

November 02, 2009
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, October 28, 2009.

Council Members in attendance:

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
Jennifer H. Willis, Vice Chairman
James B. London, Vice Chairman Pro-Tempore
Sam Wyche

Clerk to Council: Donna Owen

Absent:

Randy Crenshaw
Tom Ponder

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

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting of November 2, 2009 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman Smith further gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chairman Smith called upon the Clerk for a list of citizens to speak before Council

1. Tina Propper- Humane Society and Animal Control issues. Ms. Propper spoke to council about needed items at the humane society; also stated was a request to research some issues on her own as it relates to animal control and report back to council.
2. Weldon Clark. – Mr. Clark spoke about an article in a local newspaper which makes reference to the comprehensive plan. Remarks were made concerning the language in the plan being complicated, and the fact zoning issues were mentioned. Mr. Clark stated many of these issues are not good for the county.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Jennifer Willis moved to approve the minutes of October 19, 2009, Sam Wyche gave the second and all voted in the affirmative.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- 1) Stimulus grants – Mr. Hurst stated that money from stimulus funds for the North Plant were successful.
- 2) Pilots for Paws-Council was informed about a documentary being done depicting Pickens County and its animal adoption policy. Mr. Hurst stated this program will follow the animal from Pickens County to the new owner. AARP is sponsoring, and will be on PBS TV.

- 3) Mobile Paper Shredder- Council had approved a paper shredder in the budget, and it will be in many of the recycling centers so citizens can use it to shred old checkbooks and other sensitive documents.
- 4) Airport Updates – Council was informed of thirty eight (38) full time air craft that are in the hangars; flight school is up and running; as well as permits are approved for the taxiway.
- 5) Energy audit- The audit was complete for applying for an energy grant in the amount of \$66,800.
- 6) State Cuts – according to State officials, Pickens County will be cut another \$173,542 in State Aid. Mr. Hurst stated the State has communicated this was due to an error in the original cut.
- 7) H1N1 – Health Department November 7th, 2009 8:00 AM – pregnant women; care givers for young babies; children and young adults 6mo-24 years will be the categories receiving this vaccination. Pickens County Emergency Preparedness will be assisting this effort, as traffic will be an issue.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Smith opened the floor to Council for any motions to commit or new business.

- Chairman Smith moved to add two (2) items to executive session-- Fire District appointment issues to executive session as well as a legal issue. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed.
- Jennifer Willis moved to add to consent agenda for committee to hear/study updates for recycling incentives. Motion was seconded by Chairman Smith and unanimously passed.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MILLIKEN & COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Smith opened the floor for a public hearing as it relates to the Milliken & Company fee agreement.

Upon hearing no comments, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis and seconded by Sam Wyche that this constitutes second reading for the Milliken & Company fee agreement. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO MILLIKEN & COMPANY:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by James London and unanimously passed to approve the Inducement Resolution with respect to Milliken & Company.

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO IN –COUNTY PREFERRED STATUS:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis and seconded by James London that this constitutes a second reading of the procurement amendment. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 355 ALLIANCE PICKENS:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Sam Wyche and unanimously passed that this constitutes a second reading of the amendments to the Alliance Pickens ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Chairman Smith and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda as amended.
(added) – 1) Refer to Committee of Administration and Finance – Incentive programs update for recycling.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Boards and Commissions as needed or requested
Saluda Lake Tax District
Economic Development Issue
Fire District Appointments/Annual Meeting
Legal Issue

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Chairman Smith called the public session back to order and advised council would take no action on matters of legal or economic development; a clarification was made as it relates to the fire districts and the annual meetings, and letters would be going out on Tuesday to the fire districts.

Chairman Smith stated action was needed for a board nomination and allowed the following motion.

Saluda Lake Special Tax District.

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by James London and unanimously passed to appoint Mr. Donald Black to the Saluda Lake Special Tax District to take the place left vacant by Gary O’Steen.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further business, Chairman Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Sam Wyche 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

