TOWN OF PINEBLUFF REGULAR MEETING May 18, 2023

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Present were Mayor Ronald McDonald (came in at 6:39 p.m.), Commissioners, Jerry Williams, Rachel Byrd, Robbie Conley (came in at 6:53 p.m.), Mike Thomas, and Guy McGraw. A Full Board was present.

Also present were Town Administrator, Melissa Adams, Police Chief, Pike Nordgren, Fire Chief, Jonathan Richardson, Public Works Manager, Andy Dick, and Town Clerk, Betty McDuffie, Public Works Employees, David Thompson, Brian Harrison, and Miguel Rodrigue. Finance Officer, Beth Cowan and Zoning Administrator, David Francis were absent.

Citizen present was Mark McDuffie.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Rachel Byrd presented the adjustments to the agenda: Police Department – Add "c" – Closed Session per G.S.143-318.11 for Personnel. Administration - Add #3 - Town Administrator COLA. Other Business: Add "A" -Schedule Proposed 2023-2024 Budget Meeting.

Commissioner Rachel Byrd made a motion to accept the adjustments to the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Jerry Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of items A through G.

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Town Clerk, Betty McDuffie informed the Board the 1.4 acres has been divided into two parcels on Pinebluff Lake Road and they are zoned R-8 (for mobile homes) but Page 2 Regular Board Minutes May 18, 2023

Mr. Delgado would like to rezone to R-30 (single family stick-built homes). The lots are over 30,000 sq ft each.

After discussion, Commissioner Guy McGraw made a motion to rezone the property on Pinebluff Lake Road to R-30. Commissioner Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police Department:

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After discussion, Commissioner McGraw made a motion to set the Public Hearing Wednesday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Thomas seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to go into Closed Session per G.S.143-318.11 for Personnel at 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to come back into the Regular Board Meeting at 7:32 p.m. Commissioner Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Byrd informed everyone that during Closed Session they discussed adjustments to the salary schedule. They also discussed promoting Officer Brandon Phillips to Sergeant for the next payroll.

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Other Business:

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Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

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