

February 19, 2008
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, February 13, 2008.

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

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting of February 19, 2008 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Smith further led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of February 4, 2008.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Orthophotos – Mr. Hurst informed Council that the state had previously awarded the county \$70,000 for the orthophotos. The bids have come in at \$54,150.00. The State has provided that the County can retain the extra funding in order to purchase a digital GPS unit.
2. Quail Haven Demolition- Council was informed that demolition has begun as of 2/19/08 (today) at Quail Haven. The media is covering the demolition and this is an extremely positive project.
3. Quail Haven Sewer Issues- Mr. Hurst stated that the County was still working on the issues of sewer at Quail Haven, that new information has revealed a need for additional funding. Mr. Hurst stated that the Threatt family was initially going to absorb the cost of necessary repairs; however, DHEC has issued more requirements than the family can absorb. Mr. Hurst stated DHEC is giving the County plenty of time for this project. Mr. Hurst stated he would keep Council informed.

>> Chairman Smith also stated that the issue regarding the sewer at Quail Haven was probably worthy of a work session, as it was a situation with several issues that need to be addressed.

4. Road Paving- Mr. Hurst stated paving contractors have started the road paving, and they are to begin with 19 roads which are the roads that are now ready and less complex. Mr. Hurst also stated he thought the asphalt bid was in at around \$45.00 per ton, which was less than last year.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Fire Districts- Tom Ponder stated he wanted to thank the fire districts for the great job they have been doing during the fire season; especially last week when so many fires were getting out of control and close to homes. Mr. Ponder stated he really appreciated the efforts of Dacusville and all the fire departments for their collaboration.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Smith opened the floor for any new motions. Upon hearing none, the floor was closed with no new business.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 399, AN ORDINANCE AS REQUIRED BY FEMA, FOR FLOOD PREVENTION AND DAMAGE IN PICKENS COUNTY. THIS ORDINANCE WILL ALSO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 129 AND 383:

Chairman Smith opened the floor for any citizen desiring to speak at the public hearing for Ordinance No. 399. Upon hearing none, the floor was closed with no comments, and Chairman Smith called for a motion.

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed that this constitutes second reading for Ordinance No. 399.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder and seconded by Jennifer Willis to approve the consent agenda. Jennifer Willis stated the support for the sidewalk was her motion, and further clarified that the issue was for sidewalks to go from West End to the Nalley Brown Nature Park. Mrs. Willis said this was more of a safety issue, and involved Federal funds. All council voted in favor of the consent agenda as clarified.

Refer to the Public Service Committee

- Request to add Pamela Drive into the County Road System
- Request for a resolution supporting sidewalk issues at Nalley Brown Nature Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed to convene in executive session for the stated purposes.

Boards and Commissions

- a. Planning Commission
- b. Tri-County Technical
- c. Easley Central Water District
- d. Cultural Commission

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Chairman Smith called the public session back to order and allowed the following motions.

Planning Commission –Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to appoint Mr. Whitehurst to the Planning Commission.

Tri-County Technical—Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to reappoint Valerie Ramsey to the Tri-County Technical College Board.

Easley Central Water District –Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed to re-appoint Larry Hudson and Charles Tegen to the Easley Central Water District.

Cultural Commission –Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to appoint Mr. Wayne Kelley to the Cultural Commission.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further business, Chairman Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman