Public Notice

On December 2, 2025, the Mayor and City Council will attend a Pickens Regional Joint Water System meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosewood Center, 419 E. Main St., Liberty, SC 29657. This will be an informational meeting only, and no City business will be conducted.

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Meeting Attendance and Summary

Present: Councilmember Mikail Cantley, Councilmember Bo Cooley, Councilmember Gerald Wilson, Councilmember Rhonda Whitaker, Councilmember Jon Humphrey, Mayor Andrea Wagner
Not Present: Councilmember Jeff Massie

Meeting Start: 6:35 PM

The Pickens Regional Joint Water System (PRJWS) board and attorneys met with the Council and Mayor of Liberty for an informational session.

- **Tom Ponder**, Chairman of PRJWS, began the meeting by explaining the concept, the origins of the system, and providing general background information.
- **Davey Hiott**, House representative, presented on the background of the project and expressed his support for PRJWS.
- **Troy Roiser**, Chief Engineer for PRJWS, provided technical details about the development, including underground infrastructure and mechanics of the process.
- **Amy Hopkins**, with GMC, presented an overview of the pilot study conducted for membrane selection.
- Troy Rosier continued with additional details using maps, graphs, and cost analysis. All materials will be available on the City of Liberty website under the Pickens Regional Joint Water System tab.
- **Gary Pope**, Public Finance Attorney for PRJWS, gave a brief overview of state statutes regarding water and sewer systems and explained the outline and origins of the contractual agreement.
- **Kyle Michelle**, Government Relations Lobbyist Lawyer, explained state and county relationships, detailing how state and federal elected officials support PRJWS. He

confirmed that there are no hidden fees or extra costs; the city will only pay for water once the system is live, and commissioners are not compensated.

- **Bill Smith**, lifelong Liberty resident, PRJWS Treasurer, and former Ward One Councilmember (8 years), spoke about the importance of PRJWS for the community and reflected on past water challenges.
- **Tom Ponder** concluded the meeting.

Meeting End: 8:02 PM

The full video of the meeting is available on the City of Liberty's YouTube page.