

## **Special Called County Council Meeting**

October 15, 2018

6:03 PM

County Council met in special session, in the Main Conference Room, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Roy Costner presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to members of council and local news media on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### Council Members in Attendance:

Roy Costner, Chairman

Chris Bowers, Vice Chairman

Trey Whitehurst

Ensley Feemster

Carl Hudson

Wes Hendricks, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem (absent)

### Staff in Attendance:

Gerald Wilson, County Administrator

Michael Hayes, Risk Manager

Meagan Bradford, Clerk to Council

### **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Roy Costner called the meeting of October 15, 2018 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Vice Chairman Chris Bowers led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM RECREATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD**

- 1.) CITY OF LIBERTY APPLICATION- REQUEST IS FOR 72% OF THE UTILITIES AND PROGRAM COSTS, NET OF PARTICIPANT FEES. THIS PERCENTAGE IS BASED ON THE USAGE OF THE PROGRAM BY THOSE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS. TOTAL REQUEST WAS FOR \$58,032.00. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 40K FUNDING, KEEPING THE BALANCE IN RESERVE FOR NOW.
  - o Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to discuss the City of Liberty's Recreation Funding Request, and the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers.
    - Chairman Costner asked Clay Counts, member of Recreation Fund Advisory Board, to give some background information for this request.
      - Clay Counts reported the City of Liberty came to the board with the request and stated most of the kids who sign up to play a recreation sport are from outside the city limits. He stated in 2016, 72% of the kids were from outside the city limits and in 2017, 74% of kids were from outside the city limits. The City of Liberty wants to use the money to offset the cost for our city residents who are footing the bill. Mr. Counts recalled the City of Liberty came to the board with the total request of \$58,032.00, and he further stated the recreation fund advisory board is comfortable going with \$40,000, and saving some in the reserve. He related that they have seen with other local districts some issues running out of money and they may need emergency funding. Mr. Counts added this is the board's recommendation to Council and asked if there were any questions.
    - Chairman Roy Costner stated he agrees about keeping some of the money in the reserve in case of an emergency situation.

- Councilman Carl Hudson asked how much money is in the funding.
    - Clay Counts answered there is \$58,032.00 in the funding. The Recreation Advisory Board recommends only \$40,000. He stated the request would have wiped the funding clean.
  - Councilman Trey Whitehurst asked Mr. Counts if the City of Liberty has come up with a plan to restructure.
    - Clay Counts stated Mayor Brian Peterson came and spoke to the board, and gave them financial issues going on with Liberty. The numbers he showed seemed they were going in the right direction and the board felt comfortable moving forward and giving some money towards this request.
- After much more discussion, Chairman Costner asked for all those in favor of accepting the proposal as presented by the Recreation Funding Board to please signify by raising their hand. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

**2.) EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SIX MILE MOWER MOTOR. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FULL FUNDING AT \$4,000.00 CONTINGENT UPON SUFFICIENT FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE ACCOUNT AND RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN QUOTE.**

- Administrator Gerald Wilson announced the actual quote came in at \$3,355.68
  - Councilman Trey Whitehurst stated he has spoken to the Mayor of Six Mile. This incident is upsetting to him because the mower just fell out of warranty; it stopped working the day after it had been worked on. He continued that there will be some follow up with this because they just invested in this piece of equipment.
- After more discussion, Chairman Costner called for a motion to accept the proposal as presented by the Recreation Funding Board. Motion was made by Councilman Trey Whitehurst, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (5-0).

**ADJOURN:**

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (5-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 6:14pm and moved into the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

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Meagan Bradford, Clerk to Council

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Roy B. Costner, III, Chairman of County Council