

Mayor
FLETCHER PERRY

City Council
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ROBERT NEALY
ISAIAH SCIPIO
LOIS PORTER
DONNIE MCKINNEY



Administrator

City Clerk
Donna Owen

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 07, 6:00 PM
CITY HALL 219 PENDLETON STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA**

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
3. PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 17TH -23RD CONSTITUTION WEEK:
4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a) Regular Meeting, August 14th, 2023
 - b) Special Called Meeting, August 21st, 2023
6. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13- ANNEXATION NORTH SIDE WOLF CREEK ROAD AND MAULDIN LAKE ROAD:
7. DISCUSSION REGARDING MOVING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS TO THE SENIOR CENTER LOCATION:
8. REQUEST FOR FUNDS-FIRST ANNUAL PICKENS APPALACHIAN FOLK FESTIVAL:
9. REQUEST FOR FUNDS- RIDE TO THE ROCK:
10. CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS REGARDING INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND FY 2023/24 BUDGET AND TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING SAME AS ALLOWED BY S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70 (A)(1) AND S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2).
11. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION:
12. ACTION AS IT RELATES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
13. ADJOURNMENT:

PROCLAMATION

Constitution Week 2023

WHEREAS: It is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and thirty sixth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fletcher Perry, Mayor of Pickens, for the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2023 to be -

CONSTITUTION WEEK

In Pickens and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Pickens, South Carolina, on this 7th day of September 2023.

WITNESSES:

Fletcher Perry, Mayor
City of Pickens, for the
State of South Carolina

(SEAL)

**Regular Council Meeting
August 14, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Perry and City Council met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. Agendas were posted and sent to media on August 10, 2023.

Council Members in attendance:

Mayor Fletcher Perry
Council Member Lois Porter
Council Member Robert Nealy
Council Member Isaiah Scipio

Staff:

City Attorney, Daniel Hughes
Police Chief, Randal Beach
Rodney Crenshaw, Captain Fire Department
Trey Adams, CWS
Drew Langston, CWS, Project manager

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Council Member Isaiah Scipio gave the Invocation and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

- 1) Holly Templeman- Ms. Templeman came before Council to express her dislike for the fact that public money was spent on the Trump Rally with no contract or anything in writing.
- 2) Pat Mulky – Pat Mulky stated he was frustrated with other media outlets stating items about the City of Pickens that were untrue. Mr. Mulky encouraged citizens to view the City’s webpage for accurate information. Mr. Mulky also reiterated that equally false statements come from the owner of the Market at the Mill.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Lois Porter, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis, and unanimously passed to approve the Regular Session minutes of July 24, 2023.

Ordinance 2023-12 Pickens Regional Joint Water Authority- Project Participation Agreement Amendment:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Jimmy Davis, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously approved to accept the amendment to include the definition “Planning Phase”.

>>Motion was made by Council Member Jimmy Davis, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously passed that this constitutes second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2023-12 as amended.

Resolution 2023-15 (Rescind Resolution 2023-14) Pickens Regional Joint Water Authority- Appointment of Commissioners:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Lois Porter, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio to place this item on the table for discussion.

Mayor Perry informed Council that this motion would include rescinding Resolution 2023-14 and approving Resolution No. 2023-15. The Mayor explained that if approved, Jimmy Davis would go back on as ex officio Commissioner in place of CWS employee Drew Langston. Mayor Perry provided that some members of the Joint Water Authority thought it may be a conflict of interest, therefore asked that Mr. Davis be on the commission. Both Council Member Lois Porter and Council Member Isaiah Scipio concurred, all members voted in favor of the stated motion and Council Member Jimmy Davis recused himself from the vote. Motion carried.

Administrative update and discussion: Mayor Perry stated with the Administrator being absent, there would be no Administrative update.

>>Council Member Robert Nealy stated he would like to discuss Item E- FY 24 City Budget. Mr. Nealy stated it was his understanding that the Council budgeted for (4) Tahoe vehicles in the FY 23/24 police budget and a purchase order was issued for (3) Silverado trucks without the approval of Council or the Administrator.

>>Lieutenant Chris Griffin with the police department explained that staff has had several conversations with the dealership regarding orders for the Tahoe's. And it was determined it could be up to a year; However, the dealership informed the department they had (3) Chevrolet Silverado Police Pursuit Vehicles that had been ordered by the Department of Natural Resources, and those were open for sale. Therefore, the decision was made to move forward with the trucks. Lieutenant Griffin also stated it was his understanding that the police department was given a budget amount, but not a specific type of vehicle.

