

TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2009
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, November 9, 2009 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONER KAREN ANDERSON
 COMMISSIONER JIMMY GARNER
 COMMISSIONER ANTHONY GUDAC
 COMMISSIONER PHIL PITTMAN
 MAYOR JEFF HOLT

STAFF PRESENT

Town Attorney Frank Wood, Consultant Dan Simmons, Police Chief Keith Sparks, Public Works Superintendent Ray Stuckey, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Pittman gave the invocation; Mayor Holt then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS:

DELETIONS:

- 9. (A) Code of Ethics
- 9. (B) JC Vol. Agricultural District ordinance

MOTION TO APPROVE: Garner
SECOND: Gudac
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 10-12-09

MOTION TO APPROVE: Pittman
SECOND: Gudac
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sal Navarro, a resident of Laura/Mark Subdivision, expressed appreciation to the board for the installation of traffic calming humps on Jill Blvd. Kester Kornegay thanked the board for the help in getting his property leveled back out and for replacing his property marker.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mayor Holt stated that the Planning Board would be meeting this month with the developers of the Crocker Farms subdivision project. He also said the seniors would hold their regular meeting this Wednesday at the American Legion Building.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

STREETS: Commissioner Garner. Everything going well.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Fencing at park finally nearing completion. Football is ending, basketball is starting up.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Gudac. Everything okay. No problems to report. Asked if waterline was cleared up. Dan Simmons said it was cleared up and they were closing out the project. Kester Kornegay asked if any additional sewer line infiltration sites had been located. Commissioner Gudac said they should be running the camera in the lines before cold weather sets in.

POLICE: Commissioner Pittman. New police car in service. Experienced a few break-ins in town, asked citizens to stay aware of what is going on and to keep their property locked up. Chief Sparks said they had swapped out some schedules so they could work on solving the break-ins. Department has been checking out leads already. Some of the departments from smaller towns got together and held a traffic check Friday night. Worked out well.

MISCELLANEOUS: Mayor asked Frank Wood about Salvation Army Kettle Drive. Mr. Wood said he would be contacting them to volunteer as bell ringers. Commissioner Anderson asked about the tree for the community tree lighting service, Mayor said he had that taken care of. Commissioner Pittman noted that Mrs. Nancy McClain is in the hospital. She is the wife of Planning Board member Nester McClain. Commissioner Pittman also noted that Mr. C. B. Brantley recently passed away. He was husband to former Commissioner Jo Brantley. The mayor mentioned the community tree lighting on Monday, November 30th at the park. He said coffee and hot chocolate would be served. Mayor Holt also mentioned the town's Christmas parade, which will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 13, 2009. He said Mr. Street Jones would be this year's Grand Marshal. He said the town employees' Christmas party would be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 7th at Hinnant Farms.

CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER PROPERTY ACQUISITION

The board then held a brief closed session to consider property acquisition. Upon reconvening in regular session, the mayor announced that the board voted unanimously to enter into a contract with the Overbees for purchase of the 7,000 square foot building on 1.3 acres, located at 306 East Brown Street, for development as the town's new municipal building. He said the attorney would now draw up an agreement to purchase the building. Kester Kornegay asked how it would be financed. Mayor Holt said more than likely it would be purchased with money from USDA, in conjunction with \$100,000 in federal grant money. He said that USDA had already committed to as much as 1.3 million for a new town hall, and this building should be considerably less to renovate. He thought it might take \$600,000-700,000, and he said interest rates were most attractive at the present. He explained that the town has several projects that will be paid off in the next couple of years, such as the backhoe, the generator project, and the purchase of Dick Braswell's water and sewer lines. Mr. Kornegay agreed that the town needs a new building. Kevin Kornegay also agreed with the proposal to purchase and renovate the existing building. Commissioner Gudac said it was a plus for the town and for the owners.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR