



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 06, 2014
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Holt declared a quorum present and called a regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Town Attorney Frank Wood, Consultant Dan Simmons, Recreation Coordinator Scottie Hayes, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, Police Chief Keith Sparks, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Holt gave the invocation and then he asked Commissioner Baker to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. After that, he welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was being held one week earlier since the February meeting was cancelled due to snow and ice.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADDITION: 10. (A) Use of a phone tree system (GB)

The agenda was unanimously approved with that addition.

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 01-09-14

MOTION: Garner
SECOND: Baker
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

SENIORS: The Seniors Group will meet on Wednesday of next week. Scottie Hayes said they will be having hot dogs for their lunch. Commissioner Pittman said the Seniors are planning a trip to Charleston SC.

PARK RESTORATION: Mayor Holt said this group has not been active lately, and they need to be included in recreation plans.

PLANNING BOARD: The mayor explained that the Planning Board has recommended for the zoning to be changed from Residential Housing (RH) to Commercial (C) on the property at the intersection of W. Main Street and N. Peedin Avenue, owned by Ronald Whitley, Teresa Corbett and the Pine Level Volunteer Fire Department. The three properties have been zoned RH since zoning was established around 1987, but the Planning Board now feels that their zoning should reflect their current usage, which is more closely aligned with commercial. The board unanimously agreed to call for a public hearing on the recommendation at the next regular meeting in April.

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

The Planning Board also recommended that the town not allow parking alongside the All Seasons Heat and Air business on N. Peedin Avenue, because vehicles block vision at the intersection. Terry Rains, a Planning Board member, briefly addressed the issue. He thought there should be no parking allowed there, but after talking with the police chief, who spoke earlier today with the property owner, he said maybe it could be a temporary loading/unloading zone. Commissioner Pittman suggested a 30-minute time allowance for loading/unloading. Frank Wood asked the board to defer any action on this request to see how it works out after the chief has talked with the owner, plus it would allow him to research exactly what action could the town pursue. He felt that if it was indeed a public safety issue, the town would have some way to address it.

Mr. Rains also expressed the opinion that he was glad to see the town meetings opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Then he asked about the convex safety mirror that the chief of police is planning to install at the W. Main/N. Peedin intersection to help with vision for vehicles approaching the intersection from W. Main St. He asked if the mirror would be flagged or would there be some kind of notification put up at the intersection. The police chief said he would take care of that and see that the mirror is properly highlighted.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mayor Holt pointed out that the board received several applications for the recreation committee. He asked Mr. Hayes if all of the applicants had assisted the recreation program, and if the recommendation was for all of the applicants to be appointed to the recreation committee. Scottie Hayes answered yes to both of the mayor’s questions. The board then unanimously approved appointment and/or reappointment of all nine applicants. A copy of the resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

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| Beth Lucas 12-31-15 | William Hamilton 12-31-16 | Shannon S. Hamilton 12-31-17 |
| Joseph Gibson 12-31-15 | Dena Garner 12-31-16 | Carsse Lucas 12-31-17 |
| Teri Hayes 12-31-15 | Shannon Gibson 12-31-16 | Leslie Barbee 12-31-17 |

MOTION: Garner
SECOND: Baker
VOTE: unanimous

The mayor then asked Mr. Hayes to give an update on the Reverse Raffle fundraiser, which was held last Saturday. Mr. Hayes said about 250 tickets were sold, which was higher than last year, but less people attended the supper and event at the school. He also reported that spring sports registration is underway. He said he would be assisting the school with their “Heritage Day” event at the park, with a cornhole tournament. He thanked everyone who assisted with the Reverse Raffle.

Mayor Holt said it was also time to start thinking about the annual Fourth of July celebration. He said the clerk had received some information on fireworks from Zambelli Internationale, and he didn’t know what Southeastern Pyrotechnics would offer this year. He said they would soon need to decide on a definite date for the celebration, and there might be a couple of options to consider as far as the fireworks display. The board voted unanimously to hold the celebration on Friday, July 4, 2014, regardless of the fireworks issues.

MOTION: Garner
SECOND: Pittman

VOTE: unanimous

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Talked with Ray Stuckey and Dan Simmons concerning a service agreement on the water tank. Have not needed a contract thus far, since the tank was newly constructed. Also talked with Ray Stuckey about the town's Wellhead Protection Plan. Board agreed unanimously to implement the Wellhead Protection Plan and to authorize the Public Works Superintendent to implement the Plan and to approve any revisions necessary for plan approval with the State of North Carolina.

MOTION: Pittman

SECOND: Baker

VOTE: unanimous

POLICE: Commissioner Garner. Experienced some break-ins recently in town, mostly with older people who were attending church. Police caught four people and think that will end the rash of break-ins. Police vehicles are aging and causing more and more problems. Two of the cars currently are without transmissions. Have money in budget to buy a new police car, so they have one on order. Will probably need another vehicle in next year's budget too. Would be best to take the cars out of service as soon as they go out of warranty, instead of trying to keep them on the road for longer periods and paying for maintenance and repairs. He suggested selling two of the cars and fixing the third one. The mayor said the cars are on the road for more hours now than they used to be. Commissioner Pittman asked if any grant money is available. Commissioner Garner said they have looked into that possibility. Chief Sparks said they decided not to apply for the last grant, since it required a car and an officer.

STREETS: Commissioner Baker. Thanked Scottie Hayes for helping to get business owner to clean up area behind park and New Innovative Products. Also thanked the street department men for their hard work and the excellent job they did to get the trash up during the recent snowy weather on garbage day. Have been discussing resurfacing needs with Ray Stuckey; hope to develop a plan for taking care of those needs. Mayor Holt said that another mayor in the county told him that they resurfaced all of their municipal streets and used their Powell Bill funds to make the payment each year on the project. He said that might be an idea to consider for Pine Level streets.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

PHONE TREE SYSTEM

Commissioner Baker distributed information on a "Phone Tree VoiceWave" message distribution system. He felt it would be beneficial and would be helpful in notifying residents about things going on in town, such as work on waterlines, or changes in garbage collection, etc. He said the system would dial 60 residents per hour and would require no additional fees once the system is purchased. He said the government pricing would be a total of \$1625.33. Mayor Holt said he uses a "calling post" system at his own business. He said it is very easy to use and the messages are sent out quickly and you simply pay a fee per call. Commissioner Pittman agreed that the message system would be a good idea. The town clerk pointed out that an earlier attempt to set up such a system did not elicit much response from the public. The mayor said the citizens would probably like it, however, if they received a call to tell them their garbage pickup schedule was being changed or their water service would be temporarily disconnected. He said they could look at the possibility some more and see what would be the best system to use.

Commissioner Garner asked the mayor if he talked again with the Primitive Baptist Church representative. Mayor Holt said he did talk with him and he told him the town would not be interested in the property at this time. He said there was another church looking at the property, as well.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

Mayor Holt read from an article dating back to 1945, describing when the town had "Harvest Sales" that benefitted the community building. He said prizes included a console radio, a used International cultivator, an oil stove, a washing machine, a

woman's coat, feed, goblets, etc. He said there was a parade and a turkey dinner and bazaar at the "Gurley Hall." He mentioned that \$2,113 was taken in that day and used for the community building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The mayor announced that in honor of their 100th anniversary, the school would be holding a meal on Saturday, March 29th, to honor all former employees, and he was helping to host the event. He also said there would be a "Heritage Day" on Saturday, April 5th, at the school.

He mentioned a proclamation he signed in February to commemorate "Brenda Crocker Day" in Pine Level. He said Ms. Crocker retired from the local financial institution after 45 years of service there, and he commended Ms. Crocker for her dedication and service to the bank and community.

He then advised the board members to take home the proposed "Infectious Disease Exposure Control Plan" which they received in their agenda packets, and to study it before the April meeting. He said they might take action on the plan at the April meeting.

Then he read a thank you note from the Crocker family for the flowers sent when Jeff Crocker's father recently passed away.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, at 7:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION: Garner
SECOND: Baker
VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR