

TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 7, 2011
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Holt called a regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2011 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

 COMMISSIONER KAREN ANDERSON (absent due to family illness)
 X COMMISSIONER JIMMY GARNER
 X COMMISSIONER ANTHONY GUDAC
 X COMMISSIONER PHIL PITTMAN
 X MAYOR JEFF HOLT

STAFF PRESENT

Town Attorney Frank Wood, Consultant Dan Simmons, Police Chief Keith Sparks, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Holt gave the invocation. He then asked Commissioner Garner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS: 9. (A) Pine South recreation area (JH)
 10. (A) Engineering services agreement (JH)

MOTION TO APPROVE: Gudac
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 02-03-11

MOTION TO APPROVE: Pittman
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

Next, the mayor called for comment on non-agenda items. Nester McClain asked once again that the board remember his request for a sidewalk along South Peedin Avenue. Kester Kornegay reminded the board of the county tax re-evaluation and asked them to keep the increase in mind when they talk about the next budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING: no report.

SENIORS: Nester McClain said the seniors are planning a trip to Cary and they are doing well.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

RECREATION: The fields were rented for a girls' softball tournament this past weekend. Practice is beginning for spring sports.

STREETS: Commissioner Garner. Everything going well. Mentioned gas prices and town vehicles running when parked. Asked that vehicles be cut off when parked to save on gas expense.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Gudac. On-going problem with minerals in town's water supply, causing black specks in water. Might need to change filtering system or filtering media at water plant. Commissioner Pittman reiterated that water is sampled monthly and is safe. Commissioner Gudac agreed that the manganese in the water supply does not make it unsafe for consumption. Commissioner Garner asked about the cost to replace the filter media, Commissioner Gudac said it would probably be about \$50,000 and that it had never been changed since the system was installed. He said they would be looking into the issue more in depth in the future.

POLICE: Commissioner Pittman. Problems with police cars. Replaced engine in 2004 Chevrolet but it has now failed. Will have to replace it again, but under warranty. Car has 133,000 miles already. Will look at car rotation in upcoming budget discussions with chief.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Dan Simmons reported that the water tank project would be closed out with Rural Development on March 29th. Bonds will mature on March 31st. Frank Wood said actual closing would be at LGC offices on the 29th. Dan Simmons said the interest on the loan would close at 3 3/8%, as opposed to the 3 5/8% from the original commitment. Clerk said the loan would close at \$998,000.

Mr. Simmons also reported on the town hall project. He said the contractors are cutting concrete at the Brown Street building, in order to put in the plumbing lines. The concrete is 6" thick all over and not 4". Still looking at June date to finish. Mayor said they look forward to holding the first meeting in the new facility.

Mayor reported that Frank Wood is looking into the town's mail delivery issue. Mr. Wood said he talked with the postmaster in Selma and he agrees that it is something Pine Level should address. Should have more information for next month.

Clerk reported on budget amendments for 2010-2011. Mayor said that after the adjustments, the figures would then be up to date. Board unanimously approved amendments, a copy of which is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Pittman

SECOND: Gudac

VOTE: unanimous

PINE SOUTH RECREATION AREA

Mayor Holt said the small recreation area in Pine South has been completed and the town needs to hold some sort of dedication ceremony and decide on a name for the park area. He said the scout troop had recommended naming it "Eagle Park." The board unanimously agreed on that name.

MOTION: Garner

SECOND: unanimous

VOTE: unanimous

ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

The mayor discussed a general engineering services agreement with Triangle CivilWorks, which is owned by Dan Simmons and Gene Cobb. He said he asked Mr. Simmons for such an agreement to cover general services on an as-needed basis. The firm may not do any work that would run over \$2500 within a 30 day period, without approval of the full board. Mr. Simmons said the terms and conditions come right out of the book and their fees would be about 30% lower than larger national firms. Commissioner Garner said he would like to see it read that the

engineering firm could not represent any other citizens against the town, and the attorney as well, so there would be no conflict of interests. Mr. Simmons said he could agree with that request, if he wanted to include it in a motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the agreement, provided that the town would come first as their customer before any other citizens. A copy of the agreement is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Garner
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

Commissioner Gudac asked how would the town budget for services under the agreement. Mayor Holt said it has always been based on the town's past history. Mr. Simmons explained that any major project like the town hall or water tank would require a separate agreement and would be funded in that project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pittman reminded everyone that Kermit Anderson, Commissioner Anderson's father and a former commissioner as well, has been in the hospital for the past eleven days, and he had a lung removed due to cancer.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

The board then considered a resolution provided by Johnston County, wherein the town would approve the update to the county's hazard mitigation plan and the town's continued participation under the county plan. The board voted unanimously to approve the resolution, a copy of which is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, at 7:35 p.m. the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR