

February 19, 2007
Regular Council Meeting
6:00PM

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, February 14, 2007

Council Members in attendance:

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

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator
Ken Roper, County Attorney
Donna Owen, Clerk to Council

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting on 2/19/07 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman Smith further gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

>>Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of February 5th, 2007.

Chairman Smith made an apology to Council and the public for not convening in executive session during the February 5, 2007 meeting. Mr. Smith stated he did not get a unanimous vote for executive session, and he thought it needed to be unanimous. Mr. Smith stated his error was not realized until after he moved for adjournment. Again, Mr. Smith apologized and stated the appointments and other issues are on the current agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Education, Recreation, Health, Welfare. and County Planning**

Committee Chairman Crenshaw gave the following report:

The Committee of Education, Recreation, Health, Welfare, and County Planning met in the Main Conference room on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 4:30 PM, with Committee Chairman Randy Crenshaw presiding. All member of the committee were in attendance.

Other Council:
Tom Ponder

Staff:
Chap Hurst, County Administrator
Lynn Fisher, Assistant County Administrator

Donna Owen, Clerk to Council
 Olivia Vassey, Research Analyst
 Scottie Ferguson, Stormwater Manager

Item	Description	Referred	Report:
2	Development of Warpath Landing <u>referred back to committee</u> <u>01/17/06</u>	01/18/05	>Committee requested this item be removed as developers have secured agreements with Duke Power and plans are moving forward. James London stated the committee did not vote to remove this from committee and further stated it had been discussed that development will come back to the committee as things progress. Item stayed in committee
3	Study policy for dealing with abandoned/unsightly mobile homes <u>referred back to committee</u> <u>01/17/06</u>	01/18/05	>Committee request removal from the log as policy is in place and doing well. Item was removed.
16	Study issues with the Stormwater ordinance	07/17/06	>Committee request that Council consider appointing a panel to consist of developers, grading contractors, engineers, and staff to look over the stormwater ordinance, and address issues of concern. >Council approved the committee recommendation to form a panel for review of the ordinance.

- **Administration and Finance-** Chairman Smith gave the following report:

The Administration and Finance Committee met on Monday, Feb. 12, 2007 at 10:30 AM, with Chairman Smith presiding, all committee members were in attendance.

Staff:
 Chappell Hurst, Administrator
 Donna Owen, Clerk to Council
 Olivia Vassey, Research Analyst
 Ralph Guarino, Finance Director
 Jennifer Graham, HR Director
 Gerald Wilson, Solid Waste Director

Item	Description	Referred	Report:
10	Report by the Aeronautics Commission Retained 12/04/2006	02/06/06	Mr. Hurst stated staff has received a bid for tree removal and he would request the committee accept the bid from SC Dunn and Sons in the amount of \$8,000. Committee will recommend action for 2/19/07

			>>Council unanimously approved.
19	Request - City of Liberty's Tiff District. Retained 12/04/2006	06/05/06	No action
20	Study all fee related departments Retained 12/04/2006	06/05/06	No action, this item will be discussed during the budget process.
21	Study the County Benefit Package Retained 12/04/2006	06/05/06	No action, Committee discussed several topics and requested a future meeting to go over the employee benefits.
22	Consider hours of operation regarding the Recycling Centers Retained 12/04/2006	06/05/06	No action, staff will look at holiday schedules and report back to the committee
27	County Employee options for using other/all credit unions in Pickens County Retained 12/04/2006	09/18/06	Committee recommends that Pickens County request to be an employee sponsor of all credit unions in Pickens County in order for employees to participate and be members of all local credit unions. Currently employees are only entitled to be members of the State Credit Union. >>Council unanimously approved.
28	Study the structure of fees/millage within all fire districts. Specifically stated was to look at uniformity. <u>Retained 12/04/2006</u> Millage ordinance no. 381. First read 6/5/06 Second read 8/21/06 Third read	09/18/06	Committee recommends 1 st reading of an ordinance to be known as a uniform ordinance for all fire districts and to establish the creation of bylaws. >>Council approved a first reading and recommends keeping in committee for further review.
31	Policy for waiving fees for non-profit organizations Retained 12/04/2006	11/06/06	Committee requested staff to develop a policy for non-profits who are doing projects of \$20,000 or less to be able to have permits waived.

