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February 21, 2006  
Regular Meeting  
6:00 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Jennifer H. Willis presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media, February 16, 2006.

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: Ralph Guarino, Interim County Administrator  
Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council  
Ken Roper, County Attorney

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Jennifer Willis called the meeting of February 21, 2006 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Councilman Neil Smith gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

>>Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Roy Collins and unanimously passed to approve the minutes as presented for February 6, 2006.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

Interim Administrator, Ralph Guarino updated Council regarding a positive meeting with the State officials as it relates to Quail Haven. Also Council was updated regarding the budget process.

**MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Councilman Neil Smith moved to add to the agenda a courtesy first reading of an ordinance to amend the road fee ordinance in order to establish specifics regarding how funds would be spent. Motion was seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed.
2. Neil Smith moved to send to committee the Rules of Council in order to establish specifics regarding how issues are placed on the agenda. Motion was seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed. Referred to the Justice and Public Safety.
3. Ben Trotter moved to add to the agenda a personnel issue for executive session. Motion was seconded by Neil Smith and unanimously passed.

4. Neil Smith moved to remove the executive session item from the work session, and place on the regular agenda; motion was seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed.
5. James London moved to pull from committee the vested rights ordinance for second reading. Motion was seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to add this to the agenda.
6. James London moved to visit issues regarding Highway 123. Motion included this going to the Education, Recreation, Health, Welfare, and County Planning Committee.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-02, TO REQUEST THAT THE NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEES CONSIDER FULLY THE IMPACT OF PCB CONTAMINATION TO PICKENS COUNTY IN NEGOTIATING FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE LAKE HARTWELL RESTORATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN WITH SCHLUMBERGER CORPORATION:**

>>Motion was made by James London and seconded by Neil Smith to approve Resolution No. 06-02. Motion included adding "Twelve Mile" in the third paragraph to identify the specific river in question. All Council voted in favor as amended.

**REQUEST FROM THE EMS DEPARTMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN AMBULANCE (M3) FOR STATION #1:**

The current vehicle is due to be replaced in Fiscal Year 2007, however the current ambulance has a blown engine motor and the cost to replace the motor is approximately \$5,000. Funds for this ambulance are available in the Public Safety Vehicle Replacement Fund. The estimated cost of a new ambulance is \$64,300. The EMS department is also requesting to declare ambulance M3 surplus property and to be used as a trade in for the new ambulance. Approval of this request is recommended.

>>Motion was made by Roy Collins and seconded by Ben Trotter to approve as recommended. Neil Smith amended the motion not to trade ambulance M3 at this time. Both the maker of the motion and the second concurred. Motion as amended carried with a unanimous vote.

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ROAD FEE ORDINANCE FOR SPECIFIC FUNDING DIRECTION:**

>>Motion was made by Neil Smith, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed that this constitutes First Reading. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Ordinance sent to the Public Service Committee.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 372 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 304, THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ORDINANCE DATED MARCH 4, 2002, AS IT RELATES TO SECTIONS 9.1.6 – EXPIRATION OF APPROVAL AND THE PARAMETERS OF A VESTED RIGHT AND 11.1.2 – EXPIRATION OF APPROVAL AND THE PARAMETERS OF A VESTED RIGHT VEST RIGHTS:**

>>Motion was made by James London, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed that this constitutes Second Reading of Ordinance No. 372.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilman Trotter requested the removal of these items from consent.

>>Mr. Trotter moved to approve both request from the City of Easley and Pickens, Mr. Trotter stated all bids were complete before the Council directed change to the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Neil Smith and unanimously passed.

- Request from the City of Pickens to provide for Road Maintenance Funds for the Main Street Project. Refer to the Public Service committee.
- Request from the City of Easley to provide for Road Maintenance Funds for the Downtown Easley Project. This issue is already in the Public Service Committee. A Council Member requested item back on the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

Receive information regarding proposed property acquisition  
Personnel

**PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:**

Chairman Willis called the public session back to order and no motions were forthcoming.

**ADJOURN:**

With there being no further business before the Pickens County Council, motion to adjourn was made by Neil Smith, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed. Council stood adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**Respectively Submitted:**

**Approved:**

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Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

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Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman