



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 08, 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, November 08, 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, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, Recreation Coordinator Scottie Hayes, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Gudac gave the invocation and Commissioner Pittman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS:

DELETIONS:

12. Mayor's Minute (JH)

MOTION TO ADOPT: Anderson
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 10-11-12

MOTION TO ADOPT: Anderson
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to speak on non-agenda items. Mr. Nester McClain asked about the sidewalk project on South Peedin Avenue. Dan Simmons indicated that the project is in the hands of the NCDOT, and a date for the sidewalk construction has not been established yet, although it is moving forward.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO MAKE HERRING ST. ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC

At 7:06 p.m. the mayor opened a public hearing on a proposal to make Herring Street a one-way northbound street from US 70-A to the railroad tracks, said hearing having been duly advertised on October 24, 2012 in *The Kenly News*. Mayor Holt explained how the intersection at N. Herring St. and US 70-A Highway has been a problem intersection for some time, because vision is blocked by trees and bushes at the adjoining residence. He said several town representatives met with the property owner and a DOT representative to review the intersection and to see how it might best be resolved. He said one option that was offered at a previous meeting was to make Herring Street one-way and then no one would be pulling out from Herring Street onto US 70-A Highway.

Street Commissioner Phil Pittman explained that he and the mayor talked with Mr. Giles Jones, the adjoining property owner, and he was very cooperative. He said the town crew started work today on the trees in Mr. Jones' yard and would hopefully finish up tomorrow and then put Mr. Jones' yard back in order. Commissioner Pittman thanked Mr. Jones for his cooperation. Mr. Jones then commented that he wanted to have the line of sight issue resolved. He said the town would be cutting the trees and bushes back an extra two feet, and he would try to keep them trimmed back accordingly. He hoped that would resolve the issue, but if not, they could re-address it in the future.

Mayor Holt said he came through the intersection and it already looked much improved, and although they hated to have to approach the property owner, it was good to be able to work together. He said the town would help Mr. Jones anyway they could in cleaning up his yard. The mayor said he never favored the idea of a one-way street anyway. He too thanked Mr. Jones for his assistance. Commissioner Pittman thought that the intersection would be okay after this work is completed. There being no further comment on the issue, the board voted unanimously on a motion to close the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

MOTION: Garner
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

Mayor Holt said no further action would be necessary on the one-way street proposal. He then went on to say that there are a few other secondary intersections in town that need some attention as well. He said they were setting a precedent to clean up such areas. Commissioner Pittman said he would work on that with the chief and public works department before the next monthly meeting.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PARK RESTORATION: Scottie Hayes said a "Family Fun Day" has been scheduled for Saturday, November 17th at the park and they would hopefully be able to raise funds to apply toward the cost of the new playground equipment. Commissioner Anderson said they were looking for additional "cornhole" teams to participate in the event and that many local businesses have donated items for the silent auction that will be held on the 17th.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

WATER/SEWER: COMMISSIONER GUDAC. No issues at this time. Water leak earlier today; that is to be expected with season change. DOT to resurface US 70-A in near future, need to consider if any installations need to be completed under the highway before the paving is done. Ray Stuckey said there are not many manholes on 70-A, but there are valve boxes that will need to be raised.

STREETS: COMMISSIONER PITTMAN. Will soon have tile installed in Pine South. Putting up "Children at Play" signs in Pine South. Ray Stuckey said leaf season has started; need a site to dump leaves. Bank has offered to purchase a memorabilia display case, hope to make a decision soon on the design for a case and get it set up in the town hall.

POLICE: COMMISSIONER GARNER. Active month with police department, 99 calls including breaking and entering, directing traffic, juveniles with controlled substances, animal complaints, etc. Will probably need to address use of green Ford Ranger for animal calls in the future. Citizens should be aware that holiday season is upon us and remember to keep doors locked to prevent burglary. In process of getting police vehicle back in service from earlier accident.

RECREATION: COMMISSIONER ANDERSON. New playground equipment to come in next ten days. Football season completed. Scottie Hayes said Pine Level teams brought home several trophies that are on display in the town hall lobby. Basketball sign up going on for boys and girls aged 5-15. Games will begin in January. Christmas tree lighting ceremony to be held on Tuesday, November 27th. Christmas parade will be held on Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Anderson asked mayor if he could open the Cornhole Tournament for the Family Fun Day on November 17th. Registrations forms for the tournament are available on facebook.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Dan Simmons reported that the county is seeking authority from DENR to enforce erosion control and buffer programs in house. He said the review would come from Smithfield instead of the state and it should really cut down on the response time, and it should be a good idea. He explained that municipalities could participate in the program with the county if they make that request, and that it will go before the county commissioners in January. Mr. Simmons recommended that Pine Level participate in the program. Commissioner Garner said the town also needs to ask the county to handle animal control in town, since town residents pay the same county tax rate as other county residents but don't get the same services. Mayor Holt said they had crossed that bridge before with the county, but that he would agree to attend a county meeting and make the request before the county commissioners and maybe that a direct approach would get a better response.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE JC 3-YEAR UPDATE TO SOLID WASTE PLAN

Mayor Holt said Ray Stuckey was appointed at the last meeting to represent the town on the revision of the county plan, and that now the town needs to adopt a resolution to support and participate in the 3-year update of the county Solid Waste Plan. The resolution was unanimously approved as presented. A copy is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Gudac
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

2012 CHRISTMAS PARADE

The mayor stated that Pine Level has had good participation with parades in the past and that nothing is "broke" with the parade, but he feels that it could be made even better. He said it would take some legwork and maybe even some money to get more entries in the parade, such as other high school bands and the Shriner groups. Mayor Holt said he would like to see a committee formed to work on the parade, with representation from the board, police department, Ray Stuckey, the fire department, American Legion, VFW, the Seniors group, Lions Club, Boy Scouts, Recreation Committee. He said they would need to meet as soon as next Monday night, since it is such a late date already. He directed Mr. Hayes to contact those groups and request a representative to participate on the committee and come to the meeting on Monday night. He said the

committee could address such topics as the parade route, the line-up, a grand marshal, a rain date, sponsorship for the parade, and even concessions. He explained that the school system is considering prohibiting students from participating in future events on Sunday, and so Pine Level might not be able to have the parade on Sunday, although the mayor said he likes to have the parade on Sunday afternoon. Chief Sparks said the route needs to be determined as soon as possible so he can get approval from DOT. Mayor Holt said he has thought about reversing the parade route this year and lining up the entrants at the town hall parking lot and Brown Street.

TURKEY SHOOT EVENTS: LIONS CLUB NOV. 16-17, AMERICAN LEGION NOV. 20-21

Civic fundraisers at the park were unanimously approved for the holiday season.

MOTION: Garner
SECOND: Gudac
VOTE: unanimous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Holt announced there will be a ceremony on Sunday, November 11th at 2:00 p.m. at the Pine Level American Legion, in recognition of Veterans Day. He said the Boy Scouts would also hold a US flag retiring ceremony.

He also read a note of thanks from JC Clerk of Court Will Crocker, for the memorial flowers that the town sent during the recent loss of his wife, Rita Crocker.

Commissioner Anderson asked that her brother Michael be remembered in prayer as he undergoes surgery Monday, and her mother as she travels to be with him.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 7:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR