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**WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Town Council of the Town of Pineville, NC, met in a Work Session on Monday, March 23, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor: Amelia Stinson-Wesley
Mayor Pro Tem: Nick Gallo
Council Members: Ed Samaha, Josh Simelton, Danielle Moore
Town Manager: Ryan Spitzer
Asst. Town Manager/Finance Director: Chris Tucker
Town Clerk: Lisa Snyder

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stinson-Wesley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Charlotte Works, Kevin Loux, Chief Impact Officer. Mr. Loux gave a presentation to council on the operations of Charlotte Works and how it impacts Pineville's citizens. He introduced Anna London, President & CEO, Charlotte Works. They operate under the NC Works brand and they have service sites all across the county. Pineville's population is at 14,285, with 13,785 employed. The median earnings are \$80,400 with 61% of jobs paying less than \$80,000 and 43% are employed in retail sales. The projection tables show strong growth in white Hispanic and other Hispanic categories by 2035. The takeaway is that there is a potential need for bilingual support.

Council Member Moore added that workforce housing is needed in our community. There was general discussion on this matter. Anna London said that they are working on micro-transit, which will open up job opportunities in the area. Mr. Loux summarized that infrastructure is key and we need to develop entry level pathways and continue to grow small businesses.

Electricities 101, Kevin Josupait. Mr. Josupait, Vice President of Distribution Operations, gave a presentation to council, entitled, "Electricities 101" for our newest council members. There are three types of electric utilities: public power utilities, rural electric cooperatives, and investor-owned utilities. In 1939, Pineville started providing electric service to its citizens. Today, Pineville is one of the fastest growing communities in western North Carolina.

Mr. Josupait shared with council that four of the distribution system operations include Huntersville, Cornelius, Pineville, and Lexington. Specific to Pineville, they have a staff of fifty employees within the four communities. Electricities supports members with over 125 services. He highlighted some of those services which include the

Mutual Aid program, which is a nationwide network and has been very successful. It extends well beyond our members.

He continued by outlining Electricities Governance Structure, which includes the NCMPA1 Board of Commissioners, the NCEMPA Board of Commissioners, the Electricities Board of Directors, and the Non-Agency Board of Commissioners. He noted that Town Manager Spitzer and Council Member Moore are the representatives for Pineville.

The largest share of the Catawba Plant is owned by NCMPA1 and is emissions-free. North Carolina has the third lowest residential energy rate in the Southeast at 14.6 per kWh.

The upcoming Electricities Conference will be held in August and will be at Hot Springs, Virginia.

Mayor Stinson-Wesley asked for a five-minute recess before entering a Closed Session.

Council Member Moore moved to enter Closed Session followed by a second made by Council Member Simelton. All ayes.

Council Member Simelton made a motion to leave Closed Session with Council Member Moore providing a second. All ayes.

Council Member Simelton moved to adjourn the Work Session with a second made by Council Member Moore. All ayes.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Nick Gallo

ATTEST:

Lisa Snyder, Town Clerk