

**Regular Council Meeting, City of Pickens  
July 11, 2022  
6:00 P.M**

The Mayor and City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. Agendas were sent to media and posted on July 7, 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 Members Absent:

Council Member Lois Porter  
Council Member Jimmy Davis

Staff:

Interim Administrator, Dennis Harmon  
Chief of Police, Randal Beach  
Captain Rodney Crenshaw, Fire Department  
City Clerk, Donna F. Owen

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Perry called the July 11, 2022, meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. The absence of Council Members Porter and Davis were noted. Council Member Isaiah Scipio gave the invocation and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Mayor Perry opened the floor for Citizen Comments.

Cheryl Beach -requested that Council provide some input regarding the paint that is on Main Street. Mrs. Beach explained the wrong paint was used during the Azalea Festival and has become unattractive for Main Street. It was noted that a meeting was upcoming with Mr. Costner as it relates to this issue.

Pat Mulky- brought to Council's attention that the dumpsters behind the car wash may need some extra attention regarding odor problems and overall cleanliness.

**Oath of office for new police officers:**

Officer William Russell and Officer Braden Wimpey were sworn in by Chief Beach. Mayor Perry and City Council welcomed these new officers.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Council Member Patrick Lark moved to approve the following sets of minutes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Robert Nealy and unanimously passed.

- March 7, 2022
- March 21, 2022

- April 4, 2022
- April 12, 2022
- May 2, 2022
- May 10, 2022
- May 16, 2022

**CITY BUSINESS FOR CITY COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION:**

- Bruce Field Wall Project- Administrator Harmon stated the project is underway at Bruce Field and everyone seems very pleased. Mr. Harmon recommended moving forward with the formal proposal that went to Ascend Pickens, Inc. of \$10,050.00. The City would be responsible for half of the costs at \$5,025.
  - Motion was made by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, seconded by Council Member Donnie McKinney, and unanimously approved to move forward with the proposed contract.
- Proposed Settlement and Release for Damage to 123 Hillrose. Administrator Harmon stated that the damages that happened at Hillrose lane were estimated at approximately \$14,000. Mr. Harmon stated a settlement has been negotiated for \$15,000, and this would release the City regarding any future liability relating to this incident.
  - Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Donnie McKinney to enter into the settlement agreement. Motion was unanimously approved.
- Proposal to Rent/Lease Teen Canteen. Administrator Harmon stated he has had contact with citizens interested in leasing the Teen Canteen for a gym. Mr. Harmon stated Council would need to obtain cost analysis for a complete renovation of the roof. In addition, there could be other needed repairs. Mr. Harmon recommended no action at this time.
- Consideration of Purchase of Refuse Truck from Liberty, SC. Administrator Harmon stated that the City of Liberty has a new refuse truck for sale. Mr. Harmon stated this is information only at this time. Council was encouraged to look at the proposal and debate after reviewing the proposal.
- Potential Relocation of Municipal Court to Public Works-Administrator Harmon related to Council that staff believes Municipal Court would be better served at the public works facility. The public works building has better restroom facilities, parking, and privacy for the attorney/clients. In addition, the office at City Hall could be utilized as the City Clerks office. Mr. Harmon did state there will be repairs needed before moving.
  - Council Member Donnie McKinney made the motion for Mr. Harmon to communicate the cost regarding repairs and move forward with relocating Municipal Court. Motion was seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio and unanimously passed. (Mr. Harmon will keep Council informed with costs and plans)
- Incentive Checks-Melanie Davis was presented a check to represent her 10 years of service to the city. Mrs. Davis is the Associate Municipal Judge.

**OTHER MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL:**

- Council Member Isaiah Scipio stated he would like the Administrator to facilitate a work session to involve Department heads being able to communicate their needs to Council.
- Council Member Donnie McKinney informed Council he would like to congratulate the 8-year-old girls for recently winning the State Championship in softball. In addition, he would like them recognized at a future meeting.

- Administrator Harmon reported that he has provided Council with 16 applicants for the position of City Administrator. Mr. Harmon advised for them to look over and study them so that interviews could be scheduled.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel matters.**

- Motion was made by Council Member Donnie McKinney, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously passed to convene in executive session for the stated matter.
- Motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene in public session was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously passed.

**PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:**

Mayor Perry called the public session back to order and called for any motions as a result of executive session.

**ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark for Administrator Harmon to move forward with the salary adjustments as discussed. Motion was seconded by Council Member Robert Nealy and unanimously passed.

**FURTHER COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**


-Lisa Turnick stated the Chamber of Commerce is doing a breakfast at Bee Well Honey July 14.

-Bryan Owens and Debbie Gravely reminded Mayor Perry and Council about upcoming events at the Doodle Park and the amphitheater. (These events are on the City website)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no further business, Mayor Perry called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio, and unanimously passed. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Approved:



Mayor Fletcher Perry