

February 04, 2013
Regular Council Meeting
6:30 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 on January 29, 2013

Council Members in attendance:

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
Tom Ponder, Vice Chairman
Jennifer H. Willis, V.C. Pro-Tem
Jeff Martin
Trey Whitehurst
Randy Crenshaw

Donna Owen, Clerk to Council

Staff:

Chappell Hurst, Administrator
Ken Roper, County Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting of February 4, 2013 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman Smith further gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chairman Smith opened the Public Forum and requested the Clerk to introduce the speakers who have signed up.

- 1) Pat Mulkey-Mr. Mulkey stated the Azalea festival this year will be in the spotlight, as WSPA will feature this festival. Mr. Mulkey stated this was great for tourism and other Pickens County features.
- 2) Weldon Clark-Mr. Clark stated he has sent the school superintendent a letter regarding the fact that (16) schools do not have resource officers. Mr. Clark stated he was concerned about taxpayers being burdened with this many new employees and he would like to see innovative approaches such as utilizing current staff for resource officers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion was made by Councilman Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Vice Chairman Tom Ponder and unanimously passed for approval of the January 22, 2013 minutes.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hurst updated Council on the following items.

- 1) Roads and Bridges Department: Mr. Hurst presented pictures to County Council of one of the County's most recent bridge installments. Mr. Hurst stated the Roads and Bridges department has one of the best teams for design and installation of bridges, and he wanted to highlight their accomplishments. Mr. Hurst introduced Gerald Wilson, Curtis Burgess, Michael Clark, and David Cassell. Mr. Hurst stated other staff; Rodney Morton and Jason Zimmerman could not be in attendance but were part of this team. Mr. Hurst went on to state that the tax payers of Pickens County get a true savings with this team of employees who are full time employees with other job

duties. Mr. Hurst stated that cost on a bridge could consume as much as \$500,000 when the entire bid package is complete. This staff is able to engineer and finish a bridge project for about \$125,000. In conclusion, Mr. Hurst thanked this group for their professionalism and quality of their workmanship.

>>Council stated their appreciation for the savings and the quality of work the county provides for these installments.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Smith opened the floor for new business. Hearing none, new business was closed with no action.

APPROVAL OF THE FY 2013 BUDGET CALENDAR:

- Motion was made by Councilwoman Jennifer H. Willis, seconded by Councilman Jeff Martin and unanimously passed to approve the budget calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion was made by Councilman Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Councilwoman Jennifer H. Willis and unanimously passed to convene into executive session for the stated purposes.
 - Boards and Commissions
 - Economic Development update
 - Legal update

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Chairman Smith called the public session back to order and advised the following.

There was no action on Economic Development or Legal Update.

Boards and Commissions:

- Beautification Committee-Councilwoman Jennifer H. Willis moved to re-appoint Gina McClellan, Anne Lofquist, and Diana Stafford to the committee. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jeff Martin and unanimously passed.
- Picken Rural Fire- Councilman Randy Crenshaw moved to re-appoint Freddie Duncan. Motion was seconded by Councilman Neil Smith and unanimously passed.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Tom Ponder, seconded by Councilman Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman