



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2018
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Holt called a regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Town Attorney Will Barham, Recreation Coordinator Scottie Hayes, Chief Keith Sparks and Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Holt said that Commissioner Baker was at home with the flu. He also said they wanted to remember the families of Frankie Garner, a former commissioner and father to Commissioner Jimmy Garner; Mrs. Martha Jones, wife of former mayor Rudolph Jones; and Mrs. Geraldine Parrish, wife of Mr. Elton Parrish. He then led the meeting's invocation, after which he asked Terry Rains to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

DELETIONS: 10. A. Charge for picking up large items
 10. B. Disposal of surplus property

MOTION TO APPROVE: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

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MOTION TO APPROVE: Garner
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNEXATION REQUEST – RICHARD D. BRASWELL

Mayor Holt explained that the next step for the board to take concerning Mr. Braswell's request for annexation of approximately 25 acres on US Highway 70-A was to hold a public hearing. He said the request was deemed sufficient by the clerk, and the board had found that the request complied with annexation requirements, and the required public hearing had been called for and duly advertised on January 24, 2018 in *The Kenly News*. He opened the public hearing to consider Mr. Braswell's request for annexation and asked if anyone wished to address the issue. Mike Coor and his mother, Mrs. Nelle Coor, who are adjacent property owners, were present, and they said they had a few questions. Mr. Coor asked if the town was looking at Mr. Braswell's property only, and no adjoining areas, and would they be forced to come into town or to have town water/sewer services in the future. Mayor Holt said absolutely not, and that Mr. Braswell would be responsible for running the water and sewer lines to serve his property, although the town might participate insofar as upsizing the lines for future use. He said it would be a voluntary annexation, which is handled differently from an involuntary one, and they might see more traffic and have neighbors where they have not had any previously, and one day they might see the value in having town water or sewer to serve their property. Mike Coor said they had nothing against Pine Level, but it had been their choice to live just where they were, and they did not want to be in town. Mayor Holt said it might be a benefit to them to see the town police car going by several times daily. Mrs. Coor said she had called the county and they said the lots would be several different sizes, but nobody ever called her back. They said they just wanted the development to look nice and be a good neighbor, and not be using their property unannounced. The mayor said the town had no jurisdiction currently, but they would have if the annexation is approved, and they could send the police out there. Hearing no other questions on the matter, the board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Pittman

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

The board then considered adoption of an ordinance to annex the property. They agreed with the recommendation from the Planning Board, to zone the property initially as RH, and to make the annexation effective as of today's date. The board then voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance of annexation, effective immediately. A copy of the ordinance and map are included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Pittman

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

SENIORS: Commissioner Pittman said the seniors group has a trip planned this fall to go to the mountains and take the Great Smoky Mountain train ride at Bryson City, NC.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson, Scottie Hayes. Basketball program underway, signing up for spring sports. Reverse Raffle to be held March 3.

POLICE: Commissioner Garner, Chief Keith Sparks. Everything okay with dept. Need to look at more officers with new budget. Chief said they made several arrests in the last month for marijuana possession, as well as heroin.

STREETS: Commissioner Pittman. Garbage truck is old and getting older. Need to look at new truck or privatization of garbage pick-up.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Everything going well. Dan Simmons went in for surgery today concerning his pacemaker.

FIRE DEPT: Brandon Holloman said they would have Firemen's Day on May 12 and would have BBQ and chicken plates. Rusty Jones will be in charge of cooking the meats and the women's auxiliary will have flower/bake sales. Looking at bringing in some vendors to offer something different. Commissioner Anderson suggested the firemen help sell the recreation dept. raffle tickets.

SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR BILLBOARD ON HWY 70

Mayor Holt explained that Warren Stancil of Interstate Outdoors has requested a permit to construct a monopole billboard on US Highway 70. Scottie Hayes said the sign would be next to the business with outdoor storage units for sale. The board voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on the special use permit at their next meeting on March 12, 2018.

MOTION: Garner
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

REVISION OF FEMA FLOOD PLAIN MAPS AND ORDINANCE

The board then called for a public hearing on proposed revisions to the town's flood ordinance, to bring the ordinance into compliance with revised FEMA regulations. According to FEMA representatives, the map and ordinance will go into effect as of June 20, 2018, regardless of whether the town adopts the ordinance or not, but that would affect the availability of flood insurance for Pine Level residents. The new maps will designate a section along Moccasin Creek as 100-yr. flood plain, subject to stricter regulations. The board voted unanimously to call for a required public hearing on the issue at their next regular meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018.

MOTION: Anderson
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, at 7:33 p.m. the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Pittman
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR