

November 16, 2009
Regular Council Meeting
6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Neil Smith presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to Council members and local news media, November 11, 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

Clerk to Council: Donna Owen

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator
Ken Roper, County Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting of November 16, 2009 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Tom Ponder was asked to lead the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Jennifer Willis moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2009, motion was seconded by James London all members voted in favor with the exception of Tom Ponder and Randy Crenshaw who abstained due to their absence of November 2, 2009.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hurst updated Council on the following issues.

1. On December 10, 2009 at 5:30 PM The Madren Center in Clemson will host a tourism partnership event. Mr. Hurst stated the County was doing this in an effort to meet and acknowledge many of the facets of tourism and recreation.
2. Mr. Hurst informed Council that he would be closely monitoring the studies being provided due to the Keowee Toxaway re-licensing program. He said this would be an opportunity to learn more about the States tourism and especially lake access and recreation.
3. Law enforcement will have a better system when doing routine traffic stops as updates are being placed in the CAD system. The State will no longer have to make changes, as upgrades can be made in house, thus saving time and money. Also when tag numbers are entered, it will be entered in one entry and many queries can report simultaneously, making this a much friendlier and efficient system.
4. Census 2010- Mr. Hurst called to council's attention the bags from the Census 2010 that has been given to the members of Council and media in an effort to kick off the importance of the census. Much of the counties funding is directly

related to the accuracy of the census. The Committee hopes these handouts will help.

5. Funding Request- Mr. Hurst stated the funding of \$50,000 from the C-Fund for the environmental study for Adger and Simms School Road was granted.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Jennifer Willis moved to add to the executive session a contractual matter, motion was seconded by James London and unanimously passed.

Tom Ponder stated he had an issue with committee process. Mr. Ponder stated that he thought if something was sent to a committee it should be important enough to report out of committee. Mr. Ponder was specifically talking about the fact that he placed the fire district ordinance in committee in January, and that issue did not receive the proper work.

Therefore, Mr. Ponder asked that Council consider going back to one meeting per month and a second meeting of the month should be a committee of the whole, or he would like a time certain (60 days) when something is referred to committee. If the committee can not report within 60 days, then it should come back to Council.

- Tom Ponder moved to send this issue to the committee of Justice and Public Safety in order to discuss an amendment of the Council rules as it relates to Committee timelines and council meetings. Neil Smith seconded the motion and was unanimously passed.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 421 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MILLIKEN & COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Councilman Wyche and unanimously passed that this constitutes a third reading of Ordinance No. 421.

PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 422 TO AMEND THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO IN COUNTY PREFERRED STATUS:

Chairman Smith opened the floor a public hearing and to receive any comments as it relates to ordinance No. 422. Hearing none, the floor was closed.

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed that this constitutes a third reading of Ordinance No. 422.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 423 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 355 ALLIANCE PICKENS:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Tom Ponder to constitute third reading.

During discussion, Councilman Wyche stated he would like to amend the motion to table this issue as he had concerns that need further clarification as it relates to the economic development board and its functions.

- Sam Wyche moved to table the third reading until the next regular meeting (12/2/09) and to continue some discussion. Motion was seconded by Neil Smith

All members voted in favor with the exception of Jennifer Willis who opposed. Motion carried and third reading was postponed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Randy Crenshaw moved to convene in executive session for the stated purposes. Motion was given a second by Mrs. Willis and unanimously passed.

Boards and Commissions as needed or requested
 Beautification
Economic Development
Contractual (as added)

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Chairman Smith called the public session back to order and advised council had a lengthy discussion regarding economic development but no action would be forthcoming.

Chairman Smith called for a motion for board appointments.

Beautification--- (2) appointments.

- Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw to appoint Diana Stafford to the Beautification Committee. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed.
- Motion was made by Sam Wyche and seconded by Tom Ponder to appoint Marguerite Porter to the Committee. Motion was unanimously passed.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further business, Chairman Smith called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
Pickens County