

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 27, 2020

Members Present:

Mayor Steve Lawrence
Dr. Sonny Proctor
Kirk Raffield
John Foust
Anne Sneve
Jim Looney

Staff:

Brandon Douglas

Guests in Attendance:

John Sneve

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

David Syfan

Press:

Mari Livsey

Mayor Lawrence asked Council member Foust if a quorum was present. Having a quorum of council Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He requested John Sneve to provide the invocation. He requested Council member Foust to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lawrence advised that an agenda is in front of them view and he entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Council member Looney made motion to adopt the agenda with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence stated that Council has the minutes from the January 21, 2020 special called meeting and he entertained a motion. Council member Raffield provided motion with Council member Looney providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised under Old Business the item of Appointments to Boards and Commissions and he commended Council on a job well done for getting this task ready for action. Mayor asked for council to reference the packet with regards to the names. Further discussion held regarding names and dates of terms. Council member Looney advised that he is comfortable with the names and putting them in a term with a date as this will need to be done on a few of these in 2021. Council member Proctor asked if the Mayor was asking for a motion for each position and the associated term. Mayor Lawrence confirmed and as such Council member Proctor made a motion to appoint David Keller to the Planning and Zoning commission with a term ending of 12/31/2020 and Council member Looney provided second. Motion to approve carried unanimously. Mayor Lawrence advised that the next name was Rodney Buckingham for Planning and Zoning. Council member Looney provided motion to put Rodney Buckingham in the term for 12/31/2023 with Council member Raffield providing second. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lawrence advised that the next name for Planning and Zoning is John Sneve. Council member Foust provided motion for John Sneve to serve in term of 12/31/2022 with Council member Proctor providing second. Motion carried with 4 members approving with Council member Ann Sneve abstaining from vote. Mayor Lawrence advised that the next name for Planning and Zoning was Joanna Kearns. Council member Foust provided motion to have Joanna Kearns serve in the term ending 12/31/2022 with Council member Looney providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously. Mayor Lawrence advised that Tom Kleinburg was the name for the term ending 12/31/2021 to Planning and Zoning. Council member Looney provided motion with Council member Sneve providing second. Mayor Lawrence asked for discussion. Council member Proctor advised that as a matter of record he wanted to advise that he had spoken with Luke Copeland and Mr. Copeland had graciously advised that he would continue to serve if needed but if there was someone else that could serve, he would like to step down. Council member Proctor advised that he had spoken with Mr. Copeland to advise him that there was a person to fill the position and as such Mr. Copeland was stepping down. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised that the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals is requested for tabling. Council member Foust provided motion to table any action on this board with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to table carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised that the next Board for consideration was the Downtown Development Authority. Mayor Lawrence asked for Amy Leake to serve on DDA. Council member Proctor made motion for Mrs. Leake to serve in the term of 12/31/2025 with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously. Mayor Lawrence asked for Jack Dunn to serve on DDA. Council member Raffield made motion for Jack Dunn to serve in the term of 12/31/2025 with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously. Mayor Lawrence asked for Dave Garner to serve on DDA. Council member Raffield provided motion for Dave Garner to serve the term of 12/31/2025 with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously. Mayor Lawrence asked for Robin Leonard to serve on DDA. Council member Foust provided motion for Robin Leonard to serve the term of 12/31/2021 with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously. Mayor Lawrence asked for Brad Stephens to serve the term on DDA for 12/31/2020. Council member Looney provided motion with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously. Council member Proctor wanted to provide the information for Council and for the public that some of these appointments may roll over and that Council will continue to work on appointments as needed. Further discussion held on importance of training. Mayor Lawrence advised that in accordance with the City Charter each member of the boards and authority will file with the City Clerk such oath of office. Mayor Lawrence asked for the City Attorney to search for the oath in the Charter or if one not found to create one. Council member Proctor provided motion for City Attorney to move forward with such direction. Council member Raffield provided second with motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised that there was one more appointment. There is an appointment for the Jasper Housing Authority. Vonce Farrow was the name to be appointed as Chair of the authority. Council member Sneve provided motion with Council member Looney providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously. Council member Proctor inquired about the term ending in 2024; however, further review confirmed that 2024 was accurate.

Mayor Lawrence asked for table of tree board appointments. Council member Looney provided motion with Council member Proctor providing second. Motion to table carried unanimously.

Council member Proctor inquired about the person on the list in the packet of Bobby Edge for the Library Board as he recalls an appointment towards the end of 2019 whereupon Bobby Edge was replaced. Mayor Lawrence asked for further review of correct person for that position and report provided.

Council member Looney asked Mayor and Council that since there are a number of persons rolling off the boards and commissions that he would like to make a motion to thank each of them for their service to the City with Council member Sneve providing second. Mayor Lawrence asked for a list of those rolling off so that proper thanks can be provided. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence called on Brandon Douglas for discussion on Holiday Schedule as next agenda item. Mr. Douglas advised of the 10 holidays as recognized by the City. They are as follows:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Friday after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day

These along with the floating holiday make 11. A side by side comparison of Pickens County and the State of Georgia revealed that if another holiday is approved that it would be consistent with the number that the State has and will be less than Pickens County. Further discussion held regarding the benefit of implementing another holiday (Good Friday). Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion. Council member Foust provided motion to recognize Good Friday as a holiday and to increase our holidays to 12 with the floating holiday being included in the 12. Council member Raffield provided second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence asked for motion to go into executive session for legal matters. Council member Raffield provided motion with Council member Proctor providing second. Motion to go into executive session approved unanimously.

Motion to come out of executive session provided by Council member Looney with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn requested by Mayor Lawrence with Council member Sneve providing said motion with Council member Foust providing second. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously.



Steve Lawrence
Mayor



Brandon D. Douglas
City Manager/Interim City Clerk