



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2014
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

After declaring a quorum present, Mayor Jeff Holt called a regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONER KAREN ANDERSON
 COMMISSIONER GREG BAKER
 COMMISSIONER JIMMY GARNER
 COMMISSIONER PHIL PITTMAN
 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 Baker gave the invocation and Commissioner Pittman then led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He also acknowledged all veterans that were in attendance and thanked them for their service.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS: 11. (A) Street paving/patching (GB)

MOTION TO APPROVE: Pittman

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 10-09-14

MOTION TO APPROVE: Anderson

SECOND: Baker

VOTE: unanimous

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Holt then made a special presentation to Johnston County Clerk of Superior Court Will R. Crocker, a Pine Level native who is retiring this year after 36 years of service with the county. The mayor commented that it was indeed a pleasure to participate in the presentation to Mr. Crocker and to recognize him for his many years of service to the county and its citizens. He thanked Mr. Crocker for always being helpful to Pine Level, and he announced that Mr. Crocker has agreed to serve as the Grand Marshal for Pine Level's annual Christmas Parade on December 14th. He displayed a picture from a 1954 Pine Level School annual that showed Mr. Crocker and a classmate, Mrs. Janice White. He then read a resolution honoring Mr. Crocker for his service, naming him as the town parade marshal, and proclaiming Sunday, December 14, 2014 as "Will Crocker Day" in Pine Level. A copy of the resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference. The mayor also presented him with a wooden plaque, containing a Certificate of Appreciation from the Town of Pine Level, and a Pine Level lapel pin. The mayor told Mr. Crocker that words could not adequately express the town's appreciation to him. Everyone gave Mr. Crocker a warm round of applause and he said he was grateful "from the bottom of his heart, and he wished his wife was still here to be a part of the ceremony." He continued with "one story" about how he came to work in the court system and he said that "Pine Level was the greatest place on earth" and he stated that he "would always love Pine Level."

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no committee reports but the mayor commented on the recent passing of Planning Board member, Sal Navarro, who died unexpectedly from leukemia. He said that Mr. and Mrs. Navarro had adopted Pine Level as their hometown and he became involved in local affairs, attending many board meetings and commenting on many issues. The mayor said he appreciated Mr. Navarro's contributions.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Public works employees doing a good job; sewer manhole liners are currently being shipped to the town for installation as approved last month. Should help with sewer infiltration and save money for the town. Ray Stuckey has talked with two companies about a maintenance contract on the water tank, Pittsburgh Tank and Utility Service Company. He said the town contracted with Utility Service Company for maintenance on the old water tank, and he recommended that their proposal be accepted for the new tank maintenance, as well. The board unanimously approved that recommendation. A copy of the twelve-year proposal from Utility Service Company is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Pittman

SECOND: Baker

VOTE: unanimous

POLICE: Chief Sparks. Everything going okay with police dept. State contract for new vehicles should be out in December. Holiday season quickly approaching, will have additional part time workers during holidays and the chief will work some night hours too. He said citizens should call in if they see anything that looks questionable and they should just dial 9-1-1 even if it is not an emergency call.

STREETS: Commissioner Baker. Asked Ray Stuckey to report on paving/patching proposals. Commissioner Pittman said that Mrs. Jackie Woodard mentioned a drainage area on Capps Street that needs attention. Mr. Stuckey then reported that he asked two companies to look at paving needs in town, Fulford and Jones Asphalt Company and Barnhill Contracting Company; he said the streets with tree root problems would need repair before they could be paved. He said Crocker Street had pine tree roots that would have to be cut out, and that would cost \$7910, and then paving the entire street would cost \$28,816. Commissioner Pittman asked about the striping on Crocker Street, and whether or not it would have to be replaced. Mr. Stuckey said that would be up to the board to decide; Mayor Holt said it would probably be good to keep it in place because the street is so narrow. Ray Stuckey said most town streets do not have striping, and he added that the county water line runs down Crocker Street and caused a sunken area down the middle of the street. Then he talked about the speed bumps on James Drive, one company would charge \$650-700 per bump, and Barnhill Contracting would charge \$479 each for five bumps. Mayor Holt said two or three would be adequate, Chief Sparks said the residents asked for five. Frank Wood advised that the town would make

that decision. The mayor said three should be enough; Chief Sparks said he would get with Keith Vaughn to decide the best locations for those three bumps. Mr. Stuckey then outlined other paving/patching concerns, as follows: paving

South Church Street, \$18153; paving Starling Street, \$9308, cutting out the roots on Starling, \$1648; paving Catherine Street, \$11800; paving Addie Drive, \$10000; patching Caroline Drive, \$763, paving Caroline Drive intersection, \$3625; patching Lori Drive, \$548 and James Drive, \$1039. Mr. Stuckey said the state has just approved the bids for resurfacing South Peedin Avenue and that Fred Smith Company got that job. Mayor Holt said he would talk with the DOT and get them to paint the stripes back on Crocker Street when they work on South Peedin. Mr. Stuckey said he didn't know when the paving work could be completed, depending on the weather in December, and whether or not it stays cold. Commissioner Anderson asked what would happen if the weather gets severely cold, would it tear up the new pavement and cause potholes. Mr. Stuckey said some of the streets could be delayed, but Crocker Street is the main concern. Mayor Holt asked if they should approve an amount and let Mr. Stuckey get as much work done as possible for that amount, or approve each one or what. Commissioner Baker thought they should go ahead with Crocker Street, Starling Street and South Church Street, install the three speed bumps on James Drive, and do the patch work. The board unanimously approved that proposal.

MOTION: Baker
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Finished up football season, taking registrations for basketball, ages 5-15. Play will start in January. Parade will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, 2014, with line-up starting at 2:00 p.m. at the town hall. Scottie Hayes said they would judge the homemade floats. Commissioner Anderson asked about parking on the vacant lot in front of the town hall; Chief Sparks said they could keep a check on the conditions and mark off any areas that might be too wet for parking purposes. Mayor Holt said it would not be a problem to dump a load of dirt out there if the vacant property gets messed up. Commissioner Anderson said the fencing bill needs to be submitted to the county for the matching grant funds approved for the town. Scottie Hayes reported that the porta-potties have been recently removed at the park. He said turkey shoot events would be held out there next week. Commissioner Anderson said one issue at the park recently has been destruction of the old stage area. Mayor Holt said the stage is probably the next thing that needs to come down at the park, anyway.

FIRE DEPT: Greg Johnson. Good results with the recent raffle. Ladies Auxiliary will have "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, December 6th. Firemen will help out with Christmas parade as needed.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Mayor Holt reported that health insurance for the town employees will change from Blue Cross Blue Shield over to United HealthCare, effective December 1, 2014. He said it was a good plan and that all the employees got enrolled earlier today. Even though it will be an increase in premium, it will not be even half as much as the increase proposed by Blue Cross Blue Shield.

INDOOR FIRING RANGE

The mayor said that a business owner came in last month and asked to talk with the board about the possibility of operating an indoor firing range at his business out on US Highway 70. Since he was not present, and had made no further request, the board did not discuss the issue any further.

BRASWELL REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION AND WATER SERVICE

Mayor Holt said that Dick Braswell entered a request for voluntary annexation of property he owns on West Blanche Street, where his nephew Wade Braswell is building a residence for sale. Commissioner Pittman proposed to let Mr. Braswell extend the water line to the property at his cost, to charge out of town water rates to the property, and not to annex the property at this time. The board unanimously agreed with that proposal.

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Baker

VOTE: unanimous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The mayor said the next board meeting will fall on Thursday, December 11, 2014, and the Christmas parade will be coming up on December 14, 2014. He pointed out that the Seniors Group will not have a meeting in December. He said he would get with the town clerk and plan a get together in December for the employees. Dan Simmons said he would have back surgery in December and be out of commission for about six weeks. And the mayor said that Frank Wood would be contacting the board members about ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, sometime in December.

He also explained that the DOT has looked at the drainage problems on West Main Street and they have drawn up plans for the project. He said money is available, thanks to discretionary funds approved by Representatives Langdon and Daughtry. The town will have to manage the project, but he said that he still needs to contact the railroad and get approval from them, since the work will be on railroad right of way. Dan Simmons said he would get a name for the mayor to make contact with the railroad.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: Anderson

SECOND: Baker

VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR