

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Chris Lollis
Alex Saitta
Henry Wilson
C. Claiborne Linvill

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Les Hendricks, Attorney

The Committee of the Whole met in Council Chambers, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, June 19, 2023. All members of the committee were in attendance with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Councilman Chris Lollis led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

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COUNCIL RULES - Log No. 215

- Due to the time, Council decided to move this Log item to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and carried (5-0). Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill was not present when this vote took place.

2023 RECREATION FUNDING APPLICATIONS – Log No. 210

- Chairman Chris Bowers stated we moved forward with some of these requests already, but District 3 and District 6 council members requested more time at the previous meeting.
- Council and staff had very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Hagood Mill:
 - Election of Board Members
 - Status of buying the doors for the Pavilion
 - Update from Hagood Mill Director Billy Gibson
 - Pavilion doors
 - Enclose the pavilion
 - Waiting on a few more quotes before sending to the County for procurement process to put out to bid
 - Councilman Alex Saitta stated he would like to wait two months to see the final numbers before allocating money to Hagood Mill.
 - City of Pickens:
 - Discussion of Bruce Field
 - Discussion of JC Park
 - Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to give the City of Pickens \$50,000

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of recreation funding to be used towards JC Park. Chairman Chris Bowers seconded the motion.

- Councilman Alex Saitta stated the City of Pickens need to look at Bruce Field closely and do a better job on keeping it up.
- Seeing no other discussion, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).
- Dacusville Recreation:
 - Discussion on their request regarding scoreboards & bleachers
 - Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to allocate \$58,194.69 of Recreation Funding to Dacusville Recreation. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).
- Dacusville Community Center:
 - Discussion on renovation of Kitchen at Dacusville Community Center
 - Councilman Wilson stated he would like more information before moving forward with this request.
- ❖ Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to give the City of Pickens \$50,000 of recreation funding to be used towards JC Park. Chairman Chris Bowers seconded the motion. Seeing no other discussion, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).
- ❖ Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to allocate \$58,194.69 of Recreation Funding to Dacusville Recreation. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

2023 ATAX FUNDING APPLICATIONS – Log No. 211

- Allison Fowler, Director of Community Development and Tourism, gave an overview of the ATAX applications and recommendations from the Committee.
- Council and staff had very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Discussion on Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce request
 - Discussion on Brooks Center for Performing Arts request
 - Discussion on Pickens View Wesleyan Church request
 - Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to fund the full amount requested, which is \$7,408, to Pickens View Wesleyan Church for the Live Nativity event. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and carried (5-0), with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill abstained.
- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to approve all requests recommended from the Accommodations Tax Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill. Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion:
 - Council and staff had detailed discussion that included:
 - City of Pickens Independence Day Event
 - ATAX Rules on submitting late applications

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- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to allocate \$7,000 to the City of Pickens for the Independence Day event. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers. Discussion included:
 - Question regarding State Law on approving ATAX applications after deadline
 - Discussion on campaign events using ATAX Funding
- Chairman Bowers made a substitute motion to set aside this amount of funding pending the outcome of research from County Attorney on campaign laws. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Councilman Henry Wilson retracted his motion.
- After more discussion, Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to allow any organization to come before Council to apply for ATAX Funding, even after the application deadline period. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers. Discussion included:
 - Chairman Chris Bowers amended the motion, stating the application must be turned in and approved by October 1st each fiscal year. Motion was seconded Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Seeing no other discussion, the original motion carried (6-0).

Ref No.	Name of Organization	Name of Project	Recommended Amount	Comments
1	Holly Springs Center	Home and Handcrafters Fair	\$ 3,200	
2	POSAM	Winter Bluegrass Jubilee	\$ 12,000	
3	Brooks Center for Performing Arts	Advertising	\$ 20,000	
4	Discover Upcountry Carolina Association	Marketing	\$ 15,000	
5	Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce	1 st Annual Pickens Appalachian Folk Fest	\$ 10,000	
6	Lake Hartwell Country	County Marketing and Promotion	\$ 5,000	

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7	Hagood Mil Foundation	Selugada – Native American Celebration	\$ 10,000	
8	Pickens Rotary Club	Ride to the Rock	\$ 1,200	
9	Pickens County 250 Committee	Brochures	\$ 2,000	
10	Pickens County VA	Veterans Appreciation Parade and Patriotic Show	\$ 8,130	
11	Pickens Azalea Festival	Marketing and entertainment	\$ 12,000	
12	Clemson Aquatic Team	Clemson Aquatic Team Meets	\$ 15,536	
13	Central Parks & Recreation Department	HUK Disc Golf Tournament	\$ 4,000	
14	Pickens View Wesleyan Church	Live Nativity	\$ 7,408	
15	Senior League World Series	Marketing of Event	\$ 30,000	
TOTAL			\$ 155,474.00	

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.