

**Mayor**  
*Jeff Holt*

**Mayor Pro-Tem**  
*Greg Baker*

**Board of Commissioners**  
*Jimmy Garner*  
*Phil Pittman*  
*Bill Radford*



**Deputy Clerk**  
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**Police Chief**  
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**Public Works Supt.**  
*Ray Stuckey*

**Rec. Coordinator**  
*Scottie Hayes*

## **TOWN OF PINE LEVEL**

### **REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**JANUARY 8, 2024**

#### **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeff Holt called the regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pine Level Town Hall.

#### **ROLL CALL**

✓ Mayor Jeff Holt  
✓ Commissioner Greg Baker  
✓ Commissioner Jimmy Garner  
✓ Commissioner Phil Pittman  
✓ Commissioner Bill Radford

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Attorney Chip Hewett, Police Chief Ashley Woodard, Recreation Director/Zoning Adm. Scottie Hayes, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, Administrative Asst. Ashley Willoughby, and Deputy Clerk Billie Kay Twigg.

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Richard Arthur, Jonathan Arthur, Vann Jones, Leon Oliver, Rodney Cabe, Merle Hall, Terry Rains, Connie and Ken Capps, Kelly and James Melby, Caitlin Capps, Danny Avery, Will and Paige Barnes, Debra and Sam Heuertz, Sue Pate, Rusty Smith, Bonnie Barbee, Kevin Kornegay, Edward and Janet Martin, Barbara Poole, Joe Poole and Terry Karlson.

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Jeff Holt

**PLEDGE:** Terry Rains

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve: Commissioner Greg Baker

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from December 11, 2023 and Check Listing for December, 2023

Motion to approve: Commissioner Phill Pittman

Second by: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION HONORING TOWN CLERK CONNIE CAPPS**

Mayor Jeff Holt next recognized Connie Capps who retired as Town Clerk on December 31, 2023 with 38 years of service to the Town of Pine Level. He stated that she began working full-time on May 20, 1985, on July 1, 1989 was appointed as Deputy Clerk, and September 14, 2020 was appointed as Town Clerk. A floating reception was held on Sunday, January 7, 2024 in her honor. Mayor Jeff Holt expressed his appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the town and presented her with a framed Resolution. She was also presented a NC General Assembly flag that was flown over the Legislative Building on January 8<sup>th</sup> from Representative Larry Strickland, a letter from Johnston County Board of Commissioners and a letter from Johnston County Sheriff Steve Bizzell. Connie Capps thanked the Mayor for the reception.

### **PROCLAMATION FOR "ALL IN RED WEEK"**

Mayor Jeff Holt read the Proclamation for "ALL IN RED WEEK" which is for the month of February. It is an opportunity to increase heart health awareness and to invite all Johnston County residents, business owners, and visitors to participate by wearing red on Friday, February 2, 2024 "NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY". Mayor Jeff Holt encouraged everyone to support and participate in this event. Commissioner Jimmy Garner made a motion to adopt the Proclamation and Commissioner Greg Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The Proclamation is included and made a part of these minutes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Terry Rains asked the board about the town asking the people on US 70-A Highway to Fire Tower Road to be annexed because of Selma annexing properties in the town's ETJ. He also stated that we could mention to the citizens the benefits of being in the city limits. Mayor Jeff Holt stated he is concerned about the growth coming from the west. Mayor Jeff Holt stated that they could annex to our city limits.

### **JOINT RESOLUTION TOWN OF PINE LEVEL AND JOHNSTON COUNTY**

Mayor Jeff Holt stated that in 2014 the town entered into a resolution with Johnston County stating they would enforce Chapter 14, Article XII, Erosion and Sediment Control, within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction. The Town of Pine Level and Johnston County have agreed to terminate the agreement in the joint resolution effective March 31, 2024.

Motion by: Commissioner Phil Pittman

Seconded by: Commissioner Jimmy Garner.

Vote: Unanimous

### **ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CITY LIMITS FOR ELJON, LLC**

Commissioner Greg Baker made a motion to extend the city limits for the property owned by ELJON, LLC on US 70-A Highway and seconded by Commissioner Bill Radford. The vote was unanimous.

### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR DMS ANNEXATION REQUEST**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bill Radford and seconded by Commissioner Greg Baker to open the public hearing on an annexation request submitted by DMS Partners, LLC for Parcel #12N11003. The vote was unanimous. Vann Jones, owner of property, asked for the property that is not in the city limits to be annexed. He stated the everything has been done for the annexation. Mayor Jeff Holt asked were there any questions about this annexation. Rusty Smith of 109 Dogwood Lane stated there was a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase behind his house showing a street behind his property. He wanted to know if it was in the plans but never approved by the town. Vann Jones added that when he bought the property he was never told about the street and it was never recorded. Zoning Administrator Scottie Hayes said regardless if it has been approved or not it still has to be annexed.

Terry Karlson of 304 Davis Mill Road asked if they would vote on annexation now. Mayor Jeff Holt stated the board could take action now or wait. Sam Heuertz of 113 Oak Street asked about the storm water drainage through LaBelle Acres. He wanted to make sure that if it was going to be a subdivision on the property that they did not throw the water back on LaBelle Acres. Mayor Jeff Holt stated the Planning Board will review the subdivision and address those issues. Mayor Jeff Holt stated the subdivision on Pinecrest Road had to put retention ponds in the subdivision.

Joe Poole of Cary asked if the property was RA. He was told it is zoned RS and would not have to be rezoned. He also wanted to know if the developer was going to put a subdivision on it. Rusty Smith asked is there a reason for documenting wet lands because it is not documented in the Town's Land Use Map. Surveyor Merle Hall stated when he surveys property, he looks at all things on the property (wet lands, buffers, environmental, etc.) and it's on the map so everyone knows they are there.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Commissioner Phil Pittman

Seconded: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to annex property: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Seconded by: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

### **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE THE SUFFICIENCY OF ANNEXATION PETITION FOR PAUL SCHULTZE**

Motion to adopt the Resolution: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second by: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

**CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY FOR PAUL SCHULTZE ANNEXATION**

Mayor Jeff Holt stated Town Clerk Connie Capps has checked the sufficiency of the annexation petition submitted by Paul Schultze and found that it is sufficient for moving forward and certified this request.

**RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF PAUL SHULTZE**

Motion made by Commissioner Jimmy Garner to hold public hearing on February 12, 2024  
Seconded by: Commissioner Phil Pittman  
Vote: Unanimous

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Motion to approve: Commissioner Jimmy Garner  
Seconded by: Commissioner Bill Radford  
Vote: Unanimous

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Vote: Unanimous

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING CLERK TO INVESTIGATE ANNEXATION PETITION FOR BILL CLARKE**

Motion made by: Commissioner Bill Radford  
Seconded by: Commissioner Greg Baker  
Vote: Unanimous

**CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY FOR BILL CLARKE ANNEXATION REQUEST**

Mayor Jeff Holt stated Town Clerk Connie Capps has checked the sufficiency of the annexation petition submitted by Bill Clarke and found that it is sufficient for moving forward and certified this request.

**RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF BILL CLARKE**

Motion made by Commissioner Jimmy Garner to hold public hearing on February 12, 2024  
Seconded by: Commissioner Phil Pittman  
Vote: Unanimous

## **PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR ELJON- QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING**

Commissioner Bill Radford made a motion to close regular meeting and to open the Quasi-Judicial Hearing at 7:50 pm and it was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Garner.

Mayor Jeff Holt stated this special use permit request requires the Board to act as a Quasi-Judicial Board. He stated anyone who wished to speak in favor of or against this request was required to be sworn in and it would be on the record which would be included in the minutes. He asked Town Attorney Chip Hewett if he was right to say that only expert testimonies or statements of facts can be given and not statements of opinions.

Town Attorney Chip Hewett confirmed that was correct. He explained that opinions do not matter and that only evidentiary substantial material confident evidence should be used for findings of fact; which was required. Opinions as to what you think about it; like in a legislative hearing at this point is not before the Board. He stated the Board members are sitting as judge and jury for the special use permit.

Mayor Jeff Holt asked Administrative Assistant Ashley Willoughby to adjust the map displaying the property for the Board members. He explained the special use permit was requested for a piece of property annexed earlier for about 3.93 acres.

Commissioner Phil Pittman asked if the property was near the cemetery.

Mayor Jeff Holt confirmed it was near the cemetery. He explained the reason a special use permit was being asked for is because the construction of multi-family housing is allowed in a RH zoning district with an issuance of a special use permit. Mayor Jeff Holt stated with a special use permit the Town may impose certain conditions. He directed the attention of the Board members to the map where it shows the location of the property's two zoning districts and the annexation line. He explained what they see there is what the Board just annexed and that is now part of the Town. He stated what the Board members cannot see because it doesn't show (on this map) is that everything on the left of that green line inside the red outline is zoned RH and everything to the right of that is zoned RA- Residential Agricultural. He stated a request was needed from ELJON, LLC to issue a special use permit, so they can construct duplex apartments on this part here on the left side of the green line. He confirmed they had been before the Planning Board; they had submitted some preliminary plans for review showing a preliminary outline of where these units would be and addressed setback requirements. He explained that in the paperwork the Board would see when they applied, they had addressed certain things about the property being zoned RH and RA. There will be multifamily houses such as two-family dwellings, an access utility easement will be included in that, they will have separate driveway/ garage for each family unit to allow parking, all the schools, fire, EMS, and police would be available. He stated any utility extensions required to do this would be paid for at the developer's expense and that it does meet the requirements of the existing zoning ordinance. He explained according to the ordinance it requires the review of the Planning Board and the issuance of a special use permit. He stated it's up to our Board whether or not to take action to issue the special use permit. He recalled last month's meeting when it was the recommendation of the Planning Board to recommend the approval of the special use permit filed by Teresa Creech Arthur, who is the owner of record, with the conditions that the straight entrance way coming from US 70-A be paved after four buildings are completed or two years whichever comes first; that a fire hydrant will be installed per North Carolina Fire Code if required in the multi-



family complex; the turnaround area will meet North Carolina DOT standards for emergency vehicles and only the current annexed RH zoning of the property be a part of the special use. He stated typically when you issue a special permit it goes with the entire piece of property. He gave the following example: if I owned a thirty-acre piece of property and I just wanted to rezone a slither of it or allow a special use, it would normally go with the whole thirty. He explained that in this case, they are asking for the special use permit only for the part that is zoned RH. He stated it is rare to have one piece of property with two zoning jurisdictions on it. The Board members would use lot lines and boundaries when they were drawing in the Town's zoning boundaries. He explained the reason why (the Planning Board) put that condition in there was so that if a year, five years, or ten years from now the LLC must come back if they wish to build more and apply for another special use because it doesn't go with the entire parcel in this case. He stated anyone who wished to speak would have to come and be sworn in.

Town Attorney Chip Hewett stated he would like to swear everyone in at one time that way moving forward anyone that comes forward will be testifying and called for evidence.

Mayor Jeff Holt asked if anyone would like to make any comments either on behalf of the developers or the adjoining property owners. He wanted to clarify since this was public hearing the adjoining property owners were notified and many in fact were present at last month's meeting.

Town Attorney Chip Hewett asked if Zoning Administrator Scottie Hayes would offer anything from staff. Zoning Administrator Scottie Hayes stated he does not know other than what has already been offered. Town Attorney Chip Hewett asked if Kevin Kornegay would speak on behalf of the Planning Board. Vice-Chairman Kevin Kornegay responded he would.

Town Attorney Chip Hewett then sworn in Zoning Administrator Scottie Hayes, Vice-Chairman Kevin Kornegay, Merle Hall, Richard Arthur, and Jonathan Arthur.

Town Attorney Chip Hewett introduced into the record what the Board members had in front of them, which was what had been filed with the Planning Board and considered. He clarified that the Planning Board did not vote on the special use permit and that any recommendation made was considered non-binding so all the information that has been submitted is before (the Board) and has been received into evidence as part of the record. As of right now that is all the Board has on the record. He asked if there was any additional evidence to be submitted. He asked if Kevin Kornegay would speak on behalf of the Planning Board and if he could affirm what the Planning Board had said regarding this SUP (special use permit).

Planning Board Vice-Chairman Kevin Kornegay of 205 N. Peedin Ave. Pine Level, NC confirmed the information the Board received from the Planning Board was correct. He testified they (the owners of the property) came to the Planning Board for a recommendation for a special use and after reviewing the request there were some concerns about the road not being paved. He explained that they have got property that's in the town and we are trying not to have dirt roads inside the town's jurisdiction. So, we wanted to require them to pave that eventually. He stated he understands (the owner) had some concerns about paving it all at one time and concerns about the expense upfront for the cost of paving the whole property if they're not building on it right away. He stated all they are looking to do right now is four units. He stated regardless of how many; we wanted to put a time limit on it. That is why we stated four buildings or two years whichever came first. He stated he didn't know of any other concerns.

He asked Zoning Administrator Scottie Hayes if he had anything. Zoning Administrator Scottie Hayes responded no.

Town Attorney Chip Hewett asked if the road would be public, private and would it be paved by NC DOT specs. He asked how the road or driveway would be maintained and whether it would become a state road/public or stay private.

Planning Board Vice-Chairman Kevin Kornegay testified it would not be required to be made a state road and that it would be a burden on the property owner if they chose to do, so unless this Board required it. He stated with a special use the Town Board had that right to. He explained there are other private drives inside the Town's jurisdiction that are not paved and are not turned over to the DOT for one reason or the other. Town Attorney Chip Hewett responded if it is not, it stays private.

Planning Board Vice-Chairman Kevin Kornegay testified that was correct. He stated one of the reasons we put some stipulations on the initial construction was so that if (the owner) ever chose (to make it public) it would already be somewhat set up that way. He stated if (the owner) didn't have a cul-de-sac sized correctly beforehand, he didn't know how that would affect the Town if it were turned over later. He explained part of the requirements was to make the turnaround area to DOT specs, so it could be turned over if they chose to.

Commissioner Phil Pittman asked if the road stays private; when we resurface the roads within the Town then that road would not be resurfaced at the taxpayers' expense. He wanted to ensure it would be the property owner's (responsibility) in that area and that the property owner would have to pay for that.

Commissioner Greg Baker stated looking at the diagram we have it shows the street or driveway going from 70-A all the way back to that dirt road towards the dog pound.

Expert witness from Hall Land Surveying, Merle Hall of 1899 Stevens Chapel Rd in Smithfield speaking on behalf of the owners testified that it stops short and what goes all the way back is a pump utility easement so (the owners) can get the utilities from the sewer lines to the property. He stated the developer ELJON LLC, Richard Arthur and sons, Jonathon and Elliot, are in agreement with the recommendation from the Planning Board. As far as paving, it would be built and paved but it just would not necessarily be built and paved to NC DOT standards because of the cost to maintain and the fact that it will be a private drive maintained by the LLC. He stated any repaving done, ELJON LLC would be responsible for doing that. He explained they would have a public utility easement considered along the proposed road to enable water/sewer connections that we need which will stick out to the East just in case they decide to extend on in the future and as the Mayor had said they would have to go back through the rezoning process for any additional property, annexation and special use for any future plans. He stated this is just for the approximate nine units they have shown on the diagram.

Commissioner Greg Baker asked if there was a buffer referring to the unit that is closest to the cemetery. He stated he knows there is a road or a drive around the cemetery but asked Mr. Hall if he knew how large the space was between that unit and that area as well as would there be a buffer.

Merle Hall testified they had talked with the people at the cemetery. He explained when they do their final design draws and layouts to turn over to Scottie for approval; they would have some sort of easement around them so they (the cemetery) can maintain their drive around there. He stated he couldn't tell the Board where exactly it will be right now, but they will have an easement where they can continue to drive around the cemetery without any issue.

Mayor Jeff Holt asked if there was anyone else sworn in that wished to speak.

Richard Arthur, owner of the property, stated he thinks everyone said what they needed to say and they appreciate the help.

Mayor Jeff Holt stated the only comment he would mention that Mr. Hall had addressed at Commissioner Pittman's request was that the street they would put in; that they would pave it within whatever stipulation ordered or requested by the Town. He stated it's his understanding that it sounds like it is not the owners' intention to ever dedicate that to the Town to become a public street. They want to maintain it as a private street going forward; which by doing that they are not required to build it to DOT standards whatever that width is.

Merle Hall testified when they meant not DOT standards it's because of contractive movement. He explained the width of the pavement would be more or less what the DOT requires. It's just the depth of stone and depth of asphalt may not be to their standards. He stated they are pretty strict with what they require, and this is primarily a small residential site.

Commissioner Jimmy Garner asked how this was going to affect the Town as far as 911 going on that road. Town Attorney Chip Hewett wished to clarify with the Police Chief on the terms of 911 that they are still within the city limits and the department can still respond to the private roads. He stated it did, however, have an impact on utility and trash vehicles.

Commissioner Bill Radford asked if the Town's trash truck could go down that street. Town Attorney Chip Hewett responded it's not a public street. Commissioner Bill Radford stated so it can't. Town Attorney Chip Hewett explained it could, but it's not required.

Mayor Jeff Holt recalled a similar situation years ago where a few citizens living on a private road in the ETJ had issues with emergency services finding them. He stated the residents went to the County because it was in the ETJ, they didn't come to the Board, and they named that private drive Flag Lane. Now it is recognized by Johnston County as Flag Lane with a PVT on the sign. He stated someone can distinguish the sign by the green design which designates it's not public but its private. He informed the property owner they could probably do the same thing and it could just be a private drive. He advised the property owner to be sure to make the County aware of it and whatever the street numbers are, so 911 would know how to respond; if that is what they wish to do. He stated he recalls being involved with the County needing him to sign off to allow it to be a private drive.

Commissioner Greg Baker asked about the unit at the end with the long driveway located close behind the cemetery. He questioned whether the Town's trash truck could go down that road and be able to turn around to come back. He stated the Board wouldn't want all that trash up at the front of 70 Highway if the trucks couldn't go down there.



Merle Hall testified that it came up for discussion but it never really got answered because they didn't have anybody that knew the exact policy of the Town's trash collection.

Commissioner Greg Baker stated he doesn't think there is going to be an issue as far as the trash collection except that it's a private road and there would have to be something saying we could come on your property.

Merle Hall testified that is one of the reasons why they had the access easement on there is so anybody that needs to get on the property for anything in that regard they could. He stated it won't be like a private easement where you have to own the property or live there to get on it. It would be public for utility, water/ sewer, we would include any garbage because it is a service of the Town, and they would have the right to access that because of the public.

Commissioner Greg Baker asked if it's the owner's intent for them (the residents) to be able to wheel out (their garbage) to the end of their driveway. Merle Hall responded yes, if the Town would be willing to.

Commissioner Bill Radford recommended to keep in mind if that is a private road and it's not built at the standards of the Town's streets that we may need some kind of hold harmless agreement as far as our town equipment if it damages the weight of the street, especially the big garbage truck. Town Attorney Chip Hewett responded that it was a good idea.

Merle Hall testified that's one thing their engineers are working on. When he does his design on the road, we will consider that to ensure that. Commissioner Bill Radford responded the Board would still need an agreement because they don't want to drop twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars repaving a piece of street. Commissioner Greg Baker stated the Town doesn't want to damage the road.

Commissioner Phil Pittman stated the Board needs to make sure there is room for that garbage truck to turn around.

Commissioner Bill Radford questioned the single dwelling that is next to that graveyard with concerns for how Town's equipment going get down there.

Mayor Jeff Holt responded it would not and the (resident) would have to pull it to the street.

Merle Hall testified at the final layout they may move that (unit) closer; that way it won't go back so far. He provided additional information that they already had an approved driveway permit from NC DOT for that driveway. Town Attorney Chip Hewett asked to clarify the wording of one driveway. Merle Hall confirmed the wording of one driveway.

Mayor Jeff Holt asked if there were any other comments or questions. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn this public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting.

Motion made by: Commissioner Bill Radford

Seconded by: Commissioner Greg Baker

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Jeff Holt asked if any of the board members wish to make a motion to approve without conditions, approve with conditions, to deny, or table it until the next meeting. He reminded the board members that the conditions were that the straight entrance way coming from US 70-A be paved after four buildings are completed or two years whichever comes first; that a fire hydrant will be installed per North Carolina Fire Code if required in the multi-family complex; the turnaround area will meet North Carolina DOT standards for emergency vehicles and only the current annexed RH zoning of the property be a part of the special use.

Motion made by Commissioner Phil Pittman to approve the special use request with the conditions.

Seconded by: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Phil Pittman stated the Seniors had a meeting and will start taking action soon on having the seniors to start meeting again.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Nothing to report.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Town Attorney Chip Hewett said he will give the reports at the next meeting.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Recreation**

Recreation Director Scottie Hayes stated that basketball and cheerleading will finish up the end of February. Spring sports forms will be going out the next week. Matt Radford with the Recreation Committee stated they will be having a fundraiser at Hinnant Vineyards on February 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The tickets are \$100 for one person and \$150 for two people. The tickets include food, entertainment and prizes auctioned off as well as cash prizes throughout the night. All proceeds go to the kids for recreation.

#### **Public Works**

Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey stated the company started putting in 150 new electronic meters last week and finished today. They will have to do a test pilot with our software company to see if there will be any problems before they finish with the others.

Commissioner Greg Baker talked with Barnhill for paving or patching the streets but has not received a list yet.

Ray Stuckey is to get a proposal from GFL for trash pick up in Scottie's Ridge, Pinecrest, Pine South II for the next meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## POLICE

Commissioner Jimmy Garner stated we are in need of two Police Officers and another vehicle for the subdivision that are coming. Chief Ashley Woodard stated he is finishing up the paperwork on a new hire. He also stated everything went well during the holidays.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

There was no representative from Fire Department.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Leon Oliver had asked about having horses on his property but it is in the city limits. Our ordinance states that you cannot have livestock within the city limits. Mayor Jeff Holt stated it would require an amendment to the ordinance and a public hearing. We could amend the ordinance with the following exceptions such as minimum lot size not horse pen size, shelter and feeding size. Town Attorney Chip Hewett to come back with the verbiage at the next meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rodney Cabe stated the man should start mowing Moccasin Creek and be done by February.

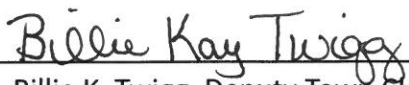
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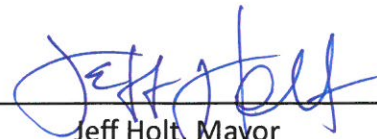
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by: Commissioner Bill Radford

Seconded by: Commissioner Greg Baker

Vote: Unanimous

  
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Billie K. Twigg, Deputy Town Clerk

  
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## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, the well-being of our community is of paramount importance and maintaining excellent health among our citizens is a top priority, February marks the month-long, county-wide heart health awareness campaign entitled "ALL IN RED", organized by UNC Health Johnston and Johnston Health Foundation; and

**Whereas**, in the United States, North Carolina, and Johnston County, heart disease is a leading cause of death among men and women;

**Whereas**, per the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 80% of deaths from premature heart disease and stroke could be prevented by changes in physical activity, diet, education and management of common medical conditions, and;

**Whereas**, ALL IN RED is an opportunity to increase heart health awareness, while addressing the growing needs of local cardiology patients; and

**Whereas**, the ALL IN RED campaign invites all Johnston County residents, business owners and visitors to participate in this initiative by **wearing RED on February 2, 2024**, National Wear Red Day, and/or **running a RED promo or fundraiser in February**; and

**Whereas**, the financial challenges of a heart patient are enormous; all funds raised within this campaign period will benefit local heart patients through the Johnston Health Foundation's Heart Fund; and

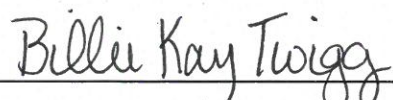
**Whereas**, on this day, we recognize heart disease and stroke survivors, those battling the disease, their families who are their source of love and encouragement, and applaud the efforts of our medical professionals who provide quality care; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Pine Level Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim February 2024 as **"ALL IN RED MONTH"** and encourages businesses, industries and citizens in the community to support and participate in this event.

**Duly proclaimed this 8th day of January 2024, while in regular session.**

  
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Mayor Jeff Holt

ATTEST:

  
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Billie Kay Twigg, Deputy Town Clerk