

## COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

### **Council Members:**

Roy Costner, Chairman  
Chris Bowers, Vice Chairman  
Wes Hendricks, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem  
Trey Whitehurst  
Ensley Feemster  
Carl Hudson

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Gerald Wilson, County Administrator  
Michael Hayes  
Dale Powell  
Brian O'Kelley

### **Guests:**

Wes Hulsey, *Hulsey, McCormick & Wallace*  
Joel Ledbetter, *Easley Combined Utilities*  
Bruce Evilsizor, *Pickens City Administrator*

The Committee of the Whole met in the Main Conference Room on Monday, August 21, 2017 immediately following the Special Called meeting at 6:00 p.m. All members of the committee were in attendance with Chairman Roy Costner presiding.

### **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Roy Costner called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

#### **Speeding Concerns -Old Six Mile Highway – Log No. 67**

- Motion to recommend removing this item from the log was made by Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously.
  
- ❖ Committee recommended removing item no. 67 from the committee log.

#### **Spring Break Rowing 2017 – Venue for Event – Log No. 68**

- ❖ Committee recommended removing item no. 68 from the committee log.

#### **Teen Canteen Conveyance to the City of Pickens – Ordinance No. 518 – Log No. 64**

- Motion was made by Councilman Carl Hudson and seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers to recommend amending Section 1 to allow for the conveyance of property to include the building, the upper parking lot and the lower parking lot with no lease conditions. Additionally to address the property issue to allow for the right of way for the adjoining property owner. Motion carried unanimously.
  
- ❖ Committee recommended third reading of Ordinance 518 with the following amendments: (a) change *Section 1- Conveyance of Land*, to allow for the conveyance of property to include the building, the upper parking lot and the lower parking lot with no lease conditions: (b) to resolve the property issue to allow for a right of way for the adjoining property owner.

#### **Accommodations Tax Recommendations for 2017 – Log No. 65**

- Gerald Wilson introduced Dale Powell to present the Committee with an overview.
- Mr. Powell provided the Committee with the referenced document, [ATAX Committee Recommendation](#).
- After discussion, Councilman Trey Whitehurst recommended the following ATAX funding:
  - 1) Preserving Our Southern Appalachian Music – Winter Bluegrass Jubilee: \$4,000.00
  - 2) Clemson Chamber, Town of Central – Central Railroad Festival: \$3,000.00
  - 3) Town of Six Mile – Historical Sign (Cherokee Trail): \$4,020.00
- Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers to recommend the funding, as presented by the ATAX Committee, to include the three recommendations from Councilman Trey Whitehurst (listed above). Motion was seconded by Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously passed.

❖ Committee recommended to approve ATAX funding as follows:

Organization Name	Project Name	Approved Amount
Clemson Area African-American Museum	Milestones	\$2,000.00
Preserving Our Southern App Music	Winter Bluegrass Jubilee	\$4,000.00
Clemson Chamber, Town of Central	Central Railroad Festival	\$3,000.00
Pumpkintown Opry	Really Big Show and Dinner	\$6,000.00
Pickens Azalea Festival, Inc.	Pickens Azalea Festival	\$5,000.00
Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail	2017 Promotion Plan	\$4,000.00
Upcountry Quilters Guild	2017 Quilt Show	\$500.00
City of Pickens	Take me to Pickens/Doodle Project	\$7,000.00
Town of Six Mile	Historic Monument Sign ( <i>Cherokee Trail</i> )	\$4,020.00
Holly Springs Center	School of Mountain Arts	\$5,000.00
Arts Center of Clemson	Festival of Arts	\$2,500.00
Pickens Chamber of Commerce	Pickens Heritage Quilt Trail	\$3,000.00
Hagood Mill	Native American Event	\$6,000.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$52,020.00</b>

**Proposed Sewer Plan and Availability Fee – Log No. 43**

- Brian O’Kelley and Wes Hulsey presented the proposed sewer plan.
- Joel Ledbetter provided the Committee with a handout, Easley Combined Utilities Proposed Acquisition of Treatment Plant Capacity, and further discussed the referenced proposal.
- After much discussion, the Chairman Roy Costner moved to direct the County Administrator to begin negotiation efforts related to the Saluda River Basin and present a proposal to Council. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously.
- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers moved to recommend to approve the budget modification for 2018, as presented in the proposed Sewer Plan and to increase the availability fee to \$2,340.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously.
- ❖ Committee recommended the following: directing the County Administrator to begin negotiation efforts related to the Saluda River Basin and present a proposal to Council; approving the budget modification for 2018 as presented in the proposed Sewer Plan; and increasing the availability fee to \$2,340.00.

**ADJOURN:**

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Roy Costner moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously. The Committee of the Whole stood adjourned at 9:07 p.m.