

Pickens County Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
Items Before the Pickens County Council on

Monday, December 5, 2005
7:00 PM

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****These are not official minutes of the Pickens County Council meeting. This reflects the issues that were before Council and shows “Approved or “Not Approved” “No Action”, or the appropriate action taken.**

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County Council met in regular session, in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Willis presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media on November 29, 2005.

Council Members in attendance:
Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman
G. Neil Smith, Vice Chairman
James B. London, Vice Chairman Pro Tempore
C. Roy Collins
Tom Ponder
Ben L. Trotter

Staff: Alan M. Ours, County Administrator
Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council
Ken Roper, County Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 21, 2005.

Approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Administration and Finance.

Chairman Willis gave the following report

Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman
G. Neil Smith
James London

The Committee of Administration and Finance met in the Main Conference Room on Monday, December 5, 2005 with all committee members in attendance.

Staff: Alan Ours, County Administrator
 Donna Owen, Clerk to Council
 Olivia Vassey, Research Analyst
 Dale Looper, Treasurer
 George Bryant, Auditor
 Ralph Guarino, Finance Director
 William Nicholas, Environmental Services Director
 Gerald Wilson, Recycling Coordinator
 Marguerite Keenan, Library Director
 Steve Grant, Purchasing Director
 Ken Roper, County Attorney

Other Council Members:
 Ben Trotter, District 3
 Tom Ponder, District 6

| Item | Description | Referred | Report | Action |
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| 163 | Pickens County Leave Policy for further study. | 05/16/05 | 08/01/05 | <p>Committee revised the leave policy to allow previous full time service with Pickens County reduced by actual time away from the county to be included in calculating an accrual rate in the event an employee returns to work.</p> <p>Also employees that retire under the State Retirement Systems and return to work with the County and those that participate in the TERI plan will be treated as new employees and their accrual rates will be the same of those as a new employee and they will receive payment for their accrued vacation when they terminate employment.</p> <p>Committee also request opinion from the County Attorney regarding accrual rates for employees who are currently in the TERI plan or retired and have returned to work.</p> <p><u>>>Council requests this issue stay in committee for further review.</u></p> |
| | | | 11/07/05 | No action, delayed for future meeting. |
| | | | 12/05/05 | Committee would like a report back regarding all county benefits and also obtain feedback on the leave policy. |

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| 184 | Consideration of a proposed agreement with GOVDEALS for the purpose of selling surplus county equipment. | 10/03/05 | 12/05/05 | Committee recommends trying the agreement with GOVDEALS. Committee also ask that information be given on the county website of such auctions. >>Council approved, Ben Trotter and Roy Collins opposed |
| 185 | Consideration of a request from the Director of the Library System to contract with an outside agency to collect overdue library fines. | 11/07/05 | 12/05/05 | Committee recommends a 90-day trial. >>Council approved, Ben Trotter and Tom Ponder opposed. |
| 186 | Consideration of a request to contract with Telecommunication Consulting Associates to conduct cable television audits and draft new franchise agreements with local cable television providers. | 11/07/05 | 12/05/05 | Committee recommends approval. >>Council approved. |
| 187 | Consideration of a request to submit a grant application to request funding for the purchase of homes in the flood affected area of the Quail Haven Subdivision. | 11/07/05 | 12/05/05 | Council will discuss at the special meeting of 12/15/05 |
| 188 | Consideration of a request by the Homeowners Association of Mountain View Estates to create a special tax district for the purpose of road improvements. | 11/07/05 | 12/05/05 | Committee instructed staff to move forward. >>Council approved |
| 189 | Study request for paying property taxes in quarterly installments | 11/07/05 | 12/05/05 | Committee recommends approval for paying installments as provided by state law. >>Council approved. |
| 190 | Consideration of a request from the Director of Environmental Services for funding to implement a corrective action plan at the Old Easley landfill. | 11/21/05 | 12/05/05 | Committee recommends approval of the \$81,000 request to implement the corrective action plan at the Old Easley Landfill. Council approved |
| 191 | Form a committee regarding road projects/issues in Pickens County. | 11/21/05 | 12/05/05 | No action. |

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

1. Finance Report. Mr. Ours called on Finance Director, Ralph Guarino to give Council the monthly report.

2. Museum. Mr. Ours informed Council the Museum Director is working hard to get the museum opened and all the exhibits complete. Council was told it would be late in the first quarter before this could take place. Council was encouraged to go by for a tour of the new facility and Mr. Ours stated he was very impressed with the job staff has done and thought the exhibits and the atmosphere was going to be nice.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

- **Assessment of property.**

Administrator to do an investigation regarding the way property in Pickens County was assessed.

Approved

Issue of Arial Mill to the Public Service Committee.

Approved

PRESENTATION OF THE AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004/05:

Chuck Talbert, with McAbee, Talbert, Halliday & Company Audit Firm, gave the Audit report. Mr. Talbert informed Council that this year the county had put in the extra work in order to have a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mr. Talbert explained this is much more detailed than a regular Audit report. Mr. Talbert went over letter of transmittal, and all reconciliation of total governmental fund balance, statement of revenues, and expenditures. Mr. Talbert stated this to be a clean audit and found the county and it's financial practices in good order. The Director of Finance, Ralph Guarino, was praised for the work he and his staff put forth this year for the Annual Report.

No action

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006 TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED:

Approved

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 368 TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$610,000 RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE PUMPER (\$260,000) FOR HOLLY SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND 911 RELATED EQUIPMENT (\$350,000):

Approved

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 369 TO EXTEND THE APPEALS PROCESS FOR REASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY IN PICKENS COUNTY:

Approved

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 370 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 333 AS IT RELATES TO SECTION 32-106 CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AND SECTION 32-107 – DRAINAGE STRUCTURES:

Approved

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF EXTENSION FROM NORTHLAND CABLE:

Approved

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approved

- a. Consideration of a Request from the Director of Roads and Bridges to accept the following into the County Road System, Shady Grove Estates Drive, Dace Drive, Ede Drive and Elise Drive. It is recommended that this matter be referred to the Public Service Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. Receive Information Regarding Proposed Property Acquisition
- b. Consideration of proposed incentives for prospective new industry

Approved

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Chairman Willis called the public session back to order and allowed the following motion.

SEWER CONSENT CHANGE ORDER:

Approve \$52,500 for a sewer line extension in the commerce park.

Approved

ADJOURN:

9:10 PM.