

**EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH, WELFARE, AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Trey Whitehurst, Chairman**

**Tom Ponder**

**Ensley Feemster**

The Committee met on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Pickens County Administration Facility, Main Conference Room. Committee Chairman Whitehurst presided with all Committee members in attendance. Chairman Willis and Councilman Neil Smith were also in attendance.

Staff:

Gerald Wilson, County Administrator

Ken Roper, County Attorney

Crystal A. Alexander, Clerk to Council

Chris Brink, Planning Director

Denise Kwiatek, Emergency Management Director

Item	Description	Referred	Report	Previous Action
7	Lake Hartwell regarding rules and regulation as it pertains to lake management and understanding the Corps of Engineers.  Retained 2013 Retained 2015 Retained 2016	01/22/2013	07/25/2016  08/15/2016  11/14/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends drafting a letter to the Governor, the Commanding Officer of the Savannah District US Army Corps of Engineers, Lake Hartwell HOA, and Jeff Duncan in regards to the lake level. Motion was made by Councilman Tom Ponder, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and unanimously passed to approve the above recommendation.</li> <li>&gt;Council unanimously approved to proceed with the letter as presented</li> <li><u>Update:</u> Letter was sent and a response letter was sent to full Council on 09/26/16</li> <li>▪ Committee recommends removing item no. 7 from the log with the direction for this to be reviewed and addressed again in the future.</li> </ul>
9	Complaints with Shooting Ranges (specifically Whitmire Road)  <b>First reading 03/02/2015 for an ordinance to make provisions for safe shooting.</b> Retained 2016	01/20/2015	06/15/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends for staff to draft an Ordinance based on many discussion items to include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types of ranges – rifle vs. pistol</li> <li>• Distance from dwellings</li> <li>• Noise limits/and noise limits back to the development standards</li> <li>• Use of explosive devices/targets</li> <li>• Fencing and other barriers</li> </ul> </li> <li>&gt;Council voted unanimously on 07/18/16 to pull</li> </ul>

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		07/18/2016	07/25/2016	<p>from this Committee the ban on shooting ranges, amend to exclude indoor shooting ranges, and place back into Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends to proceed with a second reading of the ordinance to make provisions for safe shooting, as amended to remove the statement presented in the UDSO Article 3 draft-Section 305-4-(b) as follows: <i>“All firing positions/shooting stations, firing lines, and target lines shall be located at least one-fourth (1/4) mile, (one thousand three hundred twenty (1,320) feet) from any existing, occupied dwelling.”</i>, and to send back to the Committee. To also refer the proposed ordinance to the Planning Commission with the directive to notice a public hearing for citizen comment and send back to the Committee. Motion above was made by Councilman Tom Ponder, seconded by Vice Chairman Trey Whitehurst and unanimously passed to approve the above recommendation.</li> </ul> <p>08/15/2016 &gt;Council unanimously approved the second reading of Ordinance No. 514, as presented by the Committee --Remains in Committee for public input before third reading</p> <p>11/14/2016 ▪ Committee recommends <u>Ordinance No. 514</u>, with respective revisions based on public input; go to full Council for final vote with the subsequent removal of the log item.</p>
10	First reading of an ordinance to create a recreational district for Dacusville/unincorporated areas Reading 4/6/15 Retained 2016	04/06/2015	07/25/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends to proceed with the second reading* of the ordinance to create recreational districts, as amended to include all six districts and not just Dacusville. Motion above was made by Councilman Tom Ponder, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and unanimously passed to approve the above recommendation.</li> </ul> <p><i>*Upon research it was determined that the referenced ordinance will require a first reading</i></p>

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			08/15/2016	>Council unanimously approved the first reading in title only of an ordinance to create recreational district, as amended to include all six districts and not just Dacusville.
			11/14/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends removing item no. 10 from the log, as no further action is required.</li> </ul>
11	Standards for Building Codes	09/19/2016	11/14/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Staff provided Committee with an overview and update on Code Officer certification. Staff will provide another update within 30 days.</li> <li>▪ No Committee Action Taken</li> <li>--Remains in Committee</li> </ul>

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