

**TOWN OF PINEBLUFF
REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2023**

The Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pinebluff held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Present were Mayor Ronald McDonald, Commissioners, Jerry Williams, Rachel Byrd, Robbie Conley, 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, Town Clerk, Betty McDuffie, Administrative Assistant, Rachel Dysart, Public Works Manager, Andy Dick, and Public Works Operator, Miguel Rodrigue. Zoning Administrator, David Francis and Finance Officer, Beth Cowan were absent.

Citizens present were Mark McDuffie, Frank Wanko, Michael Lucas, Malcolm and Anna Mills, and Hermann and Ruth Probst.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Ronald McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Rachel presented the adjustments to the agenda: Police Department: Add "c" – Money from the sale of the police car. Fire Department: Add "c" – Approval of Donation; Add "d" – Condemned SCBA Bottle; Add "d" – Apparatus Replacement Plan Funding. Water-Sewer: Change # 3 – To G.S.143.318.11 (a) (1) and (3); Add Personnel to #3 – Closed Session; Add #4 – Water Leak Adjustment for Bonnie Hanham; Add #5 – On-Solve CodeRED. New Business: Add "A" – ATEX Technologies Water.

Commissioner Jerry Williams made a motion to accept the adjustments to the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Mike Thomas seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of items A through G.

Commissioner Rachel Byrd made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Jerry Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESS TO THE BOARD:

Citizens' Time:

Mr. Frank Wanko informed the Board he was there to discuss the town's inadequate waterlines. He informed the Board that they need to invest in replacing the current waterlines. There are grants and loans that the Board could check into.

The Board informed Mr. Wanko that they were in the process of checking into grants but it was going to take some time.

Mr. Hermann Probst informed the Board that he was there to discuss his water meter. He has a cutoff valve a few feet from the meter but when he turned the valve off and left Town there was a leak between the meter and the valve. He wanted to know if someone could take a look at the meter and fix the Town's cutoff valve.

Mayor Ronald McDonald informed Mr. Probst that he would have someone go out the next day to take a look.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Zoning/Planning:

Commissioner Guy McGraw asked the Board where we stood on the R-7 Zoning District.

Commissioner Rachel Byrd informed the Board that a committee was assembled and they have met once or twice.

Commissioner McGraw informed the Board that we needed to act on this R-7 Zoning before we are in a lawsuit, because the builder has been waiting quite a while.

After further discussion, Commissioner Byrd made a motion to have the committee have their results for next month's meeting. Commissioner Jerry Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police Department:

Police Chief, Pike Nordgren presented the Police Department's monthly report for July. He also informed the Board that the K-9 Police Dog was in and was going through training with K-Solutions and her handler.

Commissioner Jerry Williams made a motion to accept the Police Department's report. Commissioner Rachel Byrd seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police Chief Nordgren informed the Board that the 2014 Caprice had sold on GOVDeals for \$9,600.00, and he would like the money go into the Police Department and to take that money and repair the Chevy Tahoe.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion that the sale of the 2014 Caprice go into the Police Department. Commissioner Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to take the funds from the sale of the 2014 Caprice and pay for the repairs to the Chevy Tahoe. Commissioner Robbie Conley seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief, Jonathan Richardson presented the Fire Department's monthly report for July.

Commissioner Guy McGraw made a motion to accept the Fire Department's report. Commissioner Jerry Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Richardson informed the Board that he was respectfully requesting the approval of a donation of a \$50.00 gift card to Chick-Fil-A from a citizen for Fire personnel.

Commissioner McGraw made a motion to accept the \$50.00 gift card from a citizen to be used for personnel. Commissioner Robbie Conley seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Richardson informed the Board that on August 14th the Town had 19 SCBA Bottles to be hydrostatic tested which is required to be tested every five (5) years. All the bottles passed except one and it was condemned because of damage to the bottle.

Fire Chief Richardson informed the Board that he was requesting respectfully for the Board to approve the donation of 12 rescue pickets cut for rescue equipment inventory. Tri-Coast Mechanical out of Laurinburg did the work as a donation and just requested a letter for the donation (\$100.00 of work).

Commissioner McGraw made a motion to accept the donation of 12 rescue pickets cut and for the Fire Chief to do a donation letter for \$100.00 to Tri-Coast Mechanical. Commissioner Rachel Byrd seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Richardson informed the Board that his apparatus replacement plan funding was brought up at last month's meeting, but there was no official vote made. The Moore County Fire Commission approved to release a total of \$108,044.00 pending your approval of the plan below for apparatus replacement and funding. To pay off the Fire Chief vehicle and save the cost of interest of the loan. We will have to cover the cost of interest accrued so far beyond \$50,775.13 of the vehicle from town funds; make the annual payment of Tanker of \$33,072.07; and make the annual payment of the Brush/Squad truck that we are planning for \$23,987.93.

Commissioner McGraw made a motion to accept the apparatus replacement plan funding. Commissioner Mike Thomas seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Streets:

Commissioner Robbie Conley presented the Street Department's monthly report for July.

Commissioner Robbie Conley made a motion to accept the Street Department's report. Commissioner Rachel Byrd seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Water-Sewer:

Commissioner Robbie Conley presented the Water-Sewer Department's monthly report for July.

Commissioner Conley made a motion to accept the Water-Sewer Department's report. Commissioner Jerry Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Conley informed the Board that Richard Mabry did not have a water leak, he had a leak in his swimming pool and had to replace the liner so he had to refill his pool.

After discussion, Commissioner Conley made a motion to not accept the water leak adjustment for Richard Mabry. Commissioner Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board decided to finish the agenda before going into Closed Session.

Commissioner Guy McGraw made a motion to give a water and sewer leak adjustment to Bonnie Hanham in the amount of \$327.47 for a leak in master bathroom. Commissioner Conley seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery:

Commissioner Mike Thomas informed the Board that the play equipment in Cunningham Park was in place, they did a great job along with the Public Works guys help. Last month someone left a petition with names requesting a pickleball court. I have checked into it and we can put a court at the Community Center beside the basketball

court for less than a \$1,000.00. We are still trying to get information for the bathrooms at the Lake. The Lake, the Cemetery, and the Parks look good.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to accept the Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Report as presented. Commissioner Rachel Byrd seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Building Inspection:

Commissioner Rachel Byrd presented the Building Inspection's monthly report for July.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to accept the Building Inspection Report. Commissioner Jerry Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Administration:

Commissioner Rachel Byrd presented the monthly tax reports for July.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to accept the monthly tax reports. Commissioner Jerry Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Town Administrator, Melissa Adams informed the Board that at the Regular Board Meeting July