



**TOWN OF PINE LEVEL**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MAY 8, 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 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

   X 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, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Holt gave the invocation and then asked Boy Scout Ben Pilkington to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that Ben Pilkington, Cole Pilkington, and Jonah Hinton were the boy scouts present for the meeting, and they were working toward scout badges.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ADDITIONS:       10. D. Town Hall Day (PP)  
                  10. E. Property conditions (GB)

*MOTION TO APPROVE:* Pittman  
*SECOND:* Baker  
*VOTE:* unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 04-10-14**

*MOTION TO APPROVE:* Baker  
*SECOND:* Anderson  
*VOTE:* unanimous

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

None.

## **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

FIRE DEPT: Greg Johnson. Firemen's Day Saturday, May 10th. Open house for new fire station, chicken/pork plates beginning at 11:00 a.m. for \$7.00 each. Raffle starts at 2:00 p.m. Plants, bake sale at 7:00 a.m. Mayor asked how road race turned out, Mr. Johnson said it went well, but there was cool, drizzly weather. EMS now on site at fire station during the day.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Still working on sewer infiltration; Ray Stuckey said the manhole liners are en route to the town, and they will complete the work when the liners come in. Mr. Stuckey also said he got a proposal for annual maintenance on the new water tank, since it is already four years old. He said it should be about ten years before it needs exterior painting. Commissioner Pittman asked Dan Simmons if there is grant money available for water or sewer lines. Mr. Simmons said that was hard to find, but there is money for "job creation" projects.

POLICE: Commissioner Garner. New police car should come in soon. School will be out in a month or so and more kids will be out on the streets. Everyone should call 9-1-1 for any police needs. Mayor commented on 9-1-1 report of calls for the police department. He said the numerous calls result in rough wear on the police vehicles. Voted to declare two vehicles as surplus and sell them on GovDeals.com.

*MOTION:* Garner

*SECOND:* Pittman

*VOTE:* unanimous

Frank Wood advised the board to declare the cars as surplus and set a time and date by resolution, to sell the cars on-line. The mayor asked if you could set a minimum amount for the sale and Commissioner Garner said that you could specify a minimum for accepting a bid.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Spring sports on-going; fall sports to start sign-up in June. Working on July Fourth celebration. Park is looking nice, hope to soon finish removal of old tennis court fence, and then make a decision on what to do with the old courts. Mayor said for her to make a recommendation to the board on what to do with the site. She said the old courts are beyond repair, but the newer courts could probably be renewed. Also looking at new sports field lighting, could cost around \$70,000 to do new lighting. Ray Stuckey said the town actually owns a transformer at the park and all of that would be replaced when new lights are installed. Mayor stated that with a prior recreation project, someone had given the town information on leasing lights and poles for the fields, and he thought it might have been Progress Energy. Dan Simmons said he knows who to contact to get more information about such a possibility, and he would send the name to the mayor. Mayor asked if the town is confirmed for a fireworks display for July Fourth. Clerk reported that Southeastern Pyrotechnics had actually called earlier in the day, and they promised a proposal by Monday, May 12th. She said that she had tried to get in touch with the man at SEP since March, and that Zambelli had not responded at all.

STREETS: Commissioner Baker. Ate a meal last week with the street dept. to become more acquainted with all of the employees. Riding around town a lot to check out what is going on. Asked about gravel drive beside pool, mayor said it is a private drive. Asked about SCAG mowers; Ray Stuckey said they trade them about every four years.

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Dan Simmons said he was still working on the sidewalk project for South Peedin Avenue.

Commissioner Anderson said they would be filling the pool on May 12th.

Mayor Holt said the pool has openings available for new families that want to join up.

### **WEST BLANCHE STREET WATER/SEWER EXTENSION**

Mayor Holt said that he had talked with Richard Braswell about the project and the ball was now in Mr. Braswell's court.

### **SELMA MAIL DELIVERY INSIDE CITY LIMITS**

Frank Wood said he had looked into the matter and he could see there would be an issue with the town mowing the street rights of way, and that the town could probably require mail receptacles to be placed on the buildings and not at the street. He recommended checking with the local postmaster before taking any action. Mayor Holt said other towns have walking mail carriers, and they could probably "grandfather" existing boxes, but prohibit any additional ones in town. He agreed they should talk with the local postmistress and he said to leave the matter in unfinished business.

### **ETHICS TRAINING IN CLAYTON**

Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Pittman and Mayor Holt said they would attend the ethics training webinar in the Poole Room at the Clayton Center from 10-12 noon on May 14th. The training hours are a requirement for board members to attend after each municipal election is held.

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING 2012 LOCAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN**

The board unanimously voted to adopt a resolution to approve the *2012 Local Water Supply Plan for the Pine Level Water System*. NCDENR would not give the plan full approval until such resolution is received from the town. A copy of the resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

*MOTION TO ADOPT:* Pittman

*SECOND:* Garner

*VOTE:* unanimous

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING JC BIKE ROUTES**

The board then considered giving their support to a resolution to approve bike routes throughout Johnston County, which are being proposed by the JC Visitors Bureau. They voted unanimously to adopt the resolution in support of JC bike routes. A copy of the resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

*MOTION TO ADOPT:* Garner

*SECOND:* Anderson

*VOTE:* unanimous

### **BUDGET FOR 2014-2015**

Mayor Holt briefly addressed the upcoming budget for 2014-2015. He said the clerk has been working on the budget and plugging in those items that can be readily identified. Several issues he mentioned included health insurance increases, the sewer manhole project which should help cut down on treatment costs by minimizing infiltration, new police cars, replacing police radios by 2016, replacing a SCAG mower, lighting for the park fields, salary adjustments, fire dept. needs, paving streets, etc. He suggested meeting again on Tuesday, May 20th at Parkside Café to discuss the budget more in depth. He said they could have a supper meeting, and it would have to be an open meeting. Commissioner Garner said he liked the idea of paving all the town streets and borrowing the money, and making a payment each year from the Powell Bill funds. Kester Kornegay asked if the town shouldn't fix their aging water lines before undertaking such a paving project. Mayor Holt said that probably would be a good idea.

**TOWN HALL DAY**

Commissioner Pittman stated that the Town Hall Day dinner would be at 6:00 p.m. on June 4th. Mayor Holt said that Clayton was once again hosting the dinner and they wanted to know how many would attend by May 23rd. Mayor Holt and Commissioner Baker said they would attend the dinner. Commissioners Anderson and Garner said they could not, and Commissioner Pittman did not know if he would be at home or in Virginia to visit a new grandchild.

**PROPERTY CONDITIONS**

Commissioner Baker asked about two locations in town where the grass is grossly overgrown. He said one was 21 Andrew Boulevard and the other was at the corner of Knollwood Drive and Andrew Blvd. Commissioner Pittman asked about an ordinance to address that problem and Frank Wood said there is such an ordinance in place. He said the process begins with a letter from the police chief and can result in a lien against any such property. Commissioner Baker also asked about all the lawn mowers on West Pine Street, behind the old Woman's Club building. He said that area is really looking bad. Mayor Holt agreed and said the man living there works on the old mowers. Frank Wood said they might be a problem if the mowers don't even work. Mayor Holt said there is an appearance ordinance on the books that would address that issue.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Holt encouraged everyone to get out this weekend and to support the fire department with their fundraiser, and he also said to support the local Boy Scout troop in their efforts in the community.

**MEETING RECESSED**

There being no further business to address, at 7:55 p.m. the meeting was recessed until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at Parkside Café.

*MOTION:* Garner  
*SECOND:* Pittman  
*VOTE:* unanimous

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**TOWN CLERK**

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**MAYOR**