

Special Called County Council Meeting

May 16, 2022

6:00 PM

County Council met in special session, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to members of council and local news media on May 11, 2022.

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers, Chairman

Roy Costner, Vice Chairman

Trey Whitehurst, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem

Ensley Feemster

Alex Saitta

Henry Wilson

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Les Hendricks, Contract County Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the special-called meeting of May 16, 2022 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman Chris Bowers led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE No. 613 TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CHANGES FOR PICKENS COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.

Chairman Bowers opened the public hearing for comments regarding this Ordinance. Seeing none, Chairman Bowers declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE No. 614 TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES IN PICKENS COUNTY FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, AND TO DIRECT EXPENDITURE THEREOF.

Chairman Bowers opened the public hearing for comments regarding this Ordinance.

The following speakers addressed Council regarding this Ordinance:

1. Johnnelle Raines
2. Debbie Hudson
3. Rocky Odman
4. Rodney Herd
5. Rick Spencer
6. Melvin Worsham
7. Kenny McPeters

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Bowers declared the public hearing closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a):

Board and Commissions– Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Boards and Commissions Discussion

Legal – Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

- Update On Pending Litigation Regarding Landfill
- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (6-0), to convene in executive session for the stated purposes.

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:

Board and Commissions– Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Boards and Commissions Discussion – **No Action Taken**

Legal – Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

- Update On Pending Litigation Regarding Landfill – **Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to direct the Administrator to execute the settlement agreement on MRR/Pickens LLC Lawsuit. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried (4-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Councilman Trey Whitehurst opposed.**

ADJOURN:

Chairman Chris Bowers asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council