

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Roy Costner, Chairman
Chris Bowers, Vice Chairman
Wes Hendricks, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
Trey Whitehurst
Ensley Feemster
Carl Hudson

Staff in Attendance:

Gerald Wilson, County Administrator
Ken Roper, County Attorney
Crystal A. Alexander, Clerk to Council
Ralph Guarino, Finance Director
Billy Gibson, Fire Chief

Guests in Attendance:

Allan Quinn
Dale Holloway, *Recreation Funding Advisory Board*

The Committee of the Whole met at the Performing Arts Center on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. All members of the committee were in attendance with Chairman Roy Costner presiding.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roy Costner called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Councilman Carl Hudson led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Discuss Past, Present and Future of Pickens County from Historical Perspective (Request from Allan Quinn) – Log No. 93

- Mr. Allan Quinn appeared to discuss the history of Pickens County and share his vision for the County. He passed around a book to the members of the committee titled, “A Brief History of Easley” by R. Chad Stewart. Mr. Quinn asked that the council not consider approving any new economic developments that only offer low paying jobs. He asked that the council consider adopting his slogan, “Make Pickens County Great Again”.

- ❖ No action taken by Committee

Pumpkintown Fire Department Property Purchase – Log No. 92

- Chief Billy Gibson advised the Committee of an opportunity to acquire an acre of property for \$20,000, near the intersection of Highway 11 and Talley Bridge Rd., which includes Highway 11 frontage. He stated that there were several homes in the referenced area that are outside of the five mile range of the Pumpkintown Headquarters Station. He further advised that this acquisition has been recommended by the Pumpkintown Fire District Board for potential future plans of a fire substation or satellite station.
- Councilman Wes Hendricks stated that the Fire District has the funds secured to acquire this property.
- The Committee discussed the opportunity and related topics to include, but no limited to: the impact this acquisition would have on economic development and future development; ISO ratings; mutual aid across county lines; opportunities to contract fire services; if an acre of land would be sufficient for a possible future substation/satellite station; possibility to approach Clemson University regarding their property near the referenced area; and volunteers in the referenced area.
 - Councilman Wes Hendricks moved to recommend moving forward with the project. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster.
>During discussion, Councilman Carl Hudson stated that he recommends that the County perform due diligence, to include adequate coverage, when making assessments of where to place fire stations.

Chairman Roy Costner asked Chief Gibson that based of Councilman Hudson’s statement, would the proposed request provide adequate coverage of the area.

- Chief Gibson responded, yes in this area.

- After more discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Committee recommends approving the Pumpkintown Fire District to move forward with acquiring the acre of land near the intersection of Highway 11 and Talley Bridge Rd. for \$20,000, to be expended from the Fire District’s funds.

Recreation Funding Recommendations – Log No. 88

- The Committee reviewed the recommendations for recreation funding provided by the Recreation Funding Advisory Board. Dale Holloway, of the Advisory Board, was present to answer any questions.
- Councilman Ensley Feemster moved to recommend approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund account for District 1. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks and carried unanimously.
 - >During discussion, Chairman Roy Costner questioned if the recipient of funding would have to provide proof that the monies went to the referenced project.
 - Gerald Wilson, the County Administrator, stated the recipient would have to provide proof of how the funding was spent, as a part of the application process.

Council District	Ref No.	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
1	1	City of Clemson Parks & Recreation Department	\$ 157,349.00*	*To be for future projects as defined
1	2	Clemson Elementary PTA	\$ -	
1	3	Clemson University, Dept. of Parks, Rec & Tourism	\$ 2,000.00*	*Up to \$2,000 - \$20 per participate, up to 100 participates
1	4	Visit Clemson	\$ -	
1	5	Visit Clemson (2 nd request)	\$ 7,500.00	
1	6.1	The Children Are Our Future DBA Upstate Fort	\$ 3,000.00	
DISTRICT 1 TOTAL:			\$ 169,849.00	

- Councilman Trey Whitehurst moved to recommend approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund account for District 2. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously.

Council District	Ref No.	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
2	6.2	The Children Are Our Future DBA Upstate Fort	\$ -	
2	7	Town of Central Parks & Rec	\$ 15,000.00	
2	8.2	Town of Central Parks & Rec (2 nd Request)	\$ -	
2	8.1	Town of Central Parks & Rec (2 nd Request)	\$ 5,000.00	
2	9	Greater Clemson Mountain Bikers Club	\$ 600.00	
2	10	Town of Norris	\$ 12,000.00*	*Up to \$12,000.00 contingent on County assisting with grading to reduce costs
2	11	Town of Six Mile	\$ 1,250.00	
2	12	Town of Six Mile (2 nd Request)	\$ 10,000.00*	*Up to \$10,000.00 contingent on the possibility of utilizing a tractor cutter currently County surplus
DISTRICT 2 TOTAL:			\$ 43,850.00	

- Councilman Wes Hendricks moved to recommend approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund for District 3. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously.

Council District	Ref No.	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
3	13	City of Pickens	\$ 49,500.00	
3	14	Hagood Mill Historic Site & Folklife Center	\$ 9,000.00*	*County to assist with grading , etc.
3	15.1	YMCA (Pickens)	\$ 2,500.00	
DISTRICT 3 TOTAL:			\$ 61,000.00	

- Chairman Roy Costner moved to recommend approving the following disbursement from the recreation fund for District 4. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously.

Council District	Ref No.	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
4	16	City of Liberty	\$ 41,148.00	
DISTRICT 4 TOTAL:			\$ 41,148.00	

- Motion was made by Councilman Wes Hendricks, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously to recommend approving the disbursement from the recreation fund for District 5 (reference no. 15.2)
- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers moved to recommend approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund for District 5 (reference no. 17 and 18). Motion was seconded by Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously.

>During discussion, Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated for the record, that he was against the request from the City of Easley Parks & Rec after speaking with Stephen Steese and the Mayor. He clarified that since that time, he has attended several rec football and baseball games and saw that Easley was playing other teams throughout the County. He stated that this equipment would benefit children throughout the County.

Vice Chairman Chris Bowers asked if there was any plan to address the remaining balance for District 5 that would carry forward.

-Dale Holloway responded that they would be glad to review and recommend funding, up to the remaining balance, for any future request that is qualified.

Council District	Ref No.	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
5	15.2	YMCA (Easley)	\$ 2,500.00	
5	17	City of Easley Parks & Rec	\$ 65,000.00	
5	18	Cptn Kimberly Hampton Mem. Park (Operation Dragonfly)	\$ -	
DISTRICT 5 TOTAL:			\$ 67,500.00	

- Councilman Carl Hudson moved to recommend approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund for District 6. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously.

Council District	Ref No.	Name of Organization	Approved Amount	Additional Recommendations
6	19	Dacusville Recreation Association	\$ 18,111.67	
6	20	Dacusville Community Club	\$ 24,000.00	
DISTRICT 6 TOTAL:			\$ 42,111.67	

- ❖ Committee recommends approving the above referenced recreation funding totaling \$425,458.67, with referenced contingencies.
- Motion to adjourn for a short recess was made by Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks and carried unanimously. Committee stood adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Chairman Roy Costner called the session back to order at 7:58 p.m.

Update on Twin County Partnership with the District of Karlsruhe – Log No. 91

- County Attorney, Ken Roper, and the members of the Committee thoroughly discussed the proposed twin county partnership with the District of Karlsruhe and the recent trip to Germany.
- ❖ No Action Taken by Committee

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee 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. The Committee of the Whole stood adjourned at 8:56 p.m.