived there for several years and she was excited to see the old duplex homes changed into single family homes.

### 8. Close Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-12-Amend the Zoning Map of 414 E. Cedar Rock St.

At 6:38 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem, Donna Owen closed the public hearing on Ordinance 2020-12.

### 9. First Reading of Ordinance 2020-12-Rezoning of 414 E. Cedar Rock St.

**MOTION:** Council Member Porter motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-12; Council Member McKinney seconded. The vote was unanimous at 6:38 p.m. with the absence of Mayor Perry and Council Member Patrick Lark.

### 10. Unscheduled/Miscellaneous Business for Discussion

City Administrator Philip Trotter discussed the trial run with the City of Easley for allowing golf cart tours on the Doodle Trail. The tour went really well and the group had a lot of fun. The City of Easley has graciously offered the City of Pickens the use of their golf cart to accommodate a larger group. The golf cart tours will be available the first and the third Wednesday of each month with a route rotation leaving from Easley and traveling to Pickens and leaving from Pickens and traveling to Easley. Council Member McKinney requested an update on the mural painting for Bruce Field. Mr. Trotter explained that the group that would be painting the mural had to postpone the project due to COVID and CDC mandates. City Staff will be reaching back out to the group in the days to come for a timeline update.

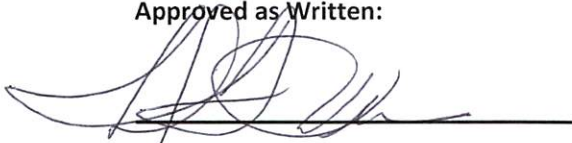
### 11. Motion to Adjourn Regular Session

**MOTION:** Council Member Porter motioned to adjourn regular session; Council Member McKinney seconded. The vote was unanimous at 6:42 p.m. with the absence of Mayor Perry and Council Member Patrick Lark.

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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 October 30, 2020 and (2) Quorum was present.

Approved as Written:



Donna Owen, Mayor Pro Tem



Kaycee Couch, Clerk to Council