32	Ordinance relating to the Brunswick Yarn Manufacturing Facility First reading: July 17, 2006	02/05/07	Committee is requesting further explanation and clarification regarding the legal mandates of this ordinance.
33	Wellness Program for County Employees	02/05/07	Committee recommends approval of the Wellness Program for County Employees with the amendments to remove rewards and incentive policies and to approach the concept of "healthy living lifestyle." Committee also approved the requested \$10,000 for the wellness budget. >Council approved the budget and the concept of the wellness plan; Council would like to review in 6 months and James London stated he would like to see incentives for participating employees.
34	Funding for Heritage Corridor	02/05/07	No action, committee has requested knowledge of the appointments to this board.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Mr. Hurst stated he had no report.

Council Questions:

1. Tom Ponder requested that Mr. Hurst contact Mr. Cisson with Dacusville Recreation regarding the original plans the county was doing with the recreation department.
2. Randy Crenshaw asked about the approval for additional work being identified with the Soil and Water Funding. Mr. Hurst stated additional issues have been looked into.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Smith opened the floor to Council for any motions regarding new business or committee additions. Hearing none, Chairman Smith closed the floor.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 6-31-10 ET.SEQ CODE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS AMENDED, BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SC AND MRR PICKENS, LLC, A SOUTH CAROLINA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY TO BE LOCATED IN PICKENS COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA, TMS# 4098-00-82-5916, ALSO RELATING TO THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO PICKENS COUNTY FOR AN INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPANSION AND RELATING TO THE DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY TO PICKENS COUNTY FOR PUBLIC USES, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:

Chairman Smith opened the floor for a public hearing for the ordinance which is authorizing the execution and delivery of a development agreement between Pickens

County and MRR as it relates to the construction and operation of a solid waste disposal facility.

Chairman Smith provided the land acquisition is over 400 acres, also stated this was placed before the Planning Commission on February 12, 2007 and was passed. Chairman Smith also informed the public that approximately 100 acres is being used for a Construction and Demolition area and not garbage. Also the developer will donate 162 acres for a County Recreation Area. The County will make plans to purchase 39 acres for a class B Industrial site.

Hearing no input from the public, Chairman Smith closed the Public Hearing and allowed the following motion.

>>Ben Trotter moved that this constitute second reading of the ordinance as described. Tom Ponder gave the second. Tom Ponder, Ben Trotter, James London, Jennifer Willis and Randy Crenshaw voted in favor. Chairman Smith opposed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

>>Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to convene in executive session for the stated purposes.

- Appointments to Fire Districts
- Appointments to Planning Commission
- Appointments to the Library Board
- Legal advice regarding Boards and Commission
- Personnel Issue

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

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

Appointments to Fire Districts

Pumpkintown- Ben Trotter moved to appoint David Pike to the Pumpkintown Fire District. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed.

Central- Randy Crenshaw moved to appoint Jim Martin and Ken Kennemore to the Central Fire District. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed.

Appointments to Planning Commission

Planning Commission - Ben Trotter moved to appoint Lisa Flaughner to the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder. Ben Trotter, Tom Ponder, Chairman Smith, and Randy Crenshaw approved, James London and Jennifer Willis opposed. Motion carried.

Appointments to the Library Board

Library Board of Trustees –

>Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder moved to place Tonya Hendricks on the board. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

>James London, seconded by Tom Ponder moved to place Bobby Gilliland on the board. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

>Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Ben Trotter moved to place Heyward McDonald on the board. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Legal advice regarding Boards and Commission

No action council received information regarding dual office holding.

Personnel Issue

No action council received information regarding the hours of the Airport Director and the Administrator will take care of the issue.

ADJOURN:

With there being no further business before the Pickens County Council, motion to adjourn was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed. Council stood adjourned at 7:15 PM.

>Chairman Smith announced the work session would convene in the Main Conference Room to discuss transportation.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman