

TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2011
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 Monday, October 10, 2011 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Town Attorney Frank Wood, Consultant Dan Simmons, Police Chief Keith Sparks, Public Works Superintendent Ray Stuckey and Assistant Ken Wall, Jr., Parks and Recreation Coordinator Scottie Hayes, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Pittman gave the invocation and Commissioner Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance. The mayor then welcomed everyone to the first meeting in the town's new town hall facility. Citizens present for the first meeting included Nester McClain, Anne Crawford, John Moore, Kester Kornegay, Sal Navarro, Planning Board Chairman Randy Holloman, Fire Chief Stephen Holloman, and Lions Club President Robbie Evans.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE: Gudac

SECOND:

VOTE: unanimous

ADDITIONS:

DELETIONS:

10. (A) Town hall dedication/open house
11. (A) Closed session concerning property

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 09-12-11

MOTION TO APPROVE: Anderson

SECOND: Garner

VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor then opened the floor for public comment on any non-agenda items. Sal Navarro asked why the words "Pine Level" were not added to the front of the new town hall. Mayor Holt said Pine Level is included on the yard sign, but the board could take it into consideration if they thought it necessary. After hearing how much the letters cost, the board decided to leave the sign as is.

Anne Crawford expressed concern for the street she resides on, West Main Street. She said it is a main entrance into town and she feels that it is beginning to look filthy. She said trashcans are left at the street all the time and she said it is ridiculous. Mayor Holt said the town has a nuisance ordinance and the street commissioner and police chief could get together to see what could be done.

John Moore added that the town should be looking into abandoned cars. And he said that a manhole (actually a storm drain) at his driveway is stopped up. Commissioner Pittman said there was a question over who has responsibility for the storm drain, either the town or the state. Mr. Moore said water was turned onto his property and it stops up the drain. Ray Stuckey said the state created some of the problem, when they ran 15" pipe almost under some of the houses in the area. He said he had the state to look at the situation one time already. Mayor Holt said they would put their heads together on the issue.

Mr. Moore also commented that the police cars should be more visible. He said he never sees them pass by his house on West Main Street. Commissioner Pittman directed the chief to inform the officers to be sure and patrol that area at least four times a day.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning: none

Seniors: Nester McClain said the seniors are doing great and they have a meeting this Wednesday. Mayor Holt said the seniors sent a green plant to the new town hall when it first opened for business.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Had first football game, another scheduled for this Sunday. Soccer going on tonight. Scottie Hayes reported that basketball sign-up would begin Tuesday and run until November. He said basketball games would be played at Micro-Pine Level Elementary School.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Gudac. Town is now using county water while valve project is underway at the water plant. Dan Simmons commented that the contractor ran into a slight problem when an old elbow installed in 1957 cracked. He said they were trying to get it repaired and they hope to get Pine Level water back on by Friday. He also said they would be taking bids on the filter project and seeking LGC approval for the financing.

STREETS: Commissioner Garner. Everything going okay. Garbage truck back in operation. Need to plan on truck replacement since the garbage truck is showing its age.

POLICE: Commissioner Pittman. Directed chief to continue monitoring the citizens' complaints that were brought up tonight. He said maybe the frost would soon come and take care of grass and weed problems in town. Chief asked about purchasing a cat and a dog trap, since animal complaints seem to be on the increase.

Commissioner Pittman asked about the cost, but the chief said he was not sure yet. Commissioner Pittman said he would check with the chief later and if not cost prohibitive, they would go ahead with the purchase.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

The town attorney reported that he was working on the closing for the new town hall, and that the papers should be signed Tuesday morning, October 11, 2011.

RESOLUTION ON HALLOWEEN

The board unanimously adopted a Resolution Urging Residents to Observe a Safe Halloween. A copy of the resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Pittman

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Next, the board considered appointments to the Pine Level Planning Board. The clerk reported that Mrs. Faye Starling is the only member whose term will expire 10-31-11, and that she has applied for re-appointment. Mrs. Cecelia Weaver also applied for a position on the board. The board felt either applicant would be an asset to the board and therefore adopted a resolution appointing both of them to three-year terms as in-town alternates on the Planning Board. A copy of the resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Pittman

SECOND: Garner

VOTE: unanimous

RECREATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Scottie Hayes then reported to the board that he has revamped the Recreation Committee and in so doing, he found that appointments had not been made to the committee in a couple of years. He presented a list of twelve members who are currently active on the committee, with their terms updated and recommended their re-appointment as listed. The board unanimously adopted a resolution re-appointing those twelve members and calling for advertisement of the remaining vacant eight committee seats. A copy of the resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Anderson

SECOND: Garner

VOTE: unanimous

Mayor Holt also noted that the county commissioners have appointed him to serve on the Moccasin Creek Drainage Board as representative for the Town of Pine Level.

TOWN HALL DEDICATION/OPEN HOUSE

The mayor asked the board when they would like to hold an open house in the new town hall. He suggested a Sunday afternoon around 2 or 3 o'clock. He said they could invite the architect, engineers, builders and the public, and serve light refreshments. He reported that since last month, several families had come forward with proposals to donate something for the new building, such as the Lions Club, Hubert Radford family, W. H. Woodard family, James Overbee family, JL Bailey family, Sam Godwin family and Holt family. He also mentioned that the town is still in the process of gathering historical memorabilia for display in the town hall. Commissioner Pittman said he planned to set a date for people to come and bring their items to the town hall. Dan Simmons commented that the engineers, architect, and builder want to provide a bronze plaque to display on the front of the building, and he displayed three different sizes of plaques to the board. The board unanimously approved the medium sized plaque to be placed on the brick divider on the front of the building.

MOTION: Gudac

SECOND: Garner

VOTE: unanimous

The board then decided to hold the open house/dedication at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, November 6, 2011. Dan Simmons said the USDA would like for the town to invite the congressional representatives to the open house. Mayor Holt said he would come up with a list of invitees and talk with Joyce Jenkins about some light refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Holt then announced that the NCDOT would be holding an informational meeting on Monday, October 24th at the Johnston Community Church, 450 Janie Road in Selma, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. concerning the US 70 Corridor and Interchange Improvements. He said the purpose of the meeting was for NCDOT representatives to provide information, answer questions and accept written comments regarding the proposed project, and there would be no formal presentation. He said the board members were invited to attend and that the NCDOT representatives would be on site at the town hall at 3:30 p.m. that same day, to talk with Pine Level representatives about the project, should any of the board members wish to come.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

The mayor then provided brief information pertaining to the water system that was installed in Pine Level in the 1950's. He read from a news clipping dated in 1956. He said the water project was estimated at \$165,000 to 185,000 and the tax rate at that time was \$1.00 per \$100 of valuation. The projected increase was \$1.20 or \$1.25 to pay off the water system improvements, over a 33-year note at 3.75%. He said the interest rate on the new town hall, ironically, was 3.75% as well.

CLOSED SESSION PERTAINING TO PROPERTY

At 7:45 p.m. the board unanimously voted to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5), for a discussion with the town attorney pertaining to property. All board members, the town attorney and town clerk attended the closed session. After a short discussion, the board re-entered regular session.

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION: Gudac

SECOND: Garner

VOTE: unanimous

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Holt commented that he received a complaint about how dark the side of the new building is at night. He said an area light might be necessary.

Commissioner Gudac commented that Jim and Cynthia Broadwell are renovating the old Styron Woodwork Building and that they will be renting it out for families or groups to have a place to get together. He said it is the oldest building in town, but their plans are very impressive.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, at 8:03 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

MOTION: Gudac

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR