



A G E N D A
January 08, 2018
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of agenda
4. Approval of minutes: 12-11-17
5. Public comment
6. Reports from committees
7. Reports from departments
8. Reports from staff
9. Unfinished business
 - A. Braswell annexation
 - B. Disposal of property
10. New business
11. Mayor's minute
12. Announcements
13. Adjournment



January 15, 2018



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JANUARY 08, 2018
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Holt called a regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order a few minutes after 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONER KAREN ANDERSON
 COMMISSIONER GREG BAKER
 COMMISSIONER JIMMY GARNER
 COMMISSIONER PHIL PITTMAN
 MAYOR JEFF HOLT

STAFF PRESENT

Town Attorney Will Barham, Consultant Dan Simmons, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, Recreation Coordinator Scottie Hayes, Chief Keith Sparks and Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Holt asked Commissioner Baker to give the invocation. Commissioner Pittman then led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE: Baker
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

MINUTES: 12-11-17

MOTION TO APPROVE: Pittman
SECOND: Baker
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and then asked if anyone wished to speak on a non-agenda item. Terry Rains asked the board if they will consider cutting the town tax rate this year since the county will be working on property re-valuations. Mayor Holt commented that they would look at that when they work on next year's budget, but he could not make any promises.

Dan Simmons thanked the Pine Level Fire Department for assisting with the recent fire at his cousin's Smithfield residence, and for transporting water to the site.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

The Pine Level Seniors Group will meet this week on Wednesday.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

POLICE: Chief Sparks reported that the insurance company authorized repairs to the police car, from when they hit a deer recently. The town attorney will now do legal updates for the police department. Provided a list of surplus equipment to police commissioner, they could look at that next month. Had a few break-ins over the holidays, working on solving all of those. Class for obtaining a concealed weapon permit is still on for January 20th.

RECREATION: Scottie Hayes reported that basketball will get underway this Saturday morning, with 14-15 teams. Recreation department's reverse raffle will be held on March 3rd.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Thanked the men for the job they do. Repairs completed on garbage truck; fortunately, it was not the engine like they thought. Ray Stuckey commented that the board needs to work on a plan for replacing the garbage truck. Mayor Holt said they should come up with some options before budget time. Commissioner Pittman suggested they consider a charge for all of the oversized items that the men pick up, such as couches, refrigerators, etc. Mayor Holt asked the street commissioner to come up with a proposal on that matter, if the town needs to initiate such a fee.

STREETS: Commissioner Baker. He said most of his issues had already been addressed, but he felt that business owners should not expect the town to pick up stuff beside the street, when they are not paying for that.

FIRE DEPT: Stephen Holloman and Brandon Barbee reported for the PL Fire Dept. Mr. Holloman said every department in Johnston County passed their inspections this year. He also said the EMS division is changing from 9 am to 9 pm, and they will be working from 7 am to 7 pm. Mr. Holloman said that should not make a difference in emergency response for Pine Level. Brandon Barbee said he had statistical information that was requested last month, and that they had 448 calls last year, of which 200 were fire calls and about 250 were EMS calls. He said 50% of calls were out of town, 40% were in-town and 10% were for mutual aid.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Town Attorney Will Barham addressed the private sale of personal property. He said the town could authorize one person to dispose of personal property under \$30,000. Mr. Barham said he would come up with something for the board to consider next month. The police chief asked him to be sure to address legally restricted items, such as police equipment.

BRASWELL ANNEXATION REQUEST

The board then turned their attention to the request received last month from Richard Braswell for annexation of property on East Highway 70-A. The mayor stated that they received certification from the clerk that everything seemed to be in order with the petition for annexation, and the next thing for them to do was to adopt a resolution to call for a public hearing on the request. Mr. Barham advised the board to go ahead and address the initial zoning for the property in conjunction with the hearing on annexation. He said it is zoned AR right now, under Johnston County zoning. He explained that the board could not guarantee a property owner any certain zoning on their property, but they could go ahead and establish the initial zoning for the property. He said they did not have to declare what the proposed zoning would be, but they could run both the zoning and annexation in conjunction. Commissioner Pittman said he would amend his original motion to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing to include what Mr. Barham explained on the initial zoning for Mr. Braswell's property. Mayor Holt said the

Planning Board would need to discuss the matter at their January meeting and make a recommendation in February. A copy of the resolution calling for a hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018 is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION TO ADOPT: Pittman
SECOND: Baker
VOTE: unanimous

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

The board then considered selling the old Long 460 tractor. Commissioner Pittman received bids and upset bids on the sale and he recommended selling the tractor to Greg Thomas for \$500. Commissioner Baker voiced a second and the board voted unanimously to accept the bid and sell the tractor.

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Baker
VOTE: unanimous

MAYOR'S MINUTE

Mayor Holt said he would like to have some type of ceremony this spring to recognize long-term business owners in town, such as Donnie Mitchell, Debra Baker, Cyn-Mar, Scott Pittman, PL Hardware, Harold Woodard, Hinnant Winery, etc. He said those people have been in business here in town for many years and he would like to have some type of get-together to commend their service in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 7:38 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Baker
VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR