

February 02, 2009
Regular Council Meeting
6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman G. Neil Smith presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media, January 28, 2009

Council Members in attendance:

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

Donna Owen, Clerk to Council

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator
Lynn Fisher, Assistant County Administrator/EMS Director
Olivia Vassey, Special Projects Coordinator
Ken Roper, County Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting of February 2, 2009 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was also led by the Chairman.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chairman Smith opened the floor for public forum and called upon the clerk for a list of citizens who wish to speak. With no citizens requesting to speak, public forum was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Jennifer Willis moved to approve the January 20th, 2009 minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hurst reported the following to Council.

1. Risk Management Award. Mr. Hurst congratulated staff and Council for the 2008 South Carolina of Association Platinum award in Risk Management. Mr. Hurst stated this was the highest award and the county was given this award at the annual insurance meeting. Mr. Hurst stated many considerations go into this award and he is very proud of the Human Resources staff as well as department heads for excellent record keeping and keeping risk at a minimal.
2. 2009 Planning Session of Council – Mr. Hurst gave council a list of all the goals that council had talked about during their planning and goal setting session. Council was updated as it related to the number of votes each issue received, and those items were placed in order and some footnotes were attached so council would have knowledge where each proposed issue currently stood.

Council Correspondence:

1. Chairman Smith announced that Brian Deese of Liberty was now the President of the Municipal Association, which made him the liaison to the Economic Alliance Board.
2. Boards and Commissions. Chairman Smith stated that while the agenda is depicting appointments to boards, he stated that may not happen this agenda due to the fact that some terms need to be verified and he would be talking with members of council about this issue in executive session.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Smith opened the floor to Council for new motions. The floor was closed with no new motions.

PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SC AND CHAMPION AEROSPACE LLC, ITS AFFILIATES INCENTIVE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE PROJECT IN A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS OR INDUSTRIAL PARK; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Chairman Smith opened the floor for a public hearing for Ordinance No. 418. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed and Chairman Smith allowed a motion.

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Sam Wyche and unanimously passed that this constitutes a third and final reading of Ordinance No. 418.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AS IT RELATES TO THE AIR QUALITY MONITOR:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to Approve Resolution No. 01-09.

APPROVAL OF SALE OF A GARBAGE TRUCK TO THE CITY OF CENTRAL:

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to allow the sale of a garbage truck to Central.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda.
 - a. Refer to the Public Service Committee:
 - Acceptance of roads in the Summit subdivision in the county road system.-- Pond Drive- minimum maintenance.
 - Study Laurel Ridge for paving request.
 - Study road system prescriptive easements/right of ways

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Appointments to the Tourism board
Appointments to the Planning Commission
Appointments to the Board of zoning and appeals
Contractual Issue

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

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

Tourism Board: Tom Ponder moved to appoint Cynthia Belcher to the Tourism Board; motion was seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed.

Note: this is the first term and the board term for district 6 is a two year term.

Tourism Board: Sam Wyche moved to appoint Dick Krull to the Tourism Board; motion was seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed.

Note: this is the first term and the board term for district 3 is a four year term.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Smith allowed the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by James London and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman