

July 16, 2007
Regular Council Meeting
7:00 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, July 6, 2007

Council Members in attendance:

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
Ben L. Trotter, Vice Chairman
Randy Crenshaw
Jennifer H. Willis

Tom E. Ponder, Vice Chairman Pro Tempore – Absent
James B. London – Absent

Staff:

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

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting of July 16, 2007 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Council Member Willis was called upon for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. **John Humphrey-** Mr. Humphrey came before Council as a representative for the Big League World Series that will be in Easley. Mr. Humphrey gave Council an agenda of events and concluded by stating ESPN would be covering the ballgame on August 4, 2007. All of Council and citizens were invited to attend the festivities.
2. **Weldon Clark-** Mr. Clark announced the Administrator Chap Hurst would speak at the Tax Payer Association meeting on July 30, 2007 at 7:00 PM. Also Mr. Clark thanked the Sheriff's deputies for their quick response to a disturbance at a restaurant in Easley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ❖ June 18, 2007- Jennifer Willis moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2007, motion was seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed.
- ❖ June 21, 2007 - Jennifer Willis moved to approve the minutes of June 21, 2007, motion was seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Public Service Committee – Council Member Willis gave the report in the absence of Committee Chairman Ponder.

The Committee met in the Main Conference room as advertised with Committee Chairman Tom Ponder presiding. All Committee members were present. Other Council members in attendance were Randy Crenshaw and Ben Trotter.

Staff:

Chappell Hurst, County Administrator
 Lynn Fisher, Assistant County Administrator
 Sheila Tinsley, Administration Assistant
 Olivia Vassey, Special Projects Coordinator
 Bo Beauchemin, Roads and Bridges Director
 Curt Burgess, Engineer

Item	Description	A	Action
26	Paving list report		No action, staff will have a recommend paving list and criteria back to committee by the first meeting in August. >>Administrator informed the committee that staff may need an additional \$50,000 for the minimum maintenance roads to be fixed with tar and gravel. Committee concurred. >>Council Approved
27	Request for a quitclaim deed reference Lake Forest Sub-Division.		Committee approved. >>Council approved
28	Request to freeze funding for the caterpillar for the Roads and Bridges Department. FY 2007/08		Committee approved the original funding and equipment as requested by the Roads and Bridges Department. >>Council approved
29	Acceptance of Roads in the County Road System: <i>Honeycomb Lane, Edens Oak Ct, Edens Ridge Drive, Edens Garden Way, Edens School Rd, Browning Heights Way, and Breanna Ct</i>		Committee approved. >>Council approved
30	Shady Acres request for minimum maintenance,		Committee approved. >>Council approved
31	Town of Central request for the County to do the Town's Stormwater management program		Committee approved the request for the Town of Central and Liberty for plan review as it relates to Stormwater management. >>Council approved the motion of the committee. However, the Administrator informed council that since the committee meeting, it was discovered that the Town of Central could not participate at this time because they did not meet the deadline of December 2006.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Mr. Hurst updated council of the following:

- ❖ Enhancement Grant- Mr. Hurst provided council with the drawing of the sign and landscaping that would be located at the Pickens County Airport. Mr. Hurst stated

this would be done with an enhancement grant the county has received in the amount of \$122,000.00. Mr. Hurst concluded by stating this will remove an eyesore and be a very nice project.

- ❖ Mile Creek Park – Mr. Hurst updated Council about a new food vender out at Mile Creek. Mr. Hurst stated this was going well and would provide another revenue source in the effort to make the park self sustaining. Mr. Hurst also noted (7) more campsites were ready for rental, and bait/ice would soon be available.
- ❖ 211 System- Mr. Hurst gave Council a brochure regarding the new 211 system. Mr. Hurst stated Pickens County would be leading the upstate as the only county to provide this service. 211 is designed for a help line for a variety of “where to go” and “how to do” issues. Mr. Hurst stated this will relieve many calls from 911 and alleviate frustration on the part of citizens who many times seek information and are transferred several places before getting results. Mr. Hurst stated that United Way has been instrumental in getting the 211 complete and that Aiken County would be contracting with United Way for this to happen.
- ❖ Humane Society Sign- Mr. Hurst provided Council with the new Humane Society Sign. Council was informed that the adoption program was working much better, and within this year, the number of animals that were put to sleep has decreased by 1,000. Also, Mr. Hurst stated the Spay and Neuter program was working so well that Mr. Fisher and Animal Control have coordinated an animal pick-up in Easley.
- ❖ Insurance Broker- Mr. Hurst stated that unless Council objected, he would stay with the same insurance brokers and allow them to go out to bid. Mr. Hurst stated the programs are working well and staff is pleased with many of their amenities toward wellness. Also, Mr. Hurst stated the county should have a new nurse within a few weeks.

Council Correspondence:

Chairman Smith announced the Council would meet tomorrow night on July 17, 2007 at 6:00 PM for a work session with the Recreation Committee.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Smith opened the floor for council to present new business. Hearing none the floor was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 388, BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2006/07

Chairman Smith opened the floor for a public hearing for ordinance No. 388. Hearing no comments, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed that this constitutes third reading of Ordinance No. 388.

PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 390 TO APPROVE THE FINANCING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES IN PICKENS COUNTY, THROUGH THE BORROWING OF NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,050,000) FROM THE STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND.

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing for ordinance No. 390.

1. Weldon Clark. Mr. Clark stated he served on the Public Service Commission and informed the public this ordinance is a mandate from DHEC, and the county has no choice.

Hearing no further comments Chairman Smith closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed that this constitutes third reading of Ordinance No. 390.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 391 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 333 AS IT RELATES TO SECTION 32-152 PERMANENT EASEMENTS.

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed that this constitutes third reading of Ordinance No. 391.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCES 259 AND 326 IN ORDER TO HAVE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY AS PART OF THE UNIFORM SERVICE CHARGE. REFER TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed that this constitute first reading and further sent to committee.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 356 KNOWN AS THE STORMWATER ORDINANCE. REFERRED TO THE EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH, WELFARE, AND COUNTY PLANNING.

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed that this constitute first reading and further sent to committee.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda.
- Refer to the Public Service Committee – Acceptance of Teri Drive in the County Road System.
- Refer to the Public Service Committee – Quail Haven Subdivision Flooding
- Refer to the Administration and Finance Committee – Issues with (GASB) No. 43 and 45.
- Refer to the Administration and Finance Committee – Creation of the Pickens County Transportation Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Tri-County Landfill discussion

Appointments:

Behavioral Health Services

Pickens County Water Authority
Sedgewood Tax District

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

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

Tri-County Landfill discussion- Chairman Smith stated no action; council would stand by their previous actions regarding this property.

Appointments:

- Behavioral Health Services – Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to reappoint Mary Hammond, Doug Clamp, and Redmond Coyle.
- Pickens County Water Authority- Neil Smith moved to reappoint Mr. William Smith to the Water Authority. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed.
- Sedgewood Tax District- Jennifer Willis moved to reappoint Alwina Hallyburton, and appoint Ernest Brock. Motion was seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further business, Chairman Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman