

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
RECESSED MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 03, 2024**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Holt called the recessed May 13, 2024 meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:05 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

Interim Town Administrator Sharon Evans and Interim Town Clerk Ashley Willoughby.

OTHERS PRESENT

Fire Chief Joseph Radford, Greg Johnson, Samuel and Debra Heuertz.

DISCUSSION- PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Mayor Jeff Holt discussed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. He provided a brief summary which included the following:

- Current tax rate to remain the same at \$0.48/\$100.
- Increase in salaries for existing employees and for additional personnel
- Appropriated Fund Balance account increased to bring out grant funds the Town received in the current year to be used in the next coming year.
- An increase in projected revenues for open space fees in-lieu of from future developments.
- Sewer rates increased about six percent per hundred gallons.

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

- No increase in trash collection fees
- One-dollar base rate increase for all water accounts (which equals to \$12 a year per account).

Mayor Jeff Holt mentioned this increase would help cover the cost of the new meter system and the added benefits of the new meters. Commissioner Jimmy Garner said the new system helps

customers receive early notification if there's any leaks or running water. Mayor Jeff Holt stated majority of the new meter system was paid for by grant money the Town received.

- Estimated about 90 lots/ homes being added in town which is reflected in the projected revenues.
- 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.
- Deposit fee for renters to be increased from \$175 to \$200

Mayor Jeff Holt said the deposits are fully refundable if all the renter's bills are paid, however, this increase would better help cover any bills left by renters who haven't paid their bills after they have moved.

- Non-payment fee increased from \$75 to \$100.

Commissioner Jimmy Garner asked if the due dates for the bills could be changed to the end of the month. He voiced his concerns about the current cut-off procedures. There was a brief discussion on the current billing process.

- 10% increase to the Fire Department.
- \$5 increase in sports registration for Recreation.
- Ball field rental rate increased which includes a cleaning deposit that is refundable.

Mayor Jeff Holt asked the Board members to review the proposal and if they have any questions to contact the ladies in the office or himself. He reminded the Board members the fee schedule can be changed at any time as well. He said he is looking for a motion to call for a public hearing to be held at the June 17th meeting.

Commissioner Greg Baker asked about the electronic gaming fees. Mayor Jeff Holt stated years ago the Board passed an ordinance to allow electronic gaming machine or sweepstakes in some zoning districts with certain requirements and fees which had to be paid. He asked Ms. Willoughby if those fees have changed in the proposal. Ms. Willoughby stated it was the same rates that were originally passed years ago and the Board could change them if they wished to.

Motion to call for a public hearing to be held on June 17th: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Seconded by: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Jeff Holt thanked Sharon Evans and Ashley Willoughby for their hard work on the Budget.

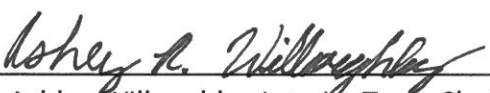
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the recessed meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by: Commissioner Phil Pittman

Seconded by: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous


Ashley Willoughby, Interim Town Clerk





Mayor