

November 19, 2007
Regular Council Meeting
6:00 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, November, 14, 2007.

Council Members in attendance:

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
Ben L. Trotter, Vice Chairman
Tom E. Ponder, Vice Chairman Pro-Tempore
Randy Crenshaw
Jennifer H. Willis

Absent: James B. London

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator
Lynn Fisher, Assistant County Administrator
Ken Roper, County Attorney
Olivia Vassey, Special Projects Coordinator
Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting of November 19, 2007 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Tom Ponder was called upon for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- November 5, 2007 minutes were approved by a motion from Ben Trotter, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. United Way Campaign. Mr. Hurst reported the 2007 United Way Campaign was complete and the employees of Pickens County raised \$17,193.00. Mr. Hurst stated this was the most successful campaign in the history of Pickens County. Mr. Hurst stated the staff provided many fun and creative ways to accomplish this goal and he was extremely proud of these efforts.
2. Thanksgiving Food Drive. Mr. Hurst stated the employees raised over \$1,000 in cash for turkeys and hams. Also, enough food was donated to provide meals to over 27 needy families.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Allocate funds for Pumpkintown Fire District.

- Tom Ponder moved to add to the agenda an allocation of funds to the Pumpkintown Fire District budget. Motion was seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed.

Personnel Issue.

- Randy Crenshaw moved to add to the executive session a personnel issue. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 398 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 255 OF 1998, RELATING TO THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK OF OCONEE AND PICKENS COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK:

- Jennifer Willis moved that this constitutes second reading of Ordinance No. 398. Motion was seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT WATER CONSERVATION:

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder and seconded by Jennifer Willis to approve Resolution No. 07-07 for the support of water conservation during the drought season. Mrs. Willis made a correction in grammar, Tom Ponder accepted the amendment. The Resolution as amended was unanimously passed.
- *Amendment was noted and corrected.*

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PUMPKINTOWN FIRE DISTRICT.

- Tom Ponder moved to transfer \$8,000, which was the balance of a previous loan, back to Pumpkintown Fire District, for their use for capital improvements and equipment repair. Motion included the \$8,000 coming from fund balance. Motion was seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Contractual/legal briefing-fire districts
Personnel Issue

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Chairman Smith called the public session back to order and advised no action.

ADJOURN:

With no further business before the Council, Chairman Smith called the adjournment. Motion to adjourn was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Jennifer Willis, all present voted in favor. (Councilman Ponder was previously excused) Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman