



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 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, October 11, 2012 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, Recreation Coordinator Scottie Hayes, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, Zoning Chairman Randy Holloman, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Holt gave the invocation and Commissioner Gudac led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS: Closed Session for personnel (AG)

MOTION TO APPROVE: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 09-13-12

MOTION TO APPROVE: Anderson
SECOND: Gudac
VOTE: unanimous

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

Mayor Holt then recognized AJ Davis, officer with the Pine Level Police Department, who was hired October 4, 2010. He thanked Officer Davis for his service to the town and presented him with a service pin and a gift certificate from the town. He said that was the last of the full time employees to be recognized this year, and that 5-year service anniversaries would be recognized from now on out.

PUBLIC HEARING ON JONES REZONING REQUEST

Next, the mayor opened a required public hearing on a request filed by Randy Jones and Rusty Jones, to have a parcel on Davis Mill Road rezoned from partial RS and RA to completely RA, said hearing having been duly advertised on September 29 and October 3 in *The Kenly News*. Mayor Holt said the adjoining property owners were all notified of the hearing and the property was posted as required in the Zoning Ordinance. He also said that the Planning Board had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the rezoning to RA. The mayor said the issue did not appear to be a controversial one and that the intended use of the property was not up for discussion, since the owners could use it for whatever uses are allowed in the ordinance. There being no comment for or against the request, the mayor said he would entertain a motion to close the hearing.

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

He then said the board could take action on the request or table it, if they chose to do so. The board voted unanimously to approve the rezoning request, as recommended by the Planning Board.

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Johnson reported for the Fire Department. He said that October is "Fire Prevention Month" and he said they gave a talk to the kids at the elementary school. He said they would hold their annual Reverse Raffle in November, tickets are \$50. He asked about Halloween observance, since the Ladies Auxiliary would like to give out candy at the Fire Department. Mayor Holt said they would discuss that matter later on in the meeting and make a decision on observing Halloween.

Kester Kornegay asked if the Fire Department has someone on duty 24 hours a day. Mr. Johnson said no, they only have someone at the fire station for eight hours a day, and that volunteers cover the other 16 hours. Mayor Holt thanked the fire department for all they do.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PINE LEVEL SENIORS: Held their monthly meeting on October 10th. Mayor Holt said the seniors are a very active group.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Gudac. New water filtration system installed at water plant, back on town water now. Hand held computer meter reader broke, need to order a new one for meter reading. Recommended ordering new equipment for \$3500. (Commissioner Garner in after this vote.)

MOTION: Gudac
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. New playground equipment ordered, should be in by end of November. Football, cheering, soccer underway. Basketball registration starting next week. Asked if fees will be less for in-town or not. Mayor said there was discussion on that before, will need to research it and see exactly what decision was made before basketball season starts. Family Fun Day scheduled at the park for Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 17th tentatively. Mayor felt that the Park Restoration Committee would jump in and help with park functions.

POLICE: Commissioner Garner. Asked about observance of Halloween on Wednesday, October 31st, or a different night since that is church night. Commissioner Pittman said the kids would probably come out on two nights, if they should decide to change the night to observe trick or treating. Mayor Holt asked what the police were supposed to do if the board changed the night for trick or treating and then kids still come out on Halloween night anyway. Commissioner Gudac suggested just leaving it on Wednesday night and setting the time limits for 5 to 8 p.m.

MOTION TO OBSERVE HALLOWEEN ON OCT. 31 FROM 5 PM TO 8 PM: Gudac

SECOND: Garner

VOTE: yes - Pittman, Garner, Gudac, Holt
no - Anderson

Chief Sparks reported that Officer Alan Lee had an accident on the police car last week, while responding to a code blue call for help in Princeton. Happened at intersection of Hwy. 70 and 70-A, Officer Lee did not see the eastbound car and had collision. No injuries resulted from the accident. Car was towed to Donnie's Paint and Body Shop, still working with adjuster on claim. Also reviewed intersection of Hwy. 70-A and Herring Street. Ordered sign that says for vehicles to stop at white line. He said there is a zone at the intersection where a driver can safely pull up and see clearly at the intersection, but sight is obstructed if a vehicle stops exactly at the stop sign. Commissioner Pittman said you could see clearly if you pull all the way up to the highway. He asked if the town is liable for an accident if a sign is erected that directs people to pull their vehicle past the stop sign. Frank Wood agreed and said he would hesitate to alter the stop.

Commissioner Gudac asked about making Herring Street a one-way street. Scottie Hayes said the situation is much worse in the afternoon when the school traffic is lined up along Herring Street. Mayor Holt said they should study the issue a little bit more before they make a final decision. Commissioner Anderson said a big white stripe painted across the street should be self-explanatory. Commissioner Pittman asked if there should be a public hearing if they proposed to change the street to one-way. Commissioner Garner suggested making the street one way all the way to the railroad track. Commissioner Gudac and Mayor Holt agreed to go ahead and schedule a public hearing in November on the proposal to turn Herring Street into a one way northbound street.

STREETS: Commissioner Pittman. Streets cut recently for water line breaks, should be repaired soon. Still working on Pine South drainage issue; Ray Stuckey said he was trying to get prices on tiling. Dan Simmons reported that South Peedin sidewalk is in the hands of the NCDOT. He also said that the water level indicator on the water tank broke and the company that built the tank has said they would come back and repair the float. Mr. Simmons said it should not have broken this quickly.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

JC SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Rick Proctor, Solid Waste Manager with Johnston County, advised that "NCGS 130A-309.09A requires that local government officials develop a solid waste management plan to address waste disposal and waste reduction issues for a ten year future and then to update the plan every three years, and the next update is due this year." Local municipal officials have been asked to appoint someone to serve as a representative on the solid waste management plan committee and to participate with the new revision of the county Solid Waste Plan. Mayor Holt said he would appoint Ray Stuckey to represent Pine Level and to work with the county on the Solid Waste Plan revision.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

Mayor Holt read from a note he discovered in old paperwork, that was sent in 1966 to Police Chief Bud Oliver, detailing a National Civil Defense exercise, that the Johnston County Civil Defense Agency would be undertaking, and that it concerned alerting government officials in case of radiological fall out.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:40 p.m. the board members entered into a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) , for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue. All of the board members were in attendance, along with the town attorney, Frank Wood. Mayor Holt reported that no action was taken and the closed session ended at 8:45 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting came to an end at 8:50 p.m., by unanimous vote.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Anderson

SECOND: Pittman

VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR