

## COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

### **Council Members:**

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

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Gerald Wilson, County Administrator  
Ken Roper, County Attorney  
Lisa Bryant, Acting Clerk to Council

**The Committee of the Whole met in the Main Conference Room, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 5:30 PM. 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. Councilman Wes Hendricks led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

Chairman Roy Costner stated we will begin with *Log No. 88* – Recreation Funding Requests.

#### **Recreation Funding Requests – Log No. 88**

- The Committee reviewed the recommendations for recreation funding provided by the Recreation Funding Advisory Board. Patrick Warren, of the Advisory Board, was present to answer any questions.
- Chairman Roy Costner stated at the last Committee of the Whole meeting, council recommended funding \$5,000 to the City of Liberty Recreation for the reconditioning for the Woodside Ball Park. Chairman Costner stated he met with the City of Liberty Administrator, Bruce Evilsizor, and Recreation Director, Tony Boiter, to discuss their recreation request. He stated there is a roof problem at the recreation gym, and it is affecting the flooring. He stated they received two quotes, with the best one being \$19,898 for the roof, and \$2,000 for the flooring. Chairman Costner stated he would like to recommend funding the City of Liberty up to \$21,898 for the roofing and flooring at the gymnasium. Chairman Costner stated they also discussed the slope mower, and discussed hiring employees to weed eat the slopes rather than buying the mower. After figuring out the number of weeks and man hours to do this, he recommended funding the City of Liberty up to \$1,680. Chairman Costner stated the cost for kids outside the city to come and participate in recreation is an additional \$25.00. He stated last year, they had 70 students that participated. He recommends offering up to 100 scholarships, at \$25.00 a piece, which will be \$2,500. He also stated there is a 501-C3 Booster Club that has started raising funds for equipment on the students who participate in these recreation sports. Chairman Costner recommends up to \$10,000 for the Booster Club. Lastly, Chairman Costner stated Council discussed the request for Mountain Biking in District 1 and District 2 at the previous Committee of the Whole meeting. He stated they requested \$14, 120, but council approved \$7,000. He stated he knows of people in the Liberty district who want to take advantage of this trail. He stated even though this is not in his district, he would like to make up the difference of this request, recommending to fund \$7,120. He stated this will still leave \$13,000 in funds for emergency requests if needed.

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<b>Council District</b>	<b>Ref No.</b>	<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>	<b>Additional Recommendations</b>
4	10	City of Liberty Recreation	\$ 5,000.00	<i>(Approved at 5/20/19 Committee of the Whole Meeting)</i>
4	10	City of Liberty Recreation	\$ 21,898.00	Roofing and flooring for gymnasium
4	10	City of Liberty Recreation	\$ 2,500.00	Up to 100 scholarships for \$25.00 a piece, for students who live outside of City of Liberty
4	10	City of Liberty Recreation	\$ 1,680.00	Hiring of teenagers to weed eat slopes
4	10	City of Liberty Recreation 501-C3 Booster Club	\$ 10,000.00	501-C3 Booster Club funding equipment
1 & 2	3	Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce	\$ 7,120.00	(Making up the difference in \$14,120. Feels it will benefit citizens in the Liberty area as well)
<b>DISTRICT 4 TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$ 48,198.00</b>	

- Chairman Costner made a motion to approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund for District 4, and to take this out of Committee to Council. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).
  
- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated he would like to discuss the City of Easley’s application for the scoreboard they are requesting. He stated they have requested \$50,000, but the total cost of the board was much more than this. Vice Chairman Bowers stated his recommendation is to grant the City of Easley \$45,000 towards the project of the new scoreboard.

<b>Council District</b>	<b>Ref No.</b>	<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>	<b>Additional Recommendations</b>
5	9	Pickens County YMCA (Easley)	\$ 2,750.00	<i>(Approved at 5/20/19 Committee of the Whole Meeting)</i>
5	14	City of Easley Parks & Rec	\$ 45,000.00	Scoreboard
<b>DISTRICT 5 TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$ 47,750.00</b>	

- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to approving the following disbursements from the recreation fund for District 5, and to take this out of Committee to Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Whitehurst and carried unanimously (6-0).

**❖ Chairman Costner made a motion to accept the Recreation Funds approved as amended by Council.**

**ATAX Recommendations – Log No. 126**

- Gerald Wilson stated Mr. Jay Pitts, Tourism Director, is here to discuss the ATAX Recommendations this evening as he has been working with the Chairman of the ATAX Committee.
- Mr. Pitts stated the ATAX Committee met twice; the first meeting was to review the applications and the second meeting was to go through each application to make recommendations for Council. He stated in addition, they advertised on social media, newspapers, and on the website to find the application during this process. He stated council has the committee recommendations in front of them and asked if they had any questions. Mr. Pitts thoroughly discussed the ATAX Recommendations Report in detail, and answered the questions that council had.

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- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to approve the ATAX Recommendations Report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst. Chairman Costner asked if there was any discussion:
  - Councilman Trey Whitehurst moved to amend Ref No. 10 for the Interactive Children’s Museum “Doodleville”, stating this reference number will be pending further review by Council and Staff. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).
  - Vice Chairman Chris Bowers moved to amend Ref No. 13 for the Clemson Greater Musical Festival, stating he would like to recommend funding this project for \$3,000 (total amount of request). He stated he would also like to amend Ref No. 16 for the Central Railroad Festival, stating he would like to recommend funding this project for \$3,000 (total amount of request). Lastly, Vice Chairman Chris Bowers moved to amend Ref No. 17 for the Easley Gymnastics Meets, stating he would like to recommend funding this project for \$4,000. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Seeing no other discussion, motion carried unanimously (6-0).
- Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion to make all funds for all organizations contingent until they disclose on their websites where the money came from, and if it is coming from ATAX funding, it must include a Pickens County logo. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).

❖ **Chairman Costner made a motion to accept the ATAX Recommendations as amended by Council.**

### **FY 2020 Budget – Log No. 120**

- Chairman Roy Costner stated they will be going into more discussion in the following council meeting on the FY 2020 Budget.

❖ **No Action taken by the 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 (6-0).