

Special Called City of Pickens Council Meeting
June 20th, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in special called session in the Council Chambers at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. Agendas were sent to media and posted on June 15,2022.

Council Members in attendance:

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

Staff:

Dennis Harmon, Interim Administrator
Randal Beach, Chief of Police
Rodney Crenshaw, Captain, Fire Department

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 by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mayor Perry asked if there were citizens who wanted to make comments. Hearing none, comment period was closed.

SECOND/FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 408.3 OF ZONING ORDINANCE CONCERNING CONDITIONAL USES OF GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT:

Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council member Donnie McKinney, and unanimously passed that this constitutes a second/final reading of Ordinance No. 2022-03.

SECOND/FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 826 OF ZONING ORDINANCE CONCERNING DONATION BINS AND SITES:

Motion was made by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, seconded by Council member Lois Porter, and unanimously passed that this constitutes a second/final reading of Ordinance No. 2022-04

SECOND/FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF ANY AND ALL INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF PICKENS:

Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis, and unanimously passed that this constitutes a Second/Final reading of Ordinance No. 2022-05.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE (no. 2022-06) TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.

Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Donnie McKinney, and unanimously passed that this constitutes a first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-06

CLEARWATER SOLUTIONS, LLC, PROPOSAL FOR MAINTENANCE OF WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS:

Administrator Dennis Harmon introduced Steve Cawood, with ClearWater Solutions, to explain a proposal to maintain water and wastewater distribution for the City of Pickens. Mr. Cawood explained the employee/employer relationship that ClearWater would discuss with current employees, as well as future hiring.

Mr. Harmon discussed the options of staying within the (5) year contract with ClearWater as well as the means in which to terminate the contract (120-day notice) if the City no longer desires to contract with ClearWater. Mr. Harmon concluded by stating that he would recommend approving this proposal with a start date of July 1, 2022.

Motion was made by Council Member Lois Porter, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio to accept this proposal as presented by ClearWater Solutions, LLC. Motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN WATER TANK STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS:

Administrator Dennis Harmon explained that previously Council had a structural analysis of the water tank that was built in 1922. While the analysis states the structure as stable, there is a concern regarding hurricane force winds. The analysis provided one solution of stabilization was to fill the tower with sand. (Approximately 36,000 lbs.) Council discussed that all options regarding maintenance, removal and stabilization are expensive. Council provided direction for Mr. Harmon to move forward with costs associated with a variety of options. Associated cost will come back to Council for further debate.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 3. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF THE CITY OF PICKENS CODE OF ORDINANCES:

City Attorney, Daniel Hughes stated the ordinance that governs alcohol is outdated and needs attention as it relates to permitting, festivals and current local and State laws.

Council and citizens had discussion regarding businesses, growth and overall importance of the ordinance being up to date and understandable. Businesses that serve alcohol are concerned about sidewalk dining, festivals, and complying while establishing Pickens as a destination.

Chief Beach stated that updating these documents need to be well thought out to clearly govern the ordinances, as well as educate the business district.

Further Business to be considered:

Teen-Canteen-Administrator Harmon informed Council that he has been approached about interest in possibly leasing/renting the Teen-Canteen. Mr. Harmon stated he would have further information on this subject and would keep Council informed.

City Clerk- Mr. Harmon stated that Council has requested that he begin a search for a part-time Clerk for the Council. Mr. Harmon stated that the city now employees a former member of Council that is now working part-time at the Recreation Department. This employee is willing to transfer to administration. Mr. Harmon was instructed to move forward and set aside a time for Council to interview.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Perry called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Donnie McKinney, and Unanimously approved. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Owen', written over a horizontal line.

Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fletcher Perry', written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Fletcher Perry