

**Work Session Pickens City Council
August 15, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met for a work 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 August 10, 2022.

Council Members in attendance:

Mayor Fletcher Perry
Council Member Donnie McKinney
Council Member Lois Porter
Council Member Jimmy Davis
Council Member Robert Nealy
Council Member Isaiah Scipio

Council Members Absent:

Council Member Patrick Lark

Staff:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Perry called the Work Session to order at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Perry welcomed those in attendance. Mayor Perry noted the absence of Council Member Patrick Lark.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Perry requested Troy Rosier to lead the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mayor Perry opened the floor for any comments from Citizens.

- 1) Ms. Lonita Orr of 126 Robinson Lane requested continued assistance with her water issues. Ms. Orr lives in an area where the pipes are older and galvanized. This makes it difficult for her water to be clear. It was communicated to Ms. Orr that staff is looking at that water line for a possible resolution with a "loop system". Staff will stay in contact with her.

With no other Citizens requesting to speak, the comment period was closed.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: August 1, 2022

Motion was made by Council Member Donnie McKinney, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis and unanimously approved to accept the August 1, 2022; minutes were approved as presented.

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). 2nd and Final Reading. Ordinance No. 2022-07:

Motion was made by Council Member Jimmy Davis and seconded by Council Member Isaiah Scipio and unanimously passed that this constitutes a second and final reading of 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 – 2nd and Final Reading. Ordinance No. 2022-08:

Motion was made by Council Member Jimmy Davis and seconded by Council Member Lois Porter, and unanimously passed that this constitutes a second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2022-08.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL

1. **Presentation by Mr. Troy Rosier – RIA Grant Application (Utility Improvements)** Mr. Rosier reminded Council that approximately 2 years ago, Council had begun the process for a Capital Improvement plan for the water, sewer lines, pump stations, and hydrants. Mr. Rosier explained that Council has already secured bonds as it relates to the project. In addition, this project is now called the City of Pickens Proposed 2022 South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Plan (SCIIP) Project. Council was informed there is about \$300 million in SCIIP money for municipal populations of less than 30,000. These grants are extremely competitive, and this grant is being actively pursued for Pickens. An estimated total project cost is \$6.18 million, and it is recommended for the city to pursue an 80 percent grant with matching at 20 percent. The bonding money is available for the \$1.24 million match. Mr. Rosier also informed Council this project is ready for bids and the committee will request that the City adopt a policy entitled “Dig Once”. This is a policy the state likes to see in place so that when lines are being installed, all utilities can utilize the same route. Especially as it relates to broadband. In addition, a Cost Over-run policy with a 25 percent contingency. Administrator Harmon did verify the \$5 million in bonding capacity for this project.

>>Motion was made by Council Member Donnie McKinney to adopt the Dig Once Policy, and the Cost Over-run Reserve Policy, and for the Rosier Group to move forward in pursuit of the 80/20 match for funding this project. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis and unanimously passed.

2. **Approval of FEMA Pump Station Generator Project Award-**Mr. Harmon stated the City has been awarded a grant for an Emergency Generator. Mr. Harmon stated the grant total is \$88,100.00, the Federal share is \$66,075.00, and the required match from the City is \$22,025.00. Mr. Rosier noted this pump would be located on Highway 178 and would fit in with future water plans and supply the back-up power during storms/outages.

>>Motion was made by Council Member Donnie McKinney to accept the grant for the generator project and approve the \$22,025.00 match. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lois Porter and unanimously approved.

Mayor Perry requested that Mr. Rosier update Council regarding the Regional water plant to be located on Lake Keowee.

- Mr. Rosier stated the Reginal Water Board was moving rapidly. The process is to apply for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Permit. Duke Energy must have every regulatory detail prior to this permitting process. Mr. Rosier explained details such as landscaping and drought plans. Mr. Rosier stated he thought the FERC permit would be applied for within the next (2) weeks. Mr. Rosier concluded by reintegrating this permit is extremely detailed.
3. Request for Amphitheater use for Rotary Club Fundraiser (Ride to the Rock). Mr. Harmon stated the Ride to the Rock application along with a request for \$600.00 has been submitted by the Rotary Club. The time of the event is September 24, 2022, from 6:30 a.m. until the cyclist return at 3:00 p.m. Chief Beach stated this date is also the date of the Jeep explosion and would allow his depart a small window of time to be ready for the back to back events.
- >>Motion was made by Council Member Donnie McKinney to accept the application for use of the Amphitheater and to

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Matters/Contractual Matters:

Motion was made by Council Member Donnie McKinney and seconded by Council Member Lois Porter to convene into executive session for the purpose of personnel and contractual matters.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member Donnie McKinney and seconded by Council Member Lois Porter to reconvene into public session.

ACTION AS IT RELATES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member Donnie McKinney, seconded by Council Member Lois Porter, and Unanimously approved for Administrator Harmon to obtain cost analysis as it relates to the water tank.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL:

Hearing none, miscellaneous was closed.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

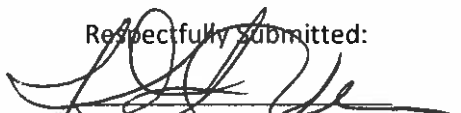
Mayor Perry called for any comments from the Citizens.

- 1) Debbie Gravely thanked the Mayor, Council and Staff for their support and working with the Greater Chamber of Commerce for the re-opening of the Doodle Farmers Market and the events at the amphitheater. It was reported over 500 people were in attendance on Saturday August 13.
- 2) Lisa Turnick announced there would be a breakfast before hours at Revive on August 16th from 7:00 A.M. -10: 00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business of the Council. Motion to Adjourn was made by Council Member Donnie McKinney, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Davis, and unanimously passed. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Approved:



Mayor Fletcher Perry