

City of Pickens
Finance Special-Called Work Session Meeting
August 24, 2026
5:00 p.m.

The Mayor and City Council convened at Pickens City Hall, 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens, S.C. for a Special Called Work Session. Agendas were posted and sent to media on August 20, 2026.

Council Members in Attendance:

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

Staff:

Meagan Nations, City Clerk/Human Resources Director
Chris Elrod, Fire Chief
Chris Griffin, Police Lieutenant

(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 council meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Councilmember Floyd Rogers gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH CHERRY BEKAERT, ACCOUNTING FIRM, REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL AUDIT AND FINANCES

Mike Brotherton (Senior Manager) and Tracy Bowers (Managing Director) with Cherry Bekaert, gave a brief synopsis of their services they provide for the City of Pickens.

Discussion between Cherry Bekaert staff and Council included:

- Discussion of who main point of contact will be between the City and Cherry Bekaert
- Outlined assigned responsibilities across three primary fiscal years:
 - 2025 – reconciling cash accounts and bank statements
 - 2026 – assisting with audit preparation and cleanup
 - 2027 – performing high-level monthly reviews, general ledger entries, accounts payable processing, revenue/cash receipts logging, detailed payroll journal entries and routine month-end reviews

- Discussion of initial project delays, such as transitioning the City’s accounting system (Smart Fusion) from a legacy desktop environment to a cloud-based framework to allow remote access for Cherry Bekaert’s staff
- Discussion on operational needs, governance and staffing
- Discussion of potentially hiring a Financial Director or financial role to help with finance needs

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Scipio called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilmember Ray Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Floyd Rogers and unanimously passed. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations
City Clerk/Human Resources Director

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio