

Special-Called Pickens County Council Meeting

June 24, 2024

10:16 a.m.

County Council met in special-called session, at Alliance Pickens, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Final agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to members of council and local news media on June 20, 2024.

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Alex Saitta, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
Chris Lollis
C. Claiborne Linvill
Henry Wilson (absent)

Staff in Attendance:

Les Hendricks, Contract Attorney
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Ken Roper, County Administrator (absent)

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the meeting of June 24, 2024 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Councilman Chris Lollis led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 643 AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ONE OR MORE FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY AND A COMPANY OR COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT HYDRO, ACTING FOR ITSELF OR ONE OR MORE PROJECT SPONSORS, PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY WILL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FACILITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY; (2) THE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN REIMBURSEMENTS OF THE COSTS OF SUCH PROJECT; (3) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Chairman Chris Bowers gavelled into Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this Ordinance.

Hearing no speakers, the Chairman closed the floor.

Chairman Bowers asked for a motion to constitute third reading of this Ordinance.

- Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis.
 - Vice Chairman Roy Costner amended the motion to change Project Hydro to the company name, Elringklinger. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and carried unanimously (5-0).
 - Seeing no discussion, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Council adjourned the meeting. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill and carried unanimously (5-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council