

March 15, 2010
Regular Council Meeting
6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Neil Smith presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to Council members and local news media, March 10, 2010.

Council Members in attendance:

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
Jennifer H. Willis, Vice Chairman
James B. London, Vice Chairman Pro-Tempore
Randy Crenshaw

Clerk to Council: Donna Owen

Absent:

Tom Ponder
Sam Wyche

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator
Ken Roper, County Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting of March 15, 2010 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman Smith also noted the absence of Council members Ponder and Wyche. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman London.

Approval of Minutes: March 1, 2010

- Jennifer Willis moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2010. James London gave the second, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Administrator's Report:

- 1) Laptops and internet access in the Sheriff patrol cars. Mr. Hurst asked staff from the sheriff's department to give an overview to council regarding the equipment funded for the patrol cars. Assistant Sheriff, Tim Morgan and Officer Anthony Raines thanked council for supporting the concept of laptops in the patrol cars. Council was shown a demonstration of how officers can pull arrest records, sexual offenders, look at warrants, and many other issues without going back to the law enforcement center. This not only saves time and money, but makes it possible to solve certain crimes within minutes; especially when a person has outstanding violations.
- 2) Airport and Mile Creek Park—Mr. Hurst updated Council that during budget cycles, it is often discussed about departments being self sufficient. Mr. Hurst stated that Mile Creek and the Airport are well on the way to accomplishing these goals. Mr. Hurst stated Council has provided many improvements at both sites and that funding is returning. Mr. Hurst also noted these departments have extremely responsible department heads in Dale Powell and Skeets Cooper.
- 3) Registration and Elections. Council was given the new and or temporary locations of voting areas in the county. Mr. Hurst stated these changes have been made to provide better parking, and larger spaces to accommodate the voters in certain areas. Council was informed that many notices would be provided to the public.

Council Correspondence:

Chairman Smith requests a summer schedule, Mr. Smith informed council that given their extreme schedule during May and June, that council may not meet in July at all, but for now he would say one meeting per month. Council will be kept informed as spring and summer approaches.

July 19, 2010

August, 16, 2010

September 20, 2010

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Smith opened the floor for Council to present new business or committee referrals. Hearing none the motion period was closed.

THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 410 RELATING TO THE INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK OF OCONEE AND PICKENS COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK.

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by James London and unanimously passed that this constitutes the third reading an Ordinance to enlarge the Oconee and Pickens business park.

PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINT COUNTY BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (“OCONEE COUNTY”) SUCH BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 13 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION, AND SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS OF 1976 §4-1-170, ET SEQUITUR, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH OCONEE COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES TO PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, OCONEE COUNTY AND RELEVANT TAXING ENTITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT JOBS TAX CREDITS ALLOWED BY LAW BE PROVIDED FOR BUSINESSES LOCATING IN SAID PARK; AND TO PERMIT A USER FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATION WITHIN SAID PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Chairman Smith stated the attorneys who are working out the details of this park agreement, have requested a delay of third reading, but would encourage council to move forward with the required public hearing.

Chairman Smith opened the floor for the Public Hearing. No citizen or Council had any comments, and the Public Hearing for the Ordinance was closed.

APPROVAL FOR PUMPKINTOWN FIRE DISTRICT TO PURCHASE A FIRE TRUCK. (LEASE PURCHASE):

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to approve the lease purchase of the fire truck for Pumpkintown.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Jennifer Willis, seconded by Randy Crenshaw moved to convene in executive session for the stated purposes. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
Contractual issue (2)
Boards and Commission:

Library board
Tri-County Technical College
Appalachian Council of Governments

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

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

- 1) Library Board- James London moved to place Beverly Brosnan on the Library Board of Trustees. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed
- 2) Tri-County Technical College-Jennifer Willis moved to place Milton Ponder on the Tri-County Technical College Board. Motion was seconded by James London and unanimously passed.
- 3) Appalachian Council of Governments- Randy Crenshaw moved to re-appoint Tom Hendricks to the citizen seat, and appoint James Jackson, III to the minority seat. Motion was seconded by Chairman Smith and unanimously passed.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further business, Chairman Smith called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
Pickens County Council