

Special Called County Council Meeting

August 13, 2018

5:57 PM

County Council met in special session, in the Auditorium, 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 August 10th, 2018.

Council Members in Attendance:

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

Lisa Bryant, Interim Clerk to Council

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roy Costner called the meeting of August 13, 2018 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Councilman Trey Whitehurst led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

RECREATION FUNDING REQUEST

The County Administrator, Gerald Wilson, stated that Tom Cloer (Assistant Town Administrator for Town of Central) is going to brief the council on the recreation funding request.

- Tom Cloer stated that he presented a request with the Recreation Board. Mr. Cloer said that they had a unique situation at Bolick Field, which is a main football field where they do most activities and just put in the brand new scoreboard. He stated it appears lightning came in and hit the poles on one side of the recreation complex, and the power went out. They brought in the state estimator and it was repaired/paid for by insurance. When that side came back up, the other side of the recreation complex's lights went out. He stated that outage was due to age (the wires are 38 years old) and not weather related, so it is not covered by insurance. Mr. Cloer presented council with a picture of the wires, stating that it is 70+ feet in the air. He stated that they ended up getting several quotes, and need to submit \$14,487.00 to the recreation to replace all wiring. Insurance took care of everything underground. Since football starts next week, he stated this is an urgent request for lights at the field. Mr. Cloer stated he did meet with the Recreation Committee at their special-called meeting days prior.
- Administrator Gerald Wilson stated that the Recreation Committee is recommending that this project be funded at \$14,487.00.
- Chairman Roy Costner asked if there were any questions or discussion.
- Councilman Trey Whitehurst stated that he has been in discussion with Tom about this situation and this is one of the many reasons they have held back money because things happen.
- Tom Cloer stated that he has been in Central for 26 years and was there when the first Recreational Board was put together. He stated that the money is a "Godsend". He stated that the cities do support them, but when it comes to things like this, it just isn't in the budget.
- Chairman Roy Costner asked for motion to accept the Recreation Funding Request as presented for \$14,487.00.
 - Motion was made by Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks and carried unanimously (6-0).

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

Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to convene into Executive Session as defined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a) to an Economic Development in regards to Project Tomato.

- o Motion was made by Councilman Carl Hudson, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0).

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Roy Costner called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:

Economic Development – Section 30-4-70 (a) (5)

Project Tomato– **No action.**

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/Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Lisa Bryant, Interim Clerk to Council

Roy B. Costner, III, Chairman of County Council