



**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF PINEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

The Town Council of the Town of Pineville met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hut Meeting Facility in Pineville.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Jack Edwards

Mayor Pro-Tem: Melissa Davis

Town Council Members: Les Gladden, Debbie Fowler and David Phillips

Town Administrator: Haynes Brigman

Planning Director: Travis Morgan

Town Clerk: Barbara Monticello

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Those wishing to speak on an agenda item were invited to sign the speaker list.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Pro Tem, Melissa Davis.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Edwards called for a moment of silence for the following: Town Employee, Joe Watson (heart by-pass surgery); Town Employee, Jennifer Honaker's grandfather (passed); Doris Bridges (passed) and Butch Dudley (passed). Mayor Edwards asked that we remember the troops overseas and their families left behind.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adoption of the Agenda:

Council Member Debbie Fowler motioned to adopt the agenda as is. Council Member David Phillips seconded the motion and there were ayes by all.

Approval of Minutes for the Regular Session of January 14, 2014: Mayor Edwards called for a motion on the Regular Minutes from January 14, 2014. Council Member Debbie Fowler moved to approve the minutes as is with Council Member Les Gladden seconding the motion. There were ayes by all to approve the minutes as is.

Consent Agenda: The following items were included: a) *Financial Report Ending 1/31/14 (Mickey Hicks/Richard Dixon)*; b) *Approval of Tax Refunds (Karen Bennett)*; and c) *Approve Budget Amendment for Police Department*. Council Member David Phillips motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as is. Council Member Les Gladden seconded the motion and there were ayes by all to approve the Consent Agenda as is.

OLD BUSINESS:

the same hours as the mall. Normal mall hours should be adhered to and are permitted to increase only during holiday shopping times as the mall allows. Council Member Les Gladden seconded the motion. There were two votes in favor of the text amendment: David Phillips and Les Gladden. There were two votes against the text amendment: Melissa Davis and Debbie Fowler. There being a tie, Mayor Jack Edwards voted in favor of the text amendment and the motion passed 3-2.

B. Text Amendment Recreation Center in the O-C District. (Travis Morgan) Planning Director, Travis Morgan, announced a second text amendment for a Recreation Center in the O-C District. The Public Hearing had been held last month but there was no new information to present to Council. The amendment was to add Recreation Center as a use permitted by right in the O-C district. There were no further questions but Council Member Les Gladden wanted to be sure the applicant understood the sign ordinance and that they were not entitled to extra signage or be tempted to put signage along the fence on 485. The applicant acknowledged his concern about signage. Council Member Gladden moved to approve the text amendment for a Recreation Center to be permitted by right in the O-C district. Motion was seconded by council Member Debbie Fowler and there were ayes by all to approve the amendment.

C. Text Amendment for Floodplain Ordinance Update. (Travis Morgan). The next text amendment to be heard was a simple date change on the Floodplain Ordinance. The date change was necessary to correspond with a recent change to the flood maps making them effective, 2/19/14. There were no changes to the original proposal so Council Member Debbie Fowler moved to approve the amendment with Council Member David Phillips seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the amendment was approved.

D. Appointments – (Haynes Brigman) Three appointments were carried over from last month. Town Administrator, Haynes Brigman, stated he had made a proposal for the Telephone Board but wanted to get Council's consensus on it first before making a final decision. Mayor Pro Tem Davis suggested that they meet with the current Telephone Board Members before doing anything to give them the opportunity to know what was being proposed. Mr. Brigman agreed and recommended selecting just two Council Members to meet with the current Telephone Board Members so that a Special Meeting would not have to be called. Mayor Jack Edwards and Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Davis were selected and all agreed to table the item until the next Council Meeting.

There being no other questions or comments about the other two appointments, Council Member Les Gladden moved to approve both Jennifer Braganza for the Citizen's Transit Advisory Group and Janelle Lyons of the law firm, Cranfill, Sumner & Hartzog as the town's attorney. Council Member David Phillips seconded the motion and there were ayes by all.

E. Meeting Rules and Procedure Policy (Haynes Brigman). Mr. Brigman had presented a Meeting Rules and Procedure Policy at the last Council Meeting but was carried forward to this meeting giving Council more time to review it. There being no questions or comments on the policy, Council Member Debbie Fowler moved to approve the policy with Council Member Les Gladden seconding the motion. There were ayes by all.

NEW BUSINES:

A. Presentation by County Assessor's Office – Mr. Ken Joyner introduced himself as the new County Assessor who started with Mecklenburg County on October 1, 2013. One of the responsibilities he's charged with is to rebuild trust in that office and the process of assessing properties after the 2011 revaluation debacle. His plan was to visit all the towns in Mecklenburg County to explain the vision of his office and to try and "right the ship" to bring it back to an acceptable level. Pierson's Appraisals started work in October to review every taxing neighborhood as a result of a bill that was passed in July. After re-assessing about 2/3 of the parcels, more have gone down and some have gone up. If a refund is due a taxpayer, interest will be paid from the date the taxes were paid and the refund will be paid to the person owning the property at the time those taxes were paid. Work has been conducted from the northern part of the county to the southern with completion expected by 2015.

PCAA and Chris Deliner. Mr. Sams indicated his purpose was to keep kids playing and off the streets. Council Members had some concerns: Mayor Pro Tem Davis was very concerned about the projected cost to construct the fields, how many kids that were a part of PCAA actually lived in Pineville, and whether it would be necessary to hire another person to maintain the fields. Additionally, their reputation in the past was not always the best in the eyes of Pineville residents, nor was their accounting practices. Mr. Sams understood that there was this perception years back but stressed that things had changed and their bookkeeping had improved and was now an open book. The kids from Pineville would also receive a discounted rate for joining. Kristy Detwiler of Pineville Park and Recreation added that better marketing would be done to get more kids from town to join and that this opportunity would fit in perfectly with the Park and Recreation Master Plan.

Brooke Morris of the PCAA added that two fundraisers were held during the year; one in the spring and one in the fall. Last year they raised over \$15,000. Any money raised could be used for the construction of the fields or lighting for the fields. They could also help with running tournaments for the town. Council Member Debbie Fowler stated that she would like to see another Pineville person on the board. Mr. Brigman stated that there were still a lot of details to work out. He would work on cleaning up the construction cost figures and flushing out the details so the agreement could be brought back in March for a vote. All were in agreement.

F. Marketing Plan for Telephone Department (Haynes Brigman). Mr. Brigman explained that the company that is redoing our website, Granite Sky, also drew up a marketing plan for Pineville Telecommunications. However, the president of the company, Mia Holshouser, was unable to come to the meeting tonight due to the weather. She will be back in March to do a formal presentation. Council Member, David Phillips, wanted to be sure that we weren't going to get off schedule or move too fast too soon because the first of the two-year contracts for service are about to expire and they needed to be sure to retain those customers. Council Member Les Gladden was concerned that our branding didn't change because all the vehicles had just been branded with the new logo and he didn't want to see any of that change again. Mr. Brigman agreed and wanted to be sure all of our branding was cleaned up and consistent.

G. Staff Updates: a) Manager's Report (Haynes Brigman). Mr. Brigman informed the group that the kick-off meeting for the website had been postponed until February 18th due to the weather. He also stated that our new Finance Director, Richard Dixon, started on January 27th. Additionally, he was working on a Purchasing/Bid Policy to bring before Council and getting an Advisory Board together for the Park and Recreation Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to discuss, Council Member Les Gladden moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. with Council Member David Phillips seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Jack Edwards

ATTEST:

Barbara Monticello, Town Clerk