

City of Pickens  
Budget Work Session  
April 1, 2026  
9:00 a.m.

The Mayor and City Council convened at Pickens City Hall, 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens, S.C. for a Regular Meeting. Agendas were posted and sent to media on March 30, 2026.

**Council Members in Attendance:**

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio  
Allie Winter, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Council Member Danny Adams  
Council Member Jonathan Baker  
Council Member Cameron Rivers  
Council Member Floyd Rogers  
Council Member Ray Wilson

**Staff:** Tim O'Briant, Administrator

Chief Beach, Police  
Chief Elrod, Fire  
Christian Kellenberg, Police/Code Enforcement  
Matt Chappell, Codes Enforcement  
Meloni Davis, Judge  
Jonathan Morris, Recreation Director  
Trey Adams, Public Works Director/Utility

*(The minutes are a synopsis of the meeting, and they are not a verbatim discussion. Full viewing and recording of the meeting is available on the City of Pickens Web-page and Facebook. Also, the full agenda packet with all departmental reports are available in the City Clerk's office.)*

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Scipio called the Budget Work Session to order and further gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISCUSSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01:**

Council held open and in-depth discussion with departments from Code Enforcement, Police, Municipal Judge, Recreation, Fire, and Public Works. Each Department went over expenditures, revenues, personnel, equipment and other needs for the coming year.

Items of more discussion and documentation will be as follows:

- SCADA Program at Public Works
- Water meters
- Invoicing on water breaks
- Base Ball Fields (donations)
- Recreation fees
- Evidence money/purchasing
- Police Reserve programs

- Funding architectural reviews for a new fire station
- Mileage expenses municipal judge
- Request information about run-off elections
- Pay raises for educational advancements
- Annual COLA versus Projects

**DISCUSSION FOR USE OF CITY PROPERTY AT CITY LAKE:**

Council held discussions regarding an individual who has farmed land at the City Lake property that belongs to the City. Council Member Jonathan Baker stated he thought this issue could be handled by allowing others to bid on using the property. Other Council Members thought the City should put in place a legal lease with the individual who has been using the property.

>>Council Member Ray Wilson made a motion to prepare a lease for year-to-year use. Council Member Floyd Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Ray Wilson, Council Member Allie Winter, Council Member Floyd Rogers, Council Member Cameron Rivers, and Council Member Danny Adams voting in favor. Council Member Jonathan Baker opposed. Motion carried. (Mayor Scipio left the meeting early and was not available for this vote)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Winter called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member Danny Adams, seconded by Council Member Floyd Rogers and unanimously passed. City of Pickens stood adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Donna Owen, City Clerk

Approved:



Mayor, Isaiah Scipio