

**Pickens City Council
Minutes of Regular Session
City Hall Council Chambers
February 5, 2018 — 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor David Owens (Absent)
Council Member Donna Owen
Council Member Patti Welborn
Council Member Donnie McKinney
Council Member Fletcher Perry (6:14 p.m.)
Council Member Patrick Lark
Mayor Pro-Tempore Lois Porter
City Administrator Bruce Evilsizor
Clerk to Council Brittany Chapman

1. Invocation

Council Member Lark provided the Invocation.

2. Call Regular Session to Order

Mayor Pro-Tempore Porter Called the Special Called Session to Order at 6:02 p.m.

3. Recognition of Donnie McKinney for Serving as Mayor Pro Tem for 2016 & 2017.

Acting Mayor Pro-Tempore, Lois Porter and City Council Members Recognized Donnie McKinney for his time Served as Mayor Pro-Tempore from 2016-2017.

4. Open Public Hearing on Ordinance 2018-02, Amendment to Section 9-46, Classification & Rates

Mayor Pro-Tempore Porter opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2018-02, Amendment to Section 9-46, Classification & Rates at 6:04 p.m. Bruce Evilsizor briefly went over the need for Ordinance 2018-02. On behalf of Bivens Hardware, Heath Bivens spoke on the proposed rates. Tunckie LeCroy spoke behalf of Coyote Coffee. Kim Smagala spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and the possibility of tabling Ordinance 2018-02. Rocky Nimmons from the Pickens County Courier spoke on the proposed Business License rate proposal.

5. Comments from Citizens

Julia Monks proposed her idea for a potential Beer Garden business named Back Home.

6. Approve Minutes

a. Approve Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Special Called Session Meeting

b. Approve Minutes of the January 16, 2018 Special Called Session Meeting

c. Approve Minutes of the January 22, 2018 Special Called Session Meeting

MOTION: Council Member Perry moved to Approve the above listed Minutes (a, b, & c); Council Member McKinney seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.

7. Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-01, Rezoning of Parcel 4181-20-81-5542 and Amending the Zoning Map (from GBD to RM16)

MOTION: Council Member Lark moved to Approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-01, Rezoning of Parcel 4181-20-81-5542 and Amending the Zoning Map (from GBD to RM16); Council Member Welborn seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.

8. Reading of Resolution 2018-01, Support for Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail

MOTION: Council Member Donna Owen moved to Adopt the Reading of Resolution 2018-01, Support for Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail; Council Member Lark seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.

9. Approve a SC ConserFund Application Submittal to the SC Energy Office for the 2017 Recreation Lighting Project

Bruce went over the SC ConserFund Application Submittal to the SC Energy Office for the 2017 Recreation Lighting Project – not ready for approval, more discussion needed during next Work Session.

10. Reports from Council Committees:

a. Parks & Recreation (Chair Patti Welborn, Members Donnie McKinney & Lois Porter)

i. Monthly Recreation Report by Cheri Anthony

Council Member Welborn reviewed the Monthly Parks & Recreation Report.

ii. Monthly Grounds Report by Jamie Gravley

Council Member Welborn reviewed the Monthly Grounds Report.

b. Planning/PRA (Chair Patrick Lark, Members Fletcher Perry & Donna Owen)

i. Monthly Planning & Project Report by Becky Horace

Council Member Lark reviewed the Monthly Planning & Project Report.

ii. Monthly PRA Report

Council Member Lark reviewed the PRA Activities.

c. Finance (Chair Lois Porter, Members Patrick Lark & Donna Owen)

i. Bank Balance Report; Revenue/Expense Report

Bruce noted the Bank Balance Report; Revenue/Expense Report.

d. Public Works & Utilities (Chair Fletcher Perry, Members Patti Welborn & Patrick Lark)

i. Monthly WTP/WWTP Report by Brian Gravely and Bobby Abercrombie

Council Member Perry reviewed the Monthly WTP/WWTP Report.

ii. Monthly Public Works Report

No Report in Packet.

e. Police/Fire (Chair Donnie McKinney, Members Fletcher Perry & Patti Welborn)

i. Monthly Police Report by Travis Riggs

Council Member McKinney & Chief Riggs reviewed the Monthly Police Report.

ii. Monthly Fire Report by Chris Elrod

Council Member McKinney reviewed the Monthly Fire Report.

f. Pickens Senior Citizens (Chair Donna Owen, Members Donnie McKinney & Lois Porter)

Council Member Donna Owen reviewed information from Pickens Senior Citizens.

11. Close Public Hearing on Agenda Item # 4

There were no additional public comments. Mayor Pro-Tempore Porter Closed Public Hearing on Agenda Item #4 at 6:57 p.m.

12. Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-02, Amendment to Section 9-46, Classification & Rates

MOTION: Council Member Lark moved to tabled Ordinance 2018-02, Amendment to Section 9-46, Classification & Rates; Council Member Perry seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.

***Donna Owen discussed concerns about Ordinance 2018-02 and proposed a year of time to consider the proposed Ordinance. Council Member Lark wanted to thank the businesses for attending the Public Hearing as well as expressing their concerns for a business license rate increase/funds usage. Council Member Lark also requested time to further discuss the Ordinance. Council Member McKinney, Council Member Perry, and Rocky Nimmons weighed in on the need for more businesses on Main Street to help the City grow prior to raising rates.

13. Unscheduled/Miscellaneous Business for Discussion

a. Budget Meetings to be Scheduled


Bruce discussed the Budget Meetings to be Scheduled with Council Members and discussed dates for upcoming department budget meetings. No bids were received to paint the train engine. GPATS is accepting another round of applications for the Doodle Trail Connector, Becky attended the GPATS meeting this morning (2/5/18). Council Member Welborn mentioned the fall flags on Main Street being inappropriate since it is out of season.

14. Motion to Adjourn Regular Session

MOTION: Council Member Lark moved to Adjourn Regular Session; Council Member McKinney seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion at 7:38 p.m.

Note: (1) Agenda was posted on the City Hall Bulletin Board, Website, and Distributed to Media via Email on February 2, 2018; and (2) Quorum was present.

Approved as written:



Lois Porter, Mayor Pro Tem



Brittany Chapman, Clerk to Council