

Pickens County Organizational Council Meeting
January 4, 2021
6:30 PM

County Council met in special session for the purpose of the organizational meeting. The meeting was held in the Council Auditorium, at the County Administration Facility, with County Attorney Les Hendricks presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to Council members and local news media on December 30, 2020.

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers
Henry Wilson
Alex Saitta
Ensley Feemster
Trey Whitehurst (via Zoom Conference Call)
Roy Costner (via Zoom Conference Call)

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Lisa Bryant, Acting Clerk to Council
Les Hendricks, Contract County Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

County Attorney, Les Hendricks, called the Organizational Meeting of January 4, 2021 to order immediately following the swearing-in ceremony for Council Members: Alex Saitta, Roy Costner, Chris Bowers and Henry Wilson. Mr. Hendricks stated he would preside over the meeting until such time Council elects its Chairman.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Administrator, Ken Roper, led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hendricks provided an overview of the rules for nominations. He further informed Council he would take nominations for Chairman, and would continue to take nominations until such time nominations are closed, at which time Council would vote in order of the nominations.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN:

Acting Chairman, Les Hendricks, opened the floor for nominations of Council Chairman.

- Councilman Roy Costner moved to nominate Councilman Chris Bowers as Chairman. Councilman Ensley Feemster seconded this nomination.

Mr. Hendricks asked if there were any further nominations for Council Chairman. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously (6-0), and Mr. Hendricks closed the nominations.

Mr. Hendricks turned the gavel over to Chairman Chris Bowers and congratulated his position.

ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the floor for nominations for Council Vice Chairman.

- Councilman Ensley Feemster moved to nominate Councilman Roy Costner as Vice Chairman. Councilman Henry Wilson seconded this nomination.

Chairman Chris Bowers asked if there were any further nominations for Council Vice Chairman. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously (6-0), and Chairman Chris Bowers closed the nominations.

Chairman Chris Bowers announced Roy Costner as the Vice Chairman.

ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR PRO TEMPORE:

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the floor for nominations for Council Vice Chairman Pro Tempore.

- Vice Chairman Roy Costner moved to nominate Councilman Trey Whitehurst as Vice Chair Pro Tempore. Councilman Ensley Feemster seconded this nomination.

Chairman Chris Bowers asked if there were any further nominations for Council Vice Chair Pro Tempore. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously (6-0), and Chairman Chris Bowers closed the nominations.

Chairman Chris Bowers announced Trey Whitehurst as the Vice Chair Pro-Tempore.

CHAIR APPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Chris Bowers stated since we have moved the adoption of Organizational Rules to Committee of the Whole, he would like to postpone doing any chair appointments at this time unless Council has any objections. Seeing none, Chairman Chris Bowers moved forward to the Consent Agenda.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE/COUNCIL RETREAT:

- a) Council Retreat: Chairman Chris Bowers stated the Council Workshop/Retreat will be scheduled at a later date. He stated the Clerk to Council will poll Council for some dates they are available.
- b) Council Meeting Schedule: Chairman Chris Bowers announced the next Council Meeting will be on Monday, January 18th at 6:30 p.m. He stated Council will discuss the meeting dates for 2021 then.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Chris Bowers, Chairman of Pickens County Council