

Mayor
Jeff Holt

Mayor Pro-Tem
Greg Baker

Board of Commissioners
Jimmy Garner
Phil Pittman
Bill Radford

Interim Town Administrator
Sharon Evans



Interim Town Clerk
Ashley Willoughby

Police Chief
Ashley Woodard

Public Works Supt.
Ray Stuckey

Rec. Coordinator
Scottie Hayes

**TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JUNE 17, 2024**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Holt called the regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7:04 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 Mike Wilber, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, Interim Town Administrator Sharon Evans, and Interim Town Clerk Ashley Willoughby.

OTHERS PRESENT

Samuel Heuertz, Ronnie Cabe, Richard Arthur, Patrick Eatmon, Kevin Kornegay, and Terry Rains.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Greg Baker

PLEDGE: Terry Rains

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve with the following amendments: to table Item 8 to the July 8th meeting; to add under New Business Item A- Resolution to declare two surplus properties and Item B- to call for a public hearing for July 8th meeting to consider an amendment to a map to a recently annexed property: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Includes: Minutes from May 13, 2024, Recessed meeting minutes from June 3, 2024, Budget Amendment- 2 for FY 2023-2024, and Check Listing for May 2024.

Motion to approve with the exception the Budget Amendment-2 be removed: Commissioner Greg Baker

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Jeff Holt said the Board will hold off doing the budget amendment as the next one will be the final amendment for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Samuel Heuertz, resident at 113 Oak St., asked about the Town's plans for the Fourth of July Celebration. Mayor Jeff Holt stated there will be some food trucks available and fireworks on July 4th.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET

A motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Garner to open the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Radford and vote was unanimous.

Mayor Jeff Holt stated the Board met on June 3rd for a budget session to discuss and review a proposed budget for the upcoming 2024-2025 year. He stated the proposed budget had not changed since that night. He provided a budget summary which included the following:

- Current tax rate to remain the same at \$0.48/\$100.
- Garbage rates to remain the same
- Sewer rates increased about six percent per hundred gallons.

Mayor Jeff Holt said this increase is to reflect the County's six percent increase in fees for sewer treatment and transmission.

- Increase in salaries for existing employees and for additional personnel
- \$5 increase for recreational registration fees
- Ten percent increase in Town's contribution to the Pine Level Fire Department which equals to \$155,375.00.
- Return check/ draft fee increased from \$25 to \$30.
- Dump truck rental fee to be increased from \$25 plus the landfill tipping fee to \$50 plus the landfill tipping fee.

Commissioner Jimmy Garner asked how much the property tax had increased since last year. Mayor Jeff Holt stated the estimated property tax increase was about \$32,000. Commissioner Jimmy Garner stated the Town is giving about \$14,000 of that to the Fire Department. He said the Town is working hard to manage and maintain the taxpayers' money. Mayor Jeff Holt stated the cost in fuels, healthcare, workers comp, and other expenditures are rising. He said the Town has been very fortunate during the last few budget cycles to receive grants for improvements to the water and sewer departments as well as improvements to the parks. He mentioned the park had many upgrades as a result the fees relating to field and shelter rental fees for the outside Town residents have changed. He mentioned many years ago the Town Board passed an

ordinance regarding electronic gaming or sweepstakes and those fees have been included on this year's fee schedule. Commissioner Jimmy Garner said there is one currently at the gas station that will be shut down soon due to it being too close to a church.

Mayor Jeff Holt wanted to thank the ladies in the office for their hard work in preparing this budget and the department heads for their assistances.

Motion to close the public hearing: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Seconded by: Commissioner Phil Pittman

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to adopt the FY 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance by: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Seconded by: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIORS

Commissioner Phil Pittman mentioned the seniors had a good meeting last week which involved County trivia where Janice White was the winner. Mayor Jeff Holt said the Town will be hosting the next Senior meeting on July 10th.

PLANNING BOARD

Vice Chairman Kevin Kornegay said he hopes to have something for the Board next month regarding the Downtown District.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Mike Wilber, representative for Town Attorney Chip Hewett, stated there was nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS- Commissioner Phil Pittman said Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey and his men are working hard repairing leaks.

POLICE- Commissioner Jimmy Garner stated the Police Department is doing a great job. Commissioner Bill Radford asked how the cameras at the park were doing. Commissioner Jimmy Garner stated the cameras are a great tool. He mentioned how the cameras could alert the police officers of flagged license plates and other AI features.

RECREATION- Commissioner Bill Radford stated the Recreation department would kick-off the fall season with football and cheer which will start on August 1st. He mentioned the games will run until October 26th with a total number of three football teams and three cheer squads. He said the registration for fall baseball ages 7-12, softball ages 7-12, tee ball ages 3-6, and soccer ages 4-12 begins this month and will start practice around September 1st. He said he would like to thank the Recreation department for how well the park looks. Ronnie Cabe stated the dog park looks good. Commissioner Bill Radford said it looks great and he has referred some people

to use the dog park. Ronnie Cabe asked about the waste collection at the dog park. The Board said there would be waste collection stations there for people to use.

STREETS- Commissioner Greg Baker asked Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey if there were any updates to report. Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey stated he had nothing to report. Commissioner Greg Baker said the men are working hard.

Mayor Jeff Holt reminded the Board members and public that pilot program for prioritize trash pickup by private company starts July 1st for Pine South, Pine Valley Estates, Starfield Acres, Country Estates, and Scottie's Ridge on Mondays. He mentioned the Town had sent out one notice to those residents and an additional notice will be sent next week. He mentioned the notice informed the residents of the rules regarding the bins.

FIRE DEPARTMENT- None

MOCCASIN CREEK

Ronnie Cabe informed the Board members of the cancelation of the upcoming meeting.

STAFF- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

MAYOR'S MINUTE-

Mayor Jeff Holt stated he met with the Town's representative from DOT at the Wood's property to determine what can be done to help with the issues brought before the Board at last month's meeting. He informed the Board members that the representative would send a crew and equipment to investigate the area. He mentioned the representative would also investigate the forty-eight-inch pipe which goes under Country Store Road that drains LaBelle Acres as well. He said those roads are State maintained and the DOT would look into those areas.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Resolution to Declare Two Surplus Properties

Mayor Jeff Holt said the resolution declares a 1989 GMC garbage truck and 2000 Chevrolet service truck as surplus.

Motion to adopt the resolution: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Seconded by: Commissioner Phil Pittman

Vote: Unanimous

Item B- Call for a public hearing

Mayor Jeff Holt said he need a motion to call for a public hearing to be held on July 8th to consider a correction to a recently annexed map.

Motion to call for the public hearing to be held on July 8th: Commissioner Phil Pittman

Seconded by: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Jeff Holt asked Attorney Mike Wilber to help the Town Clerk with the verbiage of the advertisement.

Other:

Mayor Jeff Holt stated there was a gentleman present who would like to put a bid in to provide landscaping services for the Town. He said no action would be taken tonight but if the Board members could think over the proposal.

Mayor Jeff Holt mentioned the Board members have received an invitation from the Town of Selma for elected officials for July 19th for a private tour of the depot from 5:30 to 6 p.m. followed by a private presentation/ dinner at the Selma Civic Center 6 to 7:30 p.m. He said a big community celebration will be held in Downtown Selma on Saturday night. He said he will not be able to attend but he will send the information to the Board members, so they could RSVP if they wish to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Motion by: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Seconded by: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous


Ashley Willoughby, Interim Town Clerk


Mayor

