

August 20, 2007  
Regular Council Meeting  
6:00 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman G. Neil Smith presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media, August 14, 2007

Council Members in attendance:

G. Neil Smith, Chairman  
Ben L. Trotter, Vice Chairman  
Tom E. Ponder, Vice Chairman Pro-Tempore  
Randy Crenshaw  
James B. London  
Jennifer H. Willis

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator  
Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council  
Ken Roper, County Attorney  
Lynn Fisher, Assistant County Administrator  
Olivia Vassey, Special Projects Coordinator

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Smith called the meeting of August 20, 2007 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Smith further gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of August 6, 2007

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Public Service Committee. Committee Chairman Ponder gave the following report:**

The Committee met in the Main Conference Room on 8/13/2007 with Committee Chairman Ponder presiding. All Committee members were in attendance as well as Councilman Trotter and Councilman Crenshaw.

Staff:  
Chap Hurst, County Administrator  
Donna Owen Clerk to Council  
Lynn Fisher, Assistant County Administrator  
Olivia Vassey, Special Projects Coordinator  
Bo Beauchemin , Roads and Bridges Director  
Brian O'Kelley, Public Service Director

Item	Description	Referred	Action
7	Sewer Issues at Quail Haven Flooding Issues at Quail Haven	03/06/06 07/16/07	>Committee approved scenario one as provided by staff. This will provide for the county to buy the remaining flooded properties at an approximate cost of

	Retained 12/04/06		\$276,000. This would be one time funding from the reserve. This motion is contingent upon the developer donating the remaining (8) lots.  >council approved
26	Paving list	04/23/07	>No action, staff will come back with a four year plan
32	Terri Drive	07/16/07	>Committee recommends Terri Drive for minimum maintenance.  >council approved

**Administration and Finance Committee.** Chairman Smith gave the following report:

The Administration and Finance Committee met in the Main Conference Room on 8/13/2007 with Chairman Smith presiding, all committee members were in attendance as well as Councilman Trotter and Councilman Crenshaw.

Other Council Members:  
Ben Trotter

Staff:  
Chappell Hurst – Administrator  
Lynn Fisher – Assistant Administrator  
Donna Owen – Clerk to Council  
Olivia Vassey – Special Projects Coordinator  
Ralph Guarino – Finance Director  
Don Evett – EMS Director

Item	Description	Referred	Action
43	Site selection regarding EMS station in the Easley area	06/04/07	>Committee recommends obtaining property in the Easley area as recommended by staff.  >council approved
44	Request from the Central Community Building for assistance	06/04/07	>>Committee instructed staff to provide paint for the community building.  >council approved
49	First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinances 259 and 326 in order to have Clemson University as part of the uniform Service Charge.  8/06/07 Council gave this ordinance a second reading and sent back to committee.	07/16/07	>>Committee recommends third reading.  >council approved
53	Request for \$25.00 fee for Abandoned Manufactured Home Removal Act	08/06/07	No action, staff to obtain further information

54	Planning positions issues	08/06/07	>>Committee recommends two positions in the Planning Department.  >council approved the positions with the realization that this was using an existing salary, which would be split. No new funds were forthcoming.
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**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

1. AWAS System at the Airport: Mr. Hurst stated the footings have been poured for the beacon, and the AWAS system would be inspected by the FAA within the next week, and would be in working order.
  
2. Waterline Data: Mr. Hurst informed Council that staff was working with BP Barber in order to do a location of waterlines in Pickens County. Mr. Hurst stated this would be beneficial to developers, citizens, fire departments, and industry.  
 >James London asked if the Appalachian Council of Governments had completed a similar study. Mr. Hurst stated not to his knowledge, beyond the fire hydrants, which are already on a map.

Council Questions/Comments:

1. Request for Proposal (RFP)- Ben Trotter requested that council be copied on Request for Proposals. Mr. Trotter stated he had requested this before and would like to be copied on this issue.  
 Mr. Hurst stated he would provide that information.
2. Institute of Government - Chairman Smith announced that during the annual South Carolina Association of Counties meeting, he completed his course work for Level II local government standards with the South Carolina Institute of Government.
3. Thank you letter from Meals on Wheels – Mrs. Willis read a letter from Meals on Wheels thanking Mr. Hurst and Mr. Fisher for their help. Mrs. Willis stated that one of the Meals on Wheels officials had informed her that in an effort to be helpful that Mr. Fisher had provided them with a map that was hanging in his office. Mrs. Willis and Council thanked staff for their assistance.

**COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:**

Discuss the September Meeting Schedule – Chairman Smith asked the Council their preference for the Labor Day meeting. Chairman Smith stated unless staff had anything pressing, he would prefer not to meet on a holiday week. Staff indicated no issues would need to be addressed prior to the second meeting in September. All council concurred to meet once in September as they had met twice in August, and this would give an opportunity to wrap up vacation plans for the summer schedule.

Chairman Smith stated Council would meet on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 6:00 PM. Also noted he would allow public forum.

**MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Smith opened the floor for new motions. Hearing none, the Chair closed motion period.

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 392 TO REVISE, AS MANDATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, THE**

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 356:**

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed that this constitutes a third and final reading of ordinance No. 392.

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 393, AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A SPECIAL FIRE DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT AND TO AMEND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SIX MILE FIRE DISTRICT:**

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder that this constitutes a third and final reading of Ordinance No. 393.  
During discussion, James London and Jennifer Willis both were concerned about this district being fragmented. Maps, which were provided, demonstrated some areas out of the district. Mr. Hurst provided those were essentially non-developed areas. Also, some areas were agreed on not to be within the Springs District. Motion carried with James London voting in opposition. All other Council voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF BID FOR THE ROPER SEWER UPGRADE:**

Chairman Smith called attention to the information council has received regarding Payne McGuinn & Cummins, Inc. as the low bid.

Mr. Hurst also informed council that the low bid exceeded the amount of estimated construction. However, staff has been working to reduce that bid by approximately \$584,100. Mr. Hurst stated he thought it responsible if council approves the award at \$3,134,100.00 as this would cover contingency and all other aspects of construction.

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by James London and unanimously passed to approve the bid to Payne McGuinn & Cummins, Inc. in the amount of \$3,134,100.00.

**RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

Chairman Smith opened the floor for motions or discussion regarding the request from the Recreation Committee. Mr. Smith explained that during a recent work session, the recreation committee recommended the funds for the recreation departments be released.

- Councilman Trotter moved to release funding for operations to Dacusville, Norris, and Six Mile. Tom Ponder seconded the motion. Mr. Ponder stated he would further amend this motion in order for capital funding to be released as well. Mr. Trotter accepted the amendment.

During Council debate, Mr. Trotter offered a substitute motion to divide (1) mill between each council district in order to fund projects. James London stated he thought this would be beneficial and strategic. Chairman Smith stated that each council member could evaluate other parts of the county and share resources when districts were not adequately funded. Dr. London stated he would agree.

Tom Ponder stated he agreed with the concept but would still want input from the recreation committee and other volunteers.

- Chairman Smith called for the question and all council voted in favor of utilizing (1) mill to be split equally between the council districts for the use of recreation projects.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda.
  - Refer to the Public Service Committee- request to name the Clemson/Central Bridge “Boggs Bridge”

**ADJOURN:**

Hearing no further business, Chairman Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

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Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

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G. Neil Smith, Chairman