

**Regular Council Meeting, City of Pickens
August 1, 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 bearing the date and time were sent to media and posted on July 27, 2022.

Council Members in attendance:

Mayor Fletcher Perry
Council Member Donnie McKinney
Council Member Lois Porter
Council Member Jimmy Davis
Council Member Patrick Lark

Council Members Absent:

Council Member Isaiah Scipio
Council Member Robert Nealy

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 August 1, 2022, meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and welcomed those in attendance. Mayor Perry noted the absence of Council Member Isaiah Scipio and Council Member Robert Nealy.

Mayor Perry called upon Council Member Patrick Lark to give the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mayor Perry opened the floor for citizens to speak as it relates to City business.

- 1) Jimmy Patten- Mr. Patten stated that he and Police Chief Beach had discussed the upcoming Jeep explosion which, as of today is attracting over 800 jeeps. Mr. Patten and Chief Beach explained the scenarios of closing streets on Main Street without closing major intersections, and without causing undue restrictions to citizens living off the main thoroughfare. Mr. Patten explained more jeeps would be moving further down toward the West end of Main Street. In addition, Emergency Management will be communicated with regarding a possible move during the Jeep show.
- 2) Pat Mulkey – Mr. Mulkey stated he would like to see more participation during the Friday Summer series at the amphitheater. Mr. Mulkey stated this is good for Pickens and encouraged staff and elected officials to be present.
- 3) A citizen spoke on behalf of Jerry and Debbie Gant who live on 637 Railroad Street and are disabled. It was stated there was a need for brush pick up in their yard. Also, the home across

the street has been abandoned and needs to be properly cared for to keep down rodent population.

- 4) Cheryl Smith- Ms. Smith stated that she lived across from a commercial store and when their trash is placed in dumpsters and picked up that the trash often scatters across the street onto residents' property as well as sidewalk areas. (Chief Beach will speak to the store regarding this issue)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: July 18, 2022:

Motion was made by Council Member Donnie McKinney, seconded by Council Member Patrick Lark, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Perry opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2022-08 and Ordinance No. 2022-07.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PICKENS AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE PROJECT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PROJECT AS DEFINED UNDER TITLE 6, CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO – Introduction and 1st Reading. Ordinance No. 2022-08:

Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark and seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-08 as it relates to amendments of the Project Participation Agreement for Lake Keowee water plant project. Motion was unanimously approved.

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 – Introduction and 1st reading. (Property located on the east side of Catherine Street and identified as Tax Map Number 4181-19-70-1513). Ordinance 2022-07:

Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark and seconded by Council Member Donnie McKinney to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-07 as it relates to property located on the East side of Catherine Street. Motion was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL:

Appointment to Board of Zoning Appeals (Tausha Blake):

Ms. Blake introduced herself and stated she has applied for a seat on the Board of Zoning and Appeals because she is interested in Pickens and Pickens County and would like to serve.

Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis, and Unanimously approved to appoint Tausha Blake to the Board of Zoning and Appeals.

Clear Water Solutions – Proposal to Provide Services (Water Treatment Plant):

Mr. Steve Caywood with CWS came before Council with a proposal/service agreement to provide service to the Water Treatment plant. CWS is already providing water distribution and wastewater collection. Mr. Caywood provided CWS would continue in efforts to employ current staff.

Administrator Harmon advised Council to move forward with the Clear Water proposal.

Motion was made by Council Member Patrick Lark to approve the proposal for the service agreement relating to the Water Treatment. Mr. Lark's Motion included for the City Attorney to review the proposal. Motion was seconded by Council Member Donnie McKinney and unanimously approved.

Appointment of Alternate City Representative to Pickens Regional Joint Water System:

Motion was made by Council Member Donnie McKinney, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis, and unanimously passed to appoint Council Member Patrick Lark to the Pickens Regional Joint Water System.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Perry opened the floor for other business by the Council.

- Administrator Harmon stated that he has spoken with Margaret Holder with the Pickens County Library system, and they would like to do a Story Board at the Doodle Park. Members of Council stated this was done last year and concurred this was a positive for the youth.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mayor Perry opened the floor for any further comments.

Pat Mulkey- Mr. Mulkey stated he thought Council should think about a time and place that would be good for citizens to come to an informal meeting and have an opportunity to discuss issues with the elected officials.

Bryan Owens- Mr. Owens presented the Mayor and Council with a "Home Plate Plaque" from the 2022 Senior League World Series Baseball. Mr. Owens stated much appreciation with the City's assistance with this program.

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 Lois Porter, and unanimously approved. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Approved:



Mayor Fletcher Perry