

Mayor
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Greg Baker

Board of Commissioners
Jimmy Garner
Phil Pittman
Bill Radford



Town Clerk
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Police Chief
Ashley Woodard

Public Works Supt.
Ray Stuckey

Rec. Coordinator
Scottie Hayes

**TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 10, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tem Greg Baker called the regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

X Mayor Jeff Holt
✓ Mayor Pro-tem Greg Baker
✓ Commissioner Jimmy Garner
✓ Commissioner Phil Pittman (arrived at 7:09 p.m.)
✓ Commissioner Bill Radford

STAFF PRESENT

Attorney Chip Hewett, Consultant Dan Simmons, Engineer Chad Simmons, Police Chief Ashley Woodard, Public Works Superintendent Ray Stuckey, and Town Clerk Connie Capps.

OTHERS PRESENT

Fire Chief Brannan Barbee, Fire Department President Greg Johnson, and Terry Rains

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Invocation: Mayor Pro Tem Greg Baker

Pledge: Commissioner Bill Radford

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve Agenda: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

MINUTES FROM APRIL 19, 2021

Motion to approve: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH NCGS CHAPTER 160D

Mayor Pro-tem Greg Baker stated that a public hearing was required in order to consider adopting amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances which is the (UDO) Unified Development Ordinance, in order to comply with the NCGS Chapter 160D requirements.

Motion to open public hearing: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

The public hearing was duly advertised in the Johnstonian News on April 28, 2021 and May 5, 2021, and also placed on the town's website www.pinelevel.org. In the public notice it was noted that a copy of the Draft Ordinance was made available for review at the Pine Level Town Hall during normal office hours.

Mayor Pro-tem Greg Baker asked if anyone would like to speak at the public hearing.

There was no public comment.

Motion to close public hearing: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to adopt the amendments required to comply with Chapter 160D: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Water/Sewer

Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey reported all was going well with the water and sewer project.

Consultant Dan Simmons introduced his son, Chad Simmons to the board. He stated that Chad would be assisting him with the town's projects since he has semi-retired.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Brannon Barbee reported that the fire department has an active fund raiser going on at the present time. He said the department will be holding a raffle for a deep-sea fishing trip with tickets being \$25 per ticket or five tickets for \$100. He stated the drawing would be held on Monday night, July 5th in conjunction with the fireworks celebration. The fire chief also stated that everything was on go for the town's fireworks celebration.

The fire chief also informed the board that the fire department would be burning a condemned house on East Brown Street in a few weeks. He said he had been working with Zoning Administrator Scottie Hayes and Johnston County on this request and he would contact the board on the exact date of the burn.

Streets

Commissioner Jimmy Garner inquired of the asphalt that was broken in front of the Southern Bank on Peedin Avenue and asked Supt. Ray Stuckey if he knew when the repair would be fixed. Ray said he was not sure. Mayor Pro-tem Greg Baker asked Supt. Ray Stuckey if he knew what Duke Energy employees were doing in town. Ray said he was unsure, but seemed to be doing some upgrades all over town such as replacing transformers, meters, etc.

Ray again reported that the amount of garbage has not slowed down at all, and said he did not think it was related to the pandemic. Commissioner Phil Pittman stated that the board may have to consider increasing the garbage rates due to the large amounts of garbage being picked up and the amount of trash items that are picked up beside the streets. Commissioner Bill Radford asked Ray if there was anything the town would not pick up. Supt. Ray Stuckey said the town will not pick up tires, batteries, or oil due to the landfill will not accept these items.

Police

Chief Ashley Woodard stated that last year the town board had talked about changing the speed limit on Peedin Avenue from one city limit sign to the other city limit sign. He said after a traffic study was completed by the NCDOT, they could not justify that change. The NCDOT stated that the speed limit could be changed beginning at the stoplight on 70-A Highway going Northward on Peedin Avenue to the city limit sign from 20 mph to 25 miles per hour, which is the state regulated speed limit. Commissioner Garner asked Attorney Chip Hewett if the town needed to hold a public hearing concerning this change. Attorney Hewett said it was up to the council to do so, and

stated that some ordinances require hearings and some do not. He said the board could call for a public hearing to get the citizens input, but doesn't think it is required to do so in order to change the speed limit. Attorney Hewett stated that this item should be placed on the agenda in June in order to have the board approve the Certification of Municipal Declarations and to certify the ordinance to send back to the NCDOT.

Chief Woodard also informed the board that he had received the rifles, body cameras, and car cameras, and that the new police car was on the way.

RECREATION

Commissioner Bill Radford reported that it was busy at the park. He said Commissioner Pittman and himself would be taking a survey at the park very soon to see what needs repairing. He stated the shelters at the park are still in need of repairs as well as some infrastructure.

Terry Rains asked if a concession stand or a food truck could be placed across the street at the other ballfields so parents and kids would not have to cross the street. Commissioner Radford said he would talk with Scottie Hayes about the possibility of a food truck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Town Clerk Connie Capps stated the Budget Amendments were enclosed with the agenda information for the board to review and approve.

Motion to adopt Budget Amendments: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous


The Budget Amendments are included and made a part of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Garner and seconded by Commissioner Bill Radford to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

Connie N. Capps
Town Clerk




Greg Baker, Mayor Pro-tem