When Council questioned the amount of funds spent, Lieutenant Griffin stated the vehicles are under budget, and there are still funds to purchase the equipment that is needed for each police vehicle.

>>Council Member Lois Porter stated she thought the Administrator should have been informed by the department that changes were being made.

>>Council Member Isaiah Scipio stated that he did not think this conversation was appropriate, and he thanked the police department for their hard work.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Perry moved to the next item.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: CODE OF LAWS, SECTION 30-4-70.

- a. City Council will enter executive session to discuss expansion and provision of City Services and to discuss and receive legal advice regarding personnel matters.

>>Motion was made by Council Member Jimmy Davis, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously passed to convene in executive session for the stated purpose.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis, and unanimously approved to reconvene in public session. No action was taken because of the ex-Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Council Member Jimmy Davis, seconded by Council Member Lois Porter, and unanimously approved to adjourn. Council stood adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Mayor Fletcher Perry

Special called City Council Meeting
August 21, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Perry and City Council met for a special called meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. Agendas were posted and sent to media on August 16, 2023.

Council Members in attendance:

Mayor Fletcher Perry
Council Member Jimmy Davis, Mayor Pro-Tem
Council Member Lois Porter
Council Member Robert Nealy
Council Member Isaiah Scipio

Staff:

City Attorney, Daniel Huges

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Council Member Isaiah Scipio gave the Invocation and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, seconded by Council Member Lois Porter, and unanimously approved to convene in executive session for the stated purposes.

- a. TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AND TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING SAME AS ALLOWED BY S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70 (A)(1) and S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2).
- b. TO DISCUSS CONTRACTUAL MATTER FOR WORK PERFORMED AT JAYCEE PARK AND TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING SAME AS ALLOWED BY S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2).

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Lois Porter, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis, and unanimously approved to reconvene in public session.

ACTION AS IT RELATES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Perry stated there would be (3) items as a result of executive session.

- a) A 60 Day Severance Package for Administrator, Charlene Carter:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Robert Nealy and seconded by Council Member Lois Porter to approve a severance for Ms. Carter. Council Member Robert Nealy, Council Member Lois Porter and Council Member Jimmy Davis voted in favor, Mayor Perry and Council Member Isaiah Scipio opposed. Motion carried in favor of severance.

b) Contract with Dennis Harmon to serve as Interim Administrator:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Jimmy Davis and seconded by Council Member Lois Porter to enter into a contract with Mr. Harmon to serve as the Interim Administrator for a period of (3) months and to extend as needed. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

c) Approve the transfer of title for a 1996 dump truck to Murray's Tree Service in lieu of work performed at Jaycee Park and authorize Mayor Perry to sign the title:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Jimmy Davis and seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio to approve the transfer of title for work performed at Jaycee Park and for Mayor Perry to sign the title. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Perry called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member Lois Porter, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously approved. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Mayor Fletcher Perry

ORDINANCE 2023-13

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-3-150(3) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, TO ANNEX PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, one hundred percent (100%) of the freeholders owning one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of property identified as Tax Map Number 4180-00-46-1109, has petitioned the City of Pickens, South Carolina, to annex said property into the City of Pickens, South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the property as aforementioned is contiguous to the current City limits of the City of Pickens, South Carolina, and, is eligible for annexation.

WHEREAS, the said real property as described above shall become a part of the corporate limits of the City of Pickens, South Carolina upon second reading and final reading of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED and ordered by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pickens, South Carolina, that the property identified as Tax Map Number 4180-00-46-1109 exhibit attached is hereby annexed into the corporate limits of the City of Pickens, South Carolina, and, that said property shall be zoned R-8 Single family pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Pickens, South Carolina.

DONE AND RATIFIED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON THIS _____ day of _____--2023.

