



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
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 Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONER KAREN ANDERSON
 COMMISSIONER GREG BAKER (vacationing)
 COMMISSIONER JIMMY GARNER (family sickness)
 COMMISSIONER PHIL PITTMAN
 MAYOR JEFF HOLT

STAFF PRESENT

Consultant Dan Simmons, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, Chief Keith Sparks, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Holt gave the invocation. Commissioner Anderson then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 08-06-15

MOTION TO APPROVE: Anderson
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nester McClain commented that it was good to have the mayor back safe and sound from his recent travels.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The mayor then recognized Police Chief Keith Sparks for his fifteenth anniversary of working full-time with the town, from 09-29-00 to 09-29-15. He presented the chief with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card from the town. He thanked him for his service and for his contributions to the community. The mayor said Pine Level had a good bunch of employees and he appreciated all they do. Everyone gave the chief a round of applause and he expressed his appreciation, as well.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nester McClain reported that the Seniors group had a good meeting and a lot of fun yesterday at the Hinnant Winery. He said they are getting ready to take their annual trip to the State Fair in October. Mayor Holt said the winery was a nice facility and Pine Level was fortunate to have it located here in the community.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

POLICE: Chief Sparks reported that everything was okay with the police department. He asked if the board wanted to go ahead and set the time period for trick or treating in town. Mayor Holt said they could wait until the October meeting, but Commissioner Pittman moved to establish the normal times of 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. The board voted unanimously to approve his suggestion for Halloween. The chief said their calls for the month of August were typical in nature, like stray dogs, overgrown yards, etc.

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

STREETS: Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey reported that one of the employees had an accident on the way back from the county landfill in the town's dump truck. He said the truck is currently at Ben's Towing and the insurance adjuster may come as early as tomorrow. No one was injured in the accident. Mayor Holt commented that leaf pick-up would soon get underway; Mr. Stuckey said he may have to look into renting a truck, since the dump truck will be out of commission.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson reported there would be three football and three cheering squads, with about 60 cheering and 65 playing. There will be six soccer teams, with about 55 players. All of the sports will run through October. She said the concession stand roof has been replaced with a metal roof, and it looks really good. Two dugouts were also re-roofed with asphalt shingles. She reported that the trees around the tennis court have been removed and Scottie has started the cleanup. The nets have been installed at the basketball courts and the courts need to be re-stripped. She asked about the large hole at the tennis courts; Ray Stuckey said one of the trucks backed in there when cutting down the trees, and they actually discovered a sink hole under the area about four feet deep.

Commissioner Anderson also asked about the business going on at the former site of the Green Hornet Grill. She said she has received several complaints from citizens on how bad that area looks. She also asked if there is an ordinance stating how many animals a person can have on their property. She said there are three pit bulls tied up in a yard close to the park, and the people have a fourth dog too. She was concerned with that type of dog being constrained so close to the park. Chief Sparks said he would check into that issue. As far as the flea market, it is permitted in a Highway Business district. Mayor Holt suggested they could move the tables during the week and store them next to the building, instead of leaving them along the roadside. Chief Sparks said that a residence down the road from there is trying to do the same thing, it seems. Mayor Holt said the property owner might need to be reminded that yard sales are not to go on for seven days a week. The police chief said he would look into both matters.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Presented a proposal from Palmer Consulting Group, for maintenance on five of the town's lift station and water plant generators. He said the total was \$1693.93 and he recommended approval. Ray Stuckey said it has been a couple of years since maintenance has been done on the equipment. The board unanimously approved the recommendation.

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

Dan Simmons reported that they have compiled the information on the town's pump stations for the SEARCH grant study, and they think that a problem exists on the west side of town. He said they are seeing a lot of clear water in the manholes. He said Ray Stuckey got the manhole covers opened up so they could look inside them, and those rings and covers will have to be put back and re-sealed when they are finished. He suggested coming back with something easier to open than the rings and covers.

FIRE DEPT: Training is on-going. Department's Reverse Raffle will be held second week in November and tickets are \$50 each.

FINANCE: The town clerk reported that the town's auditor should be on site in two weeks, to do the town's annual audit.

MISCELLANEOUS: Mrs. Hilda Moore came in late to the meeting and the board asked if she had something she wished to discuss with them. Mrs. Moore said she just wanted to visit the meeting and see what was going on, she did not have any problems to discuss.

2015 CHRISTMAS PARADE

Mayor Holt commented that the town's annual parade would be held on the second Sunday in December, or December 13th. He said the parade is usually held at 3:00 p.m., but he said he received a request to move it up an hour this year. No one objected to 2:00 p.m., so the board agreed to hold the parade this year at 2:00 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m., and to follow the same route as the last couple of years. As for a Grand Marshal, he said he received a suggestion to honor Vietnam Veterans this year, since it is a 40 year anniversary for that war. He said they could all ride on a float together, with any other veterans that would like to participate.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

Mayor Holt pointed out that there will be a historical re-enactment this weekend at 762 Davis Mill Road, by the Charlotte Artillery 10th Regiment NC State Troops Company C. He said it would include educational areas for all the family, and would educate visitors about life during the Civil War, and would include the history of Pine Level. Two Pine Level guys are members of the group and participate in the re-enactments, Rusty Jones and Grover Willard Godwin. The mayor said it would be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Mayor Holt said there were 13,000 Union troops camped in Pine Level at the end of the Civil War and this area is rich in history from that era.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to discuss, at 7:45 p.m. the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR