

Special Called Pickens County Council Meeting
 October 12, 2015
 6:00 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Main Conference Room, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Jennifer Willis presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to Council members and local news media on October 6, 2015.

Council Members in attendance:

Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman
 Trey Whitehurst, Vice Chairman
 Tom Ponder, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
 G. Neil Smith
 Randy Crenshaw
 Ensley Feemster

Staff:

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

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Willis called the special called meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Ms. Willis further led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: 09/23/2015 Administration and Finance Committee

The Committee of Administration and Finance met at 8:30 a.m. on September 23, 2015. Chairman Willis presided and Vice Chairman Trey Whitehurst and Councilman Neil Smith were in attendance. Councilman Tom Ponder was also in attendance.

Staff:

Ralph Guarino, Interim Administrator
 Donna Owen, Clerk to Council
 Tami Hall, Human Resources Director
 Helen Hockwalt, Tourism Director
 Gerald Wilson, Public Works Director
 Brian O'Kelly, Public Service Commission

Guest:

Wes Hulsey, Engineer

Item	Description	Referred	Action
43	Salary Review Retained 2015	06/23/2014	>Staff will begin with the division of public works and come back with recommendations for starting pay for new hires and existing employees. Also, staff will begin the process of hiring an outside consultant for reviewing job descriptions, pay, and reviewing assessments. This should be proposed in phases. Recommendations from Staff came back with the public works division adjustments and a Phase I Study. >>Council unanimously approved the pay adjustments in

			<p>the division of public works for positions as recommended by staff.</p> <p>>>Council unanimously approved Phase I study by Archer for approximately 175 positions at a cost of \$44,386.</p> <p>>Committee moved to accept recommendation for the correction of minimum pay (document dated 8/17/2015)</p> <p>>>Council approved committee action of 09/23/2015 to accept the minimum pay correction.</p> <p>Council did amend the motion to state the Salary review to stay in committee so Council can look at the how the minimum will shift across the board as salaries are adjusted.</p>
51	Pickens County 150 years Celebration Retained 2015	10/20/2014	150 year celebration is in 2018 – tourism staff will be seeking ideas from other organizations to begin planning events.
53	Southern Wesleyan University Funding Request Retained 2015	11/17/2014	>Committee moved to remove item due to this item being resolved. >>Council approved.
56	Communication systems at Glassy Mountain and Six Mile	02/02/2014	>Committee moved to remove item due to this item being resolved. >>Council approved.
57	Reclassification of Building Inspector	03/02/2015	>Committee moved to remove item due to this being resolved during the budget cycle.
58	Jail Fees	03/02/2015	>Committee moved to remove item due to this being resolved with another item. >>Council Approved.
63	Naming of Petroglyphs site	04/06/2015	>Committee received update about the first opening. It was reported 1,178 people visited the site.
68	Request from the City of Liberty to utilize the old magistrates building for City Court.	08/17/2015	>Committee recommends allowing the City of Liberty to utilize the magistrates building for City Court. This agreement will be the same as the lease for the Central Building and City of Central-- The City will cover insurance and maintenance. Content will be removed; any furniture wanted by Liberty can be requested. >Council Approved
69	Business Plan for Public Service Commission.	08/17/2015	>Committee approved a comprehensive business plan for the Public Service Commission with Hulsey, McCormick and Wallace. The 10 year plan was negotiated at \$82,500. >>Council Approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Willis called for a motion to convene into Executive Session as defined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a). Chairman Willis further stated that each issue would be discussed as the Law provides.

S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a)

- Personnel- Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)
 - Administrator Candidates
- Contractual-Section 30-47 (a) (2)

- Acquisition of Property
- Motion was made by Councilman Tom Ponder, seconded by Councilman Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to Convene into executive session for the stated purposes.

PUBLIC SESSION BACK TO ORDER:

Chairman Willis called the public session back into order and advised the council had discussed-

Personnel-

- No action, some potential dates for interviews.

Contractual-

- No action, council had an update from the attorney.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Willis called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Tom Ponder, seconded by Vice Chairman Trey Whitehurst and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman