



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2012
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 13, 2012 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONER KAREN ANDERSON
 COMMISSIONER JIMMY GARNER
 COMMISSIONER ANTHONY GUDAC
 COMMISSIONER PHIL PITTMAN
 MAYOR JEFF HOLT

STAFF PRESENT

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Gudac gave the invocation. Mayor Holt then asked Commissioner Garner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DELETIONS: 12. Mayor's Minute (JH)

MOTION TO APPROVE: Garner
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 08-09-12

MOTION TO APPROVE: Anderson
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

The mayor recognized the following employees for their years of service with the town. He thanked each of them for their contribution to the town and commented that the town has a good group of employees, and that many of them have stayed around for a long time.

Brandon Holloman, public works dept.	hired Sept. 16, 2009
Scottie Hayes, recreation dept.	hired Sept. 03, 2008
Nicholas Wall, public works dept.	hired Sept. 13, 2006
Keith Sparks, police dept.	hired Sept. 29, 2000 (part time July 24, 1999)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Holt then asked if anyone wished to comment on any non-agenda items. The first to speak was Mrs. Joyce Crank, who resides at 123 Pine South Drive. Mrs. Crank said she wanted to point out an unsafe, unsanitary and unsightly situation in Pine South Subdivision, right in front of the town's Eagle Park. She said the ditch across the front has been in bad shape for the past four years and now it is a safety concern for the local children. She also said that the ditch holds stagnant water in it year round. She said she did not know exactly who is responsible for the ditch, but someone needs to do something about it and she was therefore starting out by approaching the town.

The mayor informed Mrs. Crank that the street department commissioner has looked at that ditch, along with the public works superintendent, and that they recommend tiling the ditch. He said Ray Stuckey is in the process of getting prices on tiling the ditch. According to the mayor, the town is aware of the problem with the ditch and looking at ways to alleviate the problem. He asked the Pine South residents if they see Eagle Park being used by area kids. They said that it was used quite frequently.

Jarrod Strickland informed the board that he is interested in completing an Eagle Scout project at the town's recreation park. Mayor Holt said the town has always supported local scouts as much as possible and that they would help Jarrod however they could. The mayor said it was up to the scout to solicit help with labor, materials, plans and funds for their projects. He thought the town would probably be able to help out with the signage for Jarrod's project.

Todd Daughtry told the board that the Park Restoration Committee appreciated the town's efforts thus far at the recreation park. He said they need to get serious about fund raising efforts to benefit the park.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mayor Holt said there are four Planning Board members who have reapplied to serve another term on the Pine Level Planning Board, Nester McClain, Janet Kleinert, Sal Navarro and Bob Harvey. The board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution to reappoint the three in-town members and recommend the out of town member to the county for appointment since he resides in the ETJ. A copy of the resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Anderson
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

The mayor also reported that the local seniors group had a good meeting earlier this week at the winery and they have many activities being planned.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Gudac. Town is using county water presently, while the water filter is being installed at the water plant.

POLICE: Commissioner Garner. Halloween is right around the corner, and it falls on Wednesday night this year, so the town needs to consider when the kids should observe the holiday and go out trick or treating. He said Wednesday is a church night and it might create a problem with all the children out on the streets for Halloween. He said they just want to promote safety and he asked the board members to think about the issue during the next month so they can address it in early October. He also encouraged any citizens to call 9-1-1 and report any irregularities or people out of place.

STREETS: Mayor Holt. Since Commissioner Pittman was involved with his son's wedding ceremonies this weekend, the mayor reported for the street department. He said leaf season will be coming up quickly as the cold weather approaches. He said trash collection is still going on as usual. He also mentioned the issue in Pine South with the proposal to tile the ditch. He said that tiling would probably take care of that issue. Commissioner Gudac asked how much of that ditch was inside the city limits, Ray Stuckey said the whole property is inside city limits. Commissioner Garner asked if the developer was liable for any of the costs for the ditch. Frank Wood said that was a possibility, if their negligence created the problem, but Ray Stuckey said all the developers were no longer around this area. Mayor Holt said Ray Stuckey could get pricing proposals on the ditch and get back with him, probably within the next thirty days and they could come to a decision on that matter.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson and Scottie Hayes. Football teams, cheerleading and soccer underway. Christmas tree lighting and parade upcoming events. Turkey shoot events also will be coming up. Baseball tournaments will coincide later this month with American Legion supper; will have increased police presence. Mayor said parade might be a good opportunity for committees to participate and have a fund raiser for the park. Commissioner Garner asked when the tree lighting would be held; Scottie Hayes said it was usually on the last Monday or Tuesday in November. Mayor Holt said the parade was traditionally on the second Sunday in December.

Commissioner Anderson said she has been working with the park restoration group. She said the sponsor board has been replaced and businesses or citizens could put their names on the board for a \$100 donation. She said they have got rid of the old shrubs next to the tennis courts and they have re-painted most of the equipment. She reported that she talked with a representative from GameTime and they came down and looked over the recreation park and came up with a proposal for a new play area, called a Powerscape Modular Unit, which will cover 50' by 43'. She said GameTime has a grant program available and could have the equipment installed by the end of November. She recommended moving forward with purchasing the new equipment and to proceed with moving the play area to the front side of the park and plant trees and shrubs at the rear area. She thought it was a good opportunity to get new equipment at the park. GameTime has worked with Four Oaks and Selma, as well as some other towns, and put in playscapes for their parks and she thought they were a reputable company.

Mayor Holt said the proposal includes about \$75,000 worth of equipment for \$53,826, with the grant program and everything included. He said if they choose to spend that kind of money, then everybody needs to be prepared to keep their eyes open and see that it is maintained and overseen by the police department, so that it doesn't get torn up as soon as it is installed. Chief Sparks said the area might need additional lighting. Commissioner Anderson said she was at the park last night and observed a kid out there beating on the ballgoal with some sort of pipe. Frank Wood said that amount might exceed the allowable limits for purchasing equipment, he would have to check. The mayor said he did not think that fund raising efforts could be pinned down time wise, and the group agreed that any money they raised would go toward the town's general funds. He said they have neglected the park area for many years and have not put money into new equipment.

Commissioner Garner asked where they could pull the money from to pay for the play equipment. Commissioner Gudac said the money from the sale of the old town hall was not appropriated toward anything definite. Commissioner Anderson said that she talked with other companies but they did not offer a grant program like GameTime. Mayor Holt asked if there was a recommendation on the equipment proposal. Commissioner Anderson said she would like to follow up on the grant offer and proceed with the purchase, and she would offer that at a motion. Commissioner Gudac voiced a second to the motion and more discussion ensued.

Mayor Holt said they would need to find out if the equipment purchase was allowable by purchasing statutes and have the attorney to review the contract. Todd Daughtry asked if this would allow mulch to be placed around the other swings. Commissioner Anderson said yes, that she made that clear, and she wanted all the play area to be in one place. The board then voted unanimously on the motion to proceed with the contract, contingent upon review of the purchase and documents by the town attorney. A copy of the proposal is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Anderson

SECOND: Gudac

VOTE: unanimous

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Dan Simmons reported that plans for the sidewalk on South Peedin Avenue have been completed and the necessary approval has been received. He said they could submit the plans to the DOT next week and then it would be a matter of when they could get their contractor here to install the sidewalk. He said the state had approved \$50,000 toward the project and the sidewalk would belong to the town when it is completed. Mayor Holt said they could hopefully get it completed before cold

weather sets in. Mr. Simmons also encouraged the board members to go by the water plant and look inside the old filter box that has been removed. He said it was evident that the filter system needed to be replaced.

JONES REZONING REQUEST

Mayor Holt mentioned that Randy and Rusty Jones filed a request for rezoning a parcel of property on Davis Mill Road from RS to RA. He said the board would need to call for a public hearing in October on this request and the Planning Board could review it at their September meeting and give a recommendation in October. Commissioner Gudac asked if the board could consider the application if the application fee was not paid, but the clerk said Mr. Jones paid the \$200 fee when he filed the request. The board agreed unanimously to call for a hearing in October.

MOTION: Garner

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The mayor read a thank you note from the family of Mrs. Frances Price Oliver, for the memorial sent from the town when Mrs. Frances passed away.

He also announced that Alex Pilkington would be doing an Eagle Scout project involving new signage at the soccer fields across Crescent Street. He said it would be a nice brick sign, and he recommended calling the complex the Frances Price Oliver Family Fields. He said when the sign is completed, they could hold a small dedication service at the site.

Mayor Holt also commented that the town received a request for a garbage exemption from New Beginnings Church, which is located at Dickie Braswell's commercial buildings on Highway 70. He said they have a dumpster available that they can use. The board unanimously approved the exemption from garbage charges.

MOTION: Garner

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

MOTION: Garner

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR