

**Pickens City Council  
Minutes of Regular Session  
Pickens Senior Center  
February 7, 2022**

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

**1. Invocation**

Mayor Perry provided the Invocation

**2. Call Regular Session to Order**

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

**3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Led by Mayor Perry at 6:01 P.M.

**4. Comments from Citizens**

Edgar Leese spoke at 6:01 P.M.-Mr. Leese commended the Police Department for their hard work in the City of Pickens. Mr. Leese also spoke regarding a concern with Public Safety as members from the homeless shelter have been crossing 178 near the Stop-A-Minit.

John Johnston spoke at 6:03 P.M.- Mr. Johnston commends the Police Department and Chief Beach as well regarding an incident at his home. Mr. Johnston stated that our Police Department was "Johnny on the Sport", respectful, helpful and "cut from a different cloth".

Barry Crawford spoke at 6:06 P.M.-Mr. Crawford first thanked Mayor Perry for beginning the meeting with a pledge to the flag. Mr. Crawford then spoke of upcoming events at the Market at the Mill and would like to work with the city so that events don't overlap. Mr. Crawford stated that every Saturday in the City is getting busier and has requested that the Doodle Station is opened over the summer to allow visitors to see the museum. Lastly, Mr. Crawford spoke regarding a problem with members of the homeless shelter coming onto his property on Court Street. Mr. Crawford stated that he doesn't want our city overrun with people sleeping on the sidewalks that children are walking as they are leaving school.

Gloria Bowden, a resident of 212 Pendleton Street spoke at 6:15 PM- Mrs. Bowden stated that she and her husband recently moved to the area and are very happy here. Mrs. Bowden stated that the Police Department has been phenomenal. Mrs. Bowden has a concern about the block on Pendleton Street as it changes from a 1 lane to a 2 lane after going through the redlight at City Hall. Mrs. Bowden states that her husband was hit while turning into their driveway a few weeks back and request a sign to be put up addressing that the area in front of her home is a 1 lane. Ms. Gloria stated that she is retired and would like to volunteer her time to help with events in the City of Pickens.

#### **5. Administrators Report**

At 6:19 P.M. Philip Trotter presented with an Administrators Report:

- E Cedar Rock Street Project Update
- Bid Results for Allgood Area CDBG and Rosemond Street Area CDBG
- American Tank Maintenance Update-Main Street, Fox Squirrel Ridge and Blacksnake Rd tanks
- Stockade Lift Station Project Update
- PRJWS meeting tomorrow night
- Letter from Meals on Wheels regarding pancake fundraiser sponsor.  
-Council directed Mr. Trotter to continue with a level 2 sponsorship
- Update on Historical Water Tank on Main St.

#### **6. Finance Directors Report**

At 6:27 P.M. Donna Perry presented with a Finance Directors Report:

- Outsourced Payroll Provider Project Update
- 2 Departments (Police and Public Works) have requested Time Clocks
- SmartFusion Savings without payroll support
- Annual Audit for 2021 has been started- official kick off is Thursday

#### **7. Presentation of Fire Fighter of the Year-Chief Elrod**

At 6:31 P.M., Chief Elrod and Mayor Perry presented the Fire Fighter of the year award to Brandon Wimpey.

#### **8. First Reading of Ordinance 2022-01-100 Percent Petition Ordinance Annexation-123 Hillrose Lane-Philip Trotter**

**MOTION:** Council Member McKinney Motioned to Approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2022-01; Council Member Porter Seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 6:36 P.M. with the absence of Council Members Lark and Scipio.

#### **9. Legacy Square Fountain Discussion-Philip Trotter**

At 6:37 P.M., Philip Trotter led discussion pertaining to an update to the Legacy Square Fountain. Mr. Trotter reviewed 3 different renderings along with quotes.

#### **10. City of Pickens ARPA Funding-Residential Roll Cart Program Discussion-Philip Trotter**

At 7:03 P.M., Philip Trotter led discussion pertaining to starting a Residential Roll Cart Program that would provide a roll cart to all sanitation customers.

#### **11. Doodle Trail Fence Discussion-Craig Dalton**

At 7:18 P.M., Craig Dalton led discussion pertaining to the Fence replacement on the Doodle Trail. Council is in favor of replacing the wood fence and going to the cable.

**12. Business License FY 2022/2023 Update-Kaycee Couch**

At 7:25 P.M., Kaycee Couch led discussion pertaining to a Business License update for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

**13. Approval of Minutes**

**a. January 10, 2021- Regular Session**

**MOTION:** Council Member McKinney Motioned to Approve the Minutes Listed Above; Council Member Porter Seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:28 P.M with the absence of Council Members Lark and Scipio.

**14. Unscheduled/Miscellaneous Business for Discussion**

Council Member Nealy spoke regarding the Roll Cart Program discussion and recommends passing an Ordinance/Resolution that covered tampering with Carts. Mr. Nealy also spoke regarding a request for repainting the train at the Doodle Station.

Mayor Perry led discussion pertaining to commercial water bills being past due and not being disconnected.

Council Member Porter stated that the city should give commercial accounts a courtesy phone call and allow them 30 days to pay before disconnection.

Council Member Davis spoke regarding giving employees a portion of the COVID-19 relief funds.

**15. Motion to Enter Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing the Following Matters:**

- a.** Contractual Matter as allowed by S.C. Code Sect. 30-7-70(a)(2)-Red Hill Baptist Church
- b.** Contractual Matter as allowed by S.C. Code Sect. 30-7-70(a)(2)-120 W Main Street

**MOTION:** Council Member McKinney 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 7:45 P.M with the absence of Council Members Lark and Scipio.

**MOTION:** Council Member McKinney Motioned to Adjourn Executive Session; Council Member Porter seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 8:32 P.M. with the absence of Council Members Lark and Scipio.

**16. Possible Action Taken Pertaining to Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Council Member McKinney Motioned to Approve a COVID-19 Relief Incentive to All Part Time and Full Time Employees; Council Member Davis seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 8:32 P.M. with the absence of Council Members Lark and Scipio.


**17. Motion to Adjourn Regular Session**

**MOTION:** Council Member McKinney Motioned to Adjourn Regular Session; Council Member Porter Seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 8:33 P.M with the absence of Council Member Lark.

**City Council Regular Session 02/07/2022**

**NOTE:** (1) Agenda was posted on the City Website, the City Hall Bulletin Board and Distributed to Media via Email on February 4, 2022 and (2) Quorum was present.

**Approved as Written:**



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**Fletcher Perry, Mayor**

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**Kaycee Couch, Clerk to Council**