



**TOWN OF PINE LEVEL**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MAY 22, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeff Holt called a regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners back to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2017 at the Pine Level Town Hall, after having recessed earlier on May 08, 2017.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

The mayor stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming budget for 2017-2018. He said the board first needed to hold a short closed session to consider personnel issues. The board voted unanimously to enter closed session.

*MOTION:* Pittman  
*SECOND:* Anderson  
*VOTE:* unanimous

The meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m. and the mayor stated that no action was taken. He then went on to discuss the upcoming budget.

**BUDGET**

Mayor Holt said he had worked with the clerk on a budget proposal, and he highlighted some of the issues, which included an increase in fire department contributions, increased state-required retirement expense, possible post-employment benefits for employees, police radios, recreation needs, fireworks, tax rate, tax re-evaluations, county water and sewer treatment increases, a \$.75 increase in the base monthly sewer fee, 3% salary increase, water and sewer projects, etc. The mayor said the fire department has requested an increase in the fire tax rate with Johnston County from \$.08 to \$.10, and they have asked the town to commit to a similar increase. Fire Chief Stephen Holloman explained that they want to increase their paid personnel, and they hope to lower the department's ISO rating, which is currently seven. He said the rating for PI-LE district is six. The board told the firemen that they appreciate the efforts of the department and they assured them they would consider their requests and would give the department as much as the budget would allow. The board briefly considered the possible

annexation of the first phase of Pine South Subdivision, but they noted that many of the residents do not approve of annexation. The mayor said he would like to have the opportunity to meet with those residents and discuss the matter. He then asked if the board wished to go ahead with a public hearing on the proposed budget. They voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on the budget at 7:00 p.m. at the next regular board meeting on June 12, 2017.

*MOTION:* Pittman

*SECOND:* Baker

*VOTE:* unanimous

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*MOTION TO ADJOURN:* Pittman

*SECOND:* Baker

*VOTE:* unanimous

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**TOWN CLERK**

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**MAYOR**