

November 17, 2008
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, November 12, 2008.

Council Members in attendance:

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
Ben L. Trotter, Vice Chairman
Tom E. Ponder, Vice Chairman Pro-Tempore
Randy Crenshaw
Jennifer H. Willis

Donna Owen, Clerk to Council

Absent: James B. London

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator
Olivia Vassey, Special Projects Coordinator

Absent: Ken Roper, County Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting of November 17, 2008 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Councilman Tom Ponder was called upon for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Jennifer Willis moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2008. Motion was seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hurst advised Council of the following items.

1. Sewer Plant Issues—Mr. Hurst informed Council that capacity at (2) of the Counties sewer plants were recently increased by DHEC. Mr. Hurst stated this increase was extremely important and means that an entire plant will not have to be built. Mr. Hurst stated DHEC agreed to increase this capacity due to a study which proved the allocations numbers were too high. Mr. Hurst reiterated this is great news for the County.
2. EMS Software- Mr. Hurst told Council that beginning January 1, 2009 that all EMS would be on new computer software as mandated by the State. Mr. Hurst stated this software electronic patient care data and would enable paramedics to transmit valuable information such as EKG's directly to the hospital emergency room during transport.
3. Airport fuel sales- Mr. Hurst stated airport fuel sales had increased in the 3rd quarter of 2008 by 31,867 gallons from the same quarter in 2007. Mr. Hurst said this equated to an \$111,000 increase in revenue.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Smith requested and moved that he be allowed to add an executive session item for the purpose of an appointment to the Beautification Board. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed.
2. Chairman Neil Smith informed Council that they had an ordinance which was tabled during the November 3, 2008 meeting. Chairman Smith asked if Council would consider bringing the ordinance off the table because the Clerk had published its public hearing. Mr. Smith reminded Council that this was the ordinance that pertained to International Building Code compliance.
3. Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to remove the Ordinance from the table.

Public Hearing of the Building Codes Ordinance

Chairman Smith opened the floor for Public Hearing, Chairman Smith informed the public this was for the amendments to the Building Code Ordinance which would comply with International Building Code.

Hearing no comment, Chairman Smith closed the Public Hearing and allowed motions from the Council

Second Reading of the Amendments to the Building Codes:

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder to constitute a second reading.

>>During discussion, Jennifer Willis stated that she still is not satisfied with explanations about amendments relating to the building codes, and she requested that the makers of the motion consider second reading and referring back to a committee for further explanation.

Both Councilman Ponder and Trotter agreed.

- Motion was that this constitute a second reading with a provision that it go to committee was passed with all voting in favor with the exception of Jennifer Willis who opposed. Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE RELIABLE AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER CO. INC. AND ADDING LASALLE NATIONAL LEASING CORPORATION, DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., BANK OF AMERICA LEASING & CAPITAL, LLC, BB&T EQUIPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION AND CROWN CREDIT CORPORATION AS SPONSORS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

4. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed that this constitutes a second reading of the stated ordinance.

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND SUBSEQUENT CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE EDENS TRACT, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE LOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CAMPUS FOR TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN PICKENS COUNTY:

5. Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed that this constitutes a second reading of the stated ordinance.

THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A TOURISM BOARD FOR PICKENS COUNTY:

6. Motion was made by Ben Trotter to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 412 as it relates to the creation of a tourism board. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder.

...During discussion, Councilwoman Willis stated that because of the harsh economic times that she did not want council approving a position. Council discussed this ordinance does not automatically do that, and that a board has to be appointed and then the County Administrator will budget and negotiate position responsibilities. Mrs. Willis stated she just wanted to be on record stating that at this time there should be no new funding for positions.

>>Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR T-HANGARS:

7. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to award the bid for T-Hangars to J. Davis Inc.

Also, Chairman Smith informed the public that building the T-Hangars is a budgeted item, and contracts are already signed for use.

CONSENT AGENDA:

8. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis and seconded by Ben Trotter to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
 - a. Refer to the Administration and Finance Committee – Request for sewer service from the Pickens County School system
 - b. Refer to Administration and Finance –Council Rules

Added during motion period:

- c. Refer the Building Code amendments to the Public Service Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Added during motion period:

9. Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed to convene into executive session for the stated purpose.
 - a. Appointments to the Beautification board:

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Beautification: Chairman Smith, seconded by Jennifer Willis moved to appoint Ms. Diane Coiner to the Beautification and Environmental Advisory Board. All members voted in favor. Motion carried

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further business, Chairman Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 6:50 PM.

>>Council was reminded of the work session on the Development Standards Ordinance.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman