

June 18, 2007
Regular Council Meeting
6:00 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, June 13, 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 H. Willis

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 June 18, 2007 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Ben Trotter was called upon for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

>>Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of June 4, 2007.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Mr. Hurst updated council on the following issues:

- DHEC Solid Waste Report. – Council was informed about a recent report, which was quoted “*Pickens County is leading the way.*” This report comes from the fact that Pickens County is one of three counties in the State that has met or exceeded the recycling and disposal goals. Mr. Hurst read a section of the report to Council and further stated the many positives about our Solid Waste Department.
- Recycling Incentive Program. Mr. Hurst provided to Council that Wal-Mart has given the County an \$800.00 grant for recycling incentives. Mr. Hurst stated all citizens who recycle will be given a ticket and a chance to win a \$100.00 cash prize.
- DNR Grant for Quail Haven. Council was informed that a DNR RMA grant for 131 Quail Haven Drive was awarded to the County. These funds are going for the demolition of these homes in Quail Haven, which continue to be damaged during heavy rains.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Recognition of retirees- Chairman Smith and Council recognized the recent retirees. Diane Jennings, Barbara Turner, Linda Peace, and Betty Osborne. Ms. Turner and Ms. Osborne were present to accept certificates. Council thanked all the retirees for their years of service with Pickens County.

Homes for Vets - Mrs. Willis announced the first home had been completed and was dedicated on Flag Day. Homes for Vets is an organization dedicated to providing homes for veterans who are in need of housing assistance.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Smith opened the floor to Council for new business. Hearing none, the floor was closed.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 388, BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2006/07:

>>Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed that this constitutes second reading of Ordinance No. 388.

SECOND 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:

>>Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed that this constitutes second reading of Ordinance No. 390.

SECOND 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 Tom Ponder and unanimously passed that this constitutes second reading of Ordinance No. 391.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 389 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 230 AS IT RELATES TO LANGUAGE IN SECTION 38-53 TO ELIMINATE THE 300 FOOT MANDATE FOR TAPPING ON TO PUBLIC SEWER:

>>Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed that this constitutes third and final reading of Ordinance No. 389.

CONSENT AGENDA:

>>Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- Refer to the Administration and Finance Committee- Request from Sheriff Stone to discuss incentives for officers.
- Refer to the Administration and Finance Committee – Vacation policy clarification
- Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee – Implementation of tax notices
- Referred to the Public Service Committee –Town of Central request for the County to do the Town’s Stormwater management program

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

- Appointments -Pickens County Grievance Committee
- Discussion of Tri-County Property

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

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

1. **Grievance Committee:** Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to approve the Grievance committee as presented by the Administrator.
2. **Tri-County Property:** Ken Roper read into record the following resolution regarding the Tri-County Property.

Pickens County reaffirms its acceptance of the successful bid on the Tri-county Landfill property as made by Youngblood Development Corporation. Pickens County calls on Anderson County to join with both Pickens and Oconee Counties in complying with both the bid agreement as conducted by ACOG, and the previously mediated settlement between the parties.

Pickens County Council is willing to meet with Anderson County Council in a joint public session within the next thirty days. Absent such a meeting, or acceptance of the bid by Anderson County, Pickens County will proceed with an action to enforce the mediated settlement between the parties.

>>Jennifer Willis moved to accept this resolution as stated by Mr. Roper. Ben Trotter seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

ADJOURN:

With there being no further business before the council, Chairman Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by James London and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman