

May 17, 2010
Regular Council Meeting
6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Neil Smith presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to Council members and local news media, May 12, 2010.

Council Members in attendance:

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
Jennifer H. Willis, Vice Chairman
Tom Ponder
Randy Crenshaw
Sam Wyche

Absent: James B. London, Vice Chairman Pro-Tempore

Clerk to Council: Donna Owen

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator
Ken Roper, County Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting of May 17, 2010 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman Tom Ponder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Sam Wyche and unanimously passed to approve both sets of minutes of May 3, 2010 and May 6, 2010.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Airport entrance improvement project – Mr. Hurst informed Council that the airport entrance project on Highway 178 is underway as of this week. Mr. Hurst wanted citizens to be cautious as there would be a lot of equipment in this area. Mr. Hurst also stated this was a much needed project and would improve this area.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Tom Ponder announced that May 18, 2010 at 7:30 PM – Dacusville would host an appreciation BBQ for emergency first responders. Mr. Ponder stated all citizens were invited.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Jennifer Willis requested that the Transit Master Plan be placed in the Committee of the Whole for presentation. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed.
- >>>Chairman Smith asked Council for dates that would be convenient – It was the consent of Council that a first choice would be May 25, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Sam Wyche and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda.
Refer to the Public Service Committee – Kennemer Lane

PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF MAY 16 – 22, 2010, AS EMS WEEK

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to approve the proclamation.

RETAINING OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SECTION 51-19-250 VERSUS STATE BUDGET PROVISIO 1-38 (SALE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY)

- Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Sam Wyche and unanimously passed to approve seeking outside legal counsel in the issue of sale of school property and the State budget proviso.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 426 AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE BY PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA OF CERTAIN LAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL PROJECT OF T AND T HOLDINGS NORTH AMERICA, INC.; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

Chairman Smith stated a public hearing for this ordinance has been legally advertised, and the floor is now open for said public hearing on Ordinance No. 426. Hearing no comments or discussion, the public hearing was closed.

>>Chairman Smith stated that legal Counsel requested a delay of third reading.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO 427 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND T AND T HOLDINGS NORTH AMERICA, INC. PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Chairman Smith stated a public hearing for this ordinance has been legally advertised, and the floor is now open for said public hearing on Ordinance No. 427. Hearing no comments or discussion, the public hearing was closed.

>>Chairman Smith stated that legal Counsel requested a delay of third reading.

SECOND READING OF THE FY 2010-2011 BUDGET ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 429

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed that this constitute a second reading of Ordinance No. 429 FY 2010 2011 budget.

FIRST READING OF THE FY 2009-2010 BUDGET AMENDMENT, ORDINANCE NO. 430

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed that this constitute a first reading of the FY 2009 2010 budget Ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed to convene in executive session for the stated purposes.

Contractual Issues (4)

Appointments:

Citizen advisory for GPATS

Legal Update

Personnel issue

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Chairman Smith called the public session back to order and allowed the following motions.

GPATS Citizens Advisory Committee:

- Motion was made by Sam Wyche, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to appoint Tom Mitchell.
- Motion was made by Chairman Smith, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to appoint Rodney Robinson.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE TRANSFER OF PICKENS COUNTY’S INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, KNOWN AS THE TRI-COUNTY LANDFILL PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PICKENS COUNTY’S INTEREST IN THE TRI-COUNTY LANDFILL PROPERTY IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCEPTABLE BID TO PURCHASE THE TRI-COUNTY LANDFILL PROPERTY; AND, FURTHER, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SALES AGREEMENT AND DEED TO REAL PROPERTY IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCEPTABLE BID TO PURCHASE THE TRI-COUNTY LANDFILL PROPERTY; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed that this constitutes a first reading of said ordinance.

Pickens Fire District Contract: Motion was made by Sam Wyche, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to approve the Pickens rural and Pickens City contract.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further business, Chairman Smith called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Chairman Smith and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
Pickens County Council

