

**Pickens City Council
Minutes of Regular Session
City Hall Council Chambers
September 13, 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
Council Member Robert Nealy
Administrator Philip Trotter
Finance Director Donna Perry
Clerk to Council Kaycee Couch

1. Invocation

Rev. Charles Hendricks provided the Invocation

2. Call Regular Session to Order

Mayor Perry called the Regular Session to Order at 6:00 P.M.

3. Comments from Citizens

a. Cindy Colon- Garvin Street Business Owner

At 6:02 P.M., Ms. Colon spoke regarding the concern of her safety as she has been involved in loitering incidents coming in and out of her business. Mayor Perry assured Ms. Colon that the issue will be addressed.

b. Russ Gantt-Pickens Jeep Explosion and Hinkle Memory Ride

At 6:05 P.M., Russ Gantt spoke regarding the upcoming Jeep Event and thanked Council and Staff for their support in the event.

At 6:13 P.M. Pat Mulkey spoke regarding Randal Beach responding to speak with a young gentleman that was going through a tough time. Mr. Mulkey thanked Chief Beach for all that he has done for this young man and others throughout the community.

At 6:16 P.M. Corey Freeman spoke requesting to buy property owned by the City. Mr. Freeman would like to clean the property up as it backs up to his property.

4. Administrators Report

At 6:18 P.M., City Administrator, Philip Trotter presented with an Administrators Report:

- a. Mr. Trotter turned the floor over to Roy Costner and Alan Brewer as they introduced themselves as taking over the Azalea Festival Committee.
- b. Downtown Events: pressure washing of the sidewalks are complete, power outlets are in the process of being replaced to compensate for running Christmas lights
- c. Pat Mulkey has been working on the sound system at Bruce Field
- d. CDBG Rosemond Street project environmental process has begun
- e. 2021 Capital Improvement Project Update

5. Finance Directors Report

At 6:24 PM, Donna Perry presented a Finance Directors Report:

- General Fund
- Utility Fund
- Hospitality Fund
- Stormwater Utility Fund
- Bank Account Balances

6. City of Pickens Police Department Digital Alert System-Chief Beach

At 6:28 P.M., Chief Randal Beach explained what the Digital Alert System is and what effect it will have on the City of Pickens and its residents.

Mr. Davis introduced himself and expressed that his heart and desire is in the City of Pickens and presented a check to the Police Department in the amount of \$1000.00.

7. First Reading of Ordinance 2021-12 Rezoning of S Church St.-Jennfier Vissage

Mayor Perry stated that Rosemond Street was not supposed to be included in this Ordinance. City Administrator Philip Trotter read a list of parcels that will be affected by this Ordinance.

MOTION: Council Member Lark Motioned to Approve the First Reading for Ordinance 2021-12; Council Member Nealy seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 6:40 P.M. with Council Member Scipio recusing himself.

8. First Reading of Ordinance 2021-13 Rezoning of Pendleton St.-Jennifer Vissage

Philip Trotter spoke briefly in the absence of Jennifer Vissage that the Planning Commission recommended that the property on Pendleton St is rezoned.

MOTION: Council Member McKinney Motioned to Approve the First Reading for Ordinance 2021-13; Council Member Porter seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 6:41 P.M. with Council Member Scipio and Mayor Perry recusing themselves from the vote. 5 votes against.

9. First Reading of Ordinance 2021-14 Rezoning of Baker St.-Jennifer Vissage

City Administrator Philip Trotter stated that the planning commission recommended that the property located on Baker St. is rezoned from Commercial to RM16

MOTION: Council Member Porter Motioned to Approve the First Reading for Ordinance 2021-14; Council Member Davis seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 6:43 P.M.

10. First Reading of Ordinance 2021-15 Amendment to the FY 21/22 Budget for Sanitation Rates- Donna Perry

Donna Perry spoke briefly

MOTION: Council Member Lark Motioned to Approve the First Reading for Ordinance 2021-15; Council Member Davis seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 6:45 P.M.

11. City of Pickens Water Treatment Update-Harley Deal

At 6:45 P.M. Harley Deal spoke regarding updates at the Water Treatment Plant such as SCADA updates that are taking place, a phosphate program is in progress. The phosphate program along with the flushing program bring hope of clearing the color of the water up. Mr. Deal spoke of inflation on chemicals and lab fees that are currently taking place.

12. Pickens Regional Joint Water System Update-Philip Trotter/Councilman Donnie McKinney

Mr. Trotter spoke regarding updated to the PRJWS- the City of Liberty would like to become an owner member in the System. Next steps include housekeeping items in revamping the participation agreement. Council Member McKinney explained what the Pickens Regional Joint Water System is.

The municipalities will control the amount. Greenville water has control over what they charge us for water.

13. 2020 General Obligations Bond Update-Donna Perry

a. Enterprise Lease Agreement Discussion-Donna Perry

At 7:03 P.M., Donna Perry gave an update on the current Lease Agreement Settlement.

MOTION: Council Member Lark approved to buying out the current Lease Agreement; Council Member Scipio seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:11 P.M.

14. Citizen Recognition-Chief Randal Beach

At 7:12 P.M. Chief Beach went off script to present James Devlin with an award after he assisted the Police Department in safely apprehending a suspect.

15. Resolution 2021-12 Honoring Gail Few-Philip Trotter

MOTION: Council Member Lark Motioned to Approve Resolution 2021-12; Council Member Porter seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:22 P.M.

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16. Resolution 2021-13 Approval of Legacy Square MOU and Facilities Use Agreement-Philip Trotter

MOTION: Council Member Lark Motioned to Approve Resolution 2021-13; Council Member McKinney seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:22 P.M.

17. Resolution 2021-14 Approval of American Rescue Plan Resolution-Philip Trotter

MOTION: Council Member Lark Motioned to Approve Resolution 2021-14; Council Member McKinney seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:23 P.M.

18. Resolution 2021-15 South Carolina Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network Membership- Harley Deal

MOTION: Council Member Lark Motioned to Table Resolution 2021-15; Council Member Davis seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:29 P.M.

19. Approval of Minutes

- a. August 2, 2021-Regular Session
- b. August 16, 2021-Work Session

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

20. Unscheduled/Miscellaneous Business for Discussion

At 7:30 P.M. Jack Haskett spoke about feral cats that he has been caring for. There were 15 cats and 12 have been spayed and neutered. Mr. Haskett request that the City look into Veterinarians that can help with taking the cats in to be spayed or neutered.

Mayor Perry discussed a request for Renaming of the Recreation Department Building. Mr. Perry recommends that the request goes to the Recreation Committee. Council Member Lark stated that he does not feel comfortable naming anything after someone that is still alive.

City Administrator, Philip Trotter made council aware that a new Front Office Supervisor would be starting on Tuesday, September 14th.

21. 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 related to City of Pickens Police Department Retirement Request as allowed by S.C. Code 30-4-70(a)(1)
- c. Personnel Matters related to City Administration 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 the matters listed above; Council Member Davis Seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:38 P.M.

MOTION: Council Member McKinney Motioned to Adjourn Executive Session; Council Member Lark Seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 8:40 P.M.

22. Possible Action Taken Pertaining to Executive Session

MOTION: Council Member Lark motioned to Approve Employee Contract; Council Member Scipio seconded. The vote was 6-1 in favor of the motion with an objection from Council Member Porter at 8:41 P.M.

23. Motion to Adjourn Regular Session

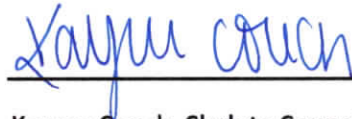
MOTION: Council Member Lark Motioned to Adjourn Regular Session; Council Member Scipio Seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 8:47 P.M.

NOTE: (1) Agenda was posted on the City Website, the City Hall Bulletin Board and Distributed to Media via Email on September 10th, 2021 and (2) Quorum was present.

Approved as Written:



Fletcher Perry, Mayor



Kaycee Couch, Clerk to Council