Introduced (1st Reading): 9/07/2023

Final (2nd Reading): _____

Mayor Fletcher Perry

Attest: Donna Owen
City Clerk



Overview



Legend

- Parcels
- Roads

Parcel ID	4180-00-46-1109	Account	Vacant	Ownership	HOLDER	Documents			
Account No	R0006187	Type	Land		EDDIE DEAN	Date	Price	Doc	Vacant or Improved
Property		Class	n/a		TRUSTEE				
Address		Acreage	215.0		115 JEWEL	1/4/2023	\$1	2490//45	Improved
District	A13-Pickens	LEA	0003.8		ST	2/19/2016	\$1	1750//338	Vacant
Brief	N/SIDE WOLF CR RD MAULDIN	Code			PICKENS, SC				
Tax Description	LAKE RD PLAT 484/2 P/O, SEE GIS NOTES (Note: Not to be used on legal documents)	Value	\$19,775		29671-0000				

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Petition Form

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA:

The undersigned, being 100 percent of the freeholders owning 100 percent of the assessed value of the property in the contiguous territory described below and shown on the attached plat or map, hereby petition for annexation of said territory to the City of Pickens, South Carolina by ordinance effective as soon hereafter as possible, pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 5-3-150(3).

The territory to be annexed is described as follows:

[Required: Insert description of territory. The description may be taken from deeds or may be drawn to cover multiple parcels using known landmarks. It should be definitive enough to accurately fix the location.]

[Recommended: The property is designated as follows on the County tax maps: _____

4180-00-46-1109]

[Recommended: A plat or map of the area should be attached. A tax map may be adequate.]

E. Dean Halder ~~_____~~ Pickens, S.C.

Signature

Street Address,

City

8-24-23

Date

[Add signature lines as necessary.]

For City Use:

Petition received by _____, Date _____

Description and Ownership verified by _____, Date _____

Recommendation _____

By: _____, Date _____

Donna Owen

From: Bryan Owens <bryan.owens@blueliondigital.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 4:25 PM
To: Donna Owen
Subject: Fwd: Request for Funds - First Annual Pickens Appalachian Folk Festival

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Bryan Owens <bryan.owens@blueliondigital.com>
Subject: Request for Funds - First Annual Pickens Appalachian Folk Festival
Date: August 30, 2023 at 8:17:13 AM EDT
To: Dennis Harmon <dharmon@pickenscity.com>

Dennis,

It was good seeing you yesterday when we met to discuss event planning efforts for the City of Pickens.

I am writing to formally request financial support from the City of Pickens for the First Annual Pickens Appalachian Folk Festival to be held at the Pickens Amphitheater on Oct 13 & 14, 2023. This two-day celebration is dedicated to showcasing and preserving

the rich Appalachian heritage that thrives in Northern Pickens County and the broader Upstate of South Carolina.

The Pickens Appalachian Folk Festival promises to be a cultural gem in our community, uniting residents and visitors alike for a memorable weekend. The event will span two days, commencing on Friday evening and continuing with a vibrant Saturday program.



Friday Evening Highlights:

- **Musical Prelude:** The festival's start on Friday evening will feature a performance by the McGaha and Lark band in the Amphitheater. Their soulful bluegrass melodies will set the stage for an unforgettable weekend of Appalachian culture.

Saturday Festivities:

- **Musical Extravaganza:** Saturday will be an exhilarating day filled with live music from talented bands that capture the essence of the Appalachian spirit. Our lineup includes acts such as the Bear Creek String Bandits, The Reedy River String Band, and The West End String Band. These musicians will transport attendees through the rich musical traditions of our region.
- **Craft Vendors:** The festival grounds will be adorned with a diverse array of craft vendors, offering unique creations from local artisans. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore and purchase handmade crafts deeply rooted in our Appalachian heritage.
- **Culinary Delights:** We are curating a selection of mouthwatering Appalachian-inspired dishes to cater to a wide range of tastes.

Check out the Pickens Appalachian Folk Festival website for detailed information by clicking here ==> <https://pickensappalachianfolkfestival.org>

During our recent budget discussions, we had discussed the festival with the City Administrator regarding the Pickens Chamber's request for \$10,000 from ATAX (Accommodations and Tourism Tax) funds to support the promotion of this event. Ms.

Carter supported the idea of having the festival and expressed willingness to allocate funds to offset specific event costs. These funds would be utilized to cover expenses related to the bands, audio and lighting, signage and banners, and the rental of essential equipment such as tents, tables, and chairs. It is my understanding that the City Administrator incorporated a contingency in the Sponsorship/Donations budget account for this purpose.

It's important to note that the Chamber is actively engaged in soliciting additional sponsorships from local businesses to help defray the expected total cost of the event, which is estimated at \$22,000.

