

February 09, 2009  
Regular Council Meeting  
6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Main Conference Room, 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 6, 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

Donna Owen, Clerk to Council

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator  
Lynn Fisher, Assistant County Administrator/EMS Director  
Olivia Vassey, Special Projects Coordinator  
Ken Roper, County Attorney

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Smith called the meeting of February 9, 2009 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Smith apologized for the inconvenience of the meeting being held in the Main Conference room and further stated he would be doing the invocation only and bypassing the pledge due to the conference room not having a flag posted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Smith stated that a correction had been made to the minutes and a clean copy was on the table. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis and seconded by Randy Crenshaw to approve the February 2, 2009 minutes as amended. All members voted in favor.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Hurst informed Council that the Development Standards Ordinance was complete on a CD and has been made available to the public for \$2.00, instead of the \$15.00 paper copy. All members received a copy of the CD.

Council was also encouraged to see their Delegation Representatives as it relates to a Bill (3272) that is in committee – Mr. Hurst explained, as reported in the SCAC Friday Report- the passing of said bill has potentially large fiscal impact to the counties, municipalities and schools. In addition, there would be substantial reprogramming costs to undo what was programmed last year. Finally, H. 3272 would open the refund request window for ATI which were recognized since the implementation of Act 388. A Legislative Alert was sent out Monday and several counties sent officials to the meeting and provided impact data from their county.

**COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Chairman Smith again stated the need for meeting in the Main Conference room was to work around the February 16, 2009 holiday, and stated the next regular meeting of Council would be March 2, 2009.
2. Chairman Smith gave the administrator a letter he had received about an ambulance complaint.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairman Smith gave the following committee report:

Administration and Finance met on February 5, 2009 in the Main Conference Room with all committee members in attendance.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	REFERRED	REPORT
70	Job Duties for Fire Director Service position.  Retained 12/2008	11/03/08	No action, but Administrator was instructed to move forward with the hiring process. Committee agreed the person for the position would begin to process the policy issues that are needed.
1	Update regarding budget shortfall	01/20/09	Council was updated about positions and classifications that were being modified and rearranged in order to assist with the state budget cuts. Mr. Hurst informed council that departments that have vacant positions are keeping them open, and he is using staff from other departments that are experiencing slower times. Mr. Hurst also informed Council that he is utilizing more coordination between departments, such as solid waste and roads/bridges. Also he will be combining the risk manager position with another one.
2	Mobile Home Amnesty Program-	01/20/09	<p>Mr. Hurst informed Council that he is working with DHEC to extend the dates for landfill closure. Mr. Hurst requested to be able to continue with programs of community clean up in order to utilize the code enforcement division of building codes during these economic slow downs.</p> <p>Mr. Hurst explained this would be an excellent time to help citizens and get things cleaned up while the landfill is still open.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Committee recommends moving forward with programs.</p> <p>Council unanimously approved.</p>

**MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Smith opened the floor for any new business; hearing none, the floor was closed.

**REQUEST FROM HOLLY SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT TO SALE EQUIPMENT:**

Chairman Smith stated that Council Members had received the request from Holly Springs to sale one of their trucks.

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to approve the sale of equipment.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Investment/Security – Refer to Administration and Finance committee.

- Vice Chairman Willis moved to approve the Consent Agenda; a second was given by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to convene in executive session for the stated purpose.

Appointments to the Planning Commission  
Appointments to the Board of Zoning and Appeals  
Contractual Issue

**PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:**

Chairman Smith called the Public Session back to order and allowed the following motions.

**Appointments:**

Planning Commission—Motion was made by Chairman Smith to fill the term of District 4 with Mr. Weldon Clark. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder. Jennifer Willis, Chairman Smith, Tom Ponder, and Randy Crenshaw voted in favor. James London and Sam Wyche opposed. Motion carried. Term will expire 04/01/2010

Planning Commission – Motion was made by Jennifer Willis to re-appoint Sheree Chapman to the Planning Commission for District 5. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed. Appointment has an expiration date of 04/01/2011.

Board of Zoning and Appeals—Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Tom Ponder to re-appoint Robert Ballentine as the District 5 appointee. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Appointment has an expiration date of 08/01/2011.

Board of Zoning and Appeals – Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed to re-appoint Richard Shirley as the at Large appointee with an expiration date of 08/01/2011.

**Contractual Issue:**

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis and seconded by Sam Wyche to authorize the County Administrator to enter into contract with the Pickens County School District for the sewer project.

**ADJOURN:**

Hearing no further business, Chairman Smith called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:00 PM

>>Chairman Smith stated council would convene to a work session.

1. Upstate Alliance Presentation
2. Discussion of the planning session

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

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Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

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G. Neil Smith, Chairman