With this context in mind, we request the City of Pickens to consider a financial contribution of **\$5,000** to support the First Annual Pickens Appalachian Folk Festival. Your support will be instrumental in making this inaugural event a resounding success for our community.

Our detailed budget is below:

**Pickens Appalachian Folk Festival Budget
Planning 2023**

Item	NON-ATAX	ATAX
Bands - 4	\$3,500	
Sound and Lighting	\$2,150	
Signs/Banners	\$1,200	
Tent/Table/Chairs	\$5,000	
Website and Logo		\$3,500
Billboards		\$3,750
WNCW Radio Ad		\$1,000
Your Carolina Appearance		\$0
Pickens Courier - 5 weeks		\$1,750
Totals	\$11,850	\$10,000
Grand Total	\$21,850	
 Sponsorships		
City of Pickens	\$5,000	
Various Sponsors	\$7,000	
Total Sponsorships	\$12,000	
Total ATAX	\$10,000	
Total Funds	\$22,000	

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this request in further detail or provide any additional information that may be required. Please feel free to reach out to arrange a meeting or address any questions you may have.

Thank you for considering our request and for your commitment to our community's cultural heritage.

Bryan





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RIDE TO THE ROCK

Presented by the Pickens Rotary Club 

March 6, 2023

Dear valued community partner,

The Pickens Rotary Club is excited to share we are now planning the 10th Ride to the Rock, our largest annual fundraiser to serve the Pickens Community. The Ride to the Rock has been our club's largest fundraiser for the last 9 years and we are delighted to announce this year's event will be held September 30th, 2023.

The Ride to the Rock event brings people from all over the state as well as from out of state to downtown Pickens. One of our goals is to show these cyclists the great places to ride in Pickens County and hopefully have them return to ride again, all while supporting local businesses and the Pickens County community.

We would like to thank our prior year sponsors, and genuinely hope you will consider sponsoring our 2023 Ride to the Rock event. Without you, none of this would be possible for our community.

First time sponsors, this is one of the largest community events of the year. Your sponsorship will not only provide valuable visibility to your business on our social media and print marketing materials, but most importantly, positively impact our community.

I have attached a sponsor application form for 2023 as well as the sponsorship levels. Our sponsors will receive free registration for riders depending on their sponsorship level. If you have sponsored riders, please have them call me for the code needed at registration.

Our beneficiaries this year:

1. Pickens County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs
2. Other local charities

Please email me or call me at 864-979-4891 with any questions.

Thank you for your support, time, and thoughtful consideration,

Jeannie Gilstrap
Pickens Rotarian
Jeannie231@bellsouth.net

864-979-4891

RIDE TO THE ROCK

Presented by the Pickens Rotary Club

My business or organization would like to become a Ride to the Rock Bike Ride sponsor.

Business/Organization name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Contact Phone number _____

Email _____

Website _____

Please check the sponsorship level you are committing to. Attached is a list of the Sponsorship Levels and the benefits for each level.

- \$5,000 – Name sponsor
- \$2,500 – Platinum sponsor
- \$1,000 – Gold sponsor
- \$500 – Silver sponsor
- \$250 – Bronze sponsor
- \$100 – Friend sponsor

Please email your business/organization logo or graphic in electronic format to jeannie231@bellsouth.net. The logo will be used in the publicity material, flyers, on the website, etc. If we have your logo from last year we can continue to use that file unless you want to change the logo.

Make checks payable to The Pickens Rotary Club and return this form to:

Pickens Rotary Club, PO Box 708, Pickens, SC 29671

Jeannie Gilstrap

864-979-4891 email:jeannie231@bellsouth.net

RIDE TO THE ROCK

— SPONSORSHIP LEVELS —

	Name	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Friend
	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$100
Sponsor Benefits:						
Sponsor name above Ride to the Rock						
on print advertising	X					
Name Mentioned in Press Release	X	X				
Exhibit Space at Registration Area	X	X	X			
Logo on Event Brochure	X	X	X			
Free Registrations	12	8	5	2		
Logo on Route Map	X	X	X	X		
Logo on Banners	X	X	X	X		
Verbal Recognition at Event	X	X	X	X	X	
Logo or name on T-shirts	X	X	X	X	X	
Logo and Link on Event Website	X	X	X	X	X	X
Listed at Start Point	X	X	X	X	X	X

Sponsors can donate money or in-kind good/services to qualify for the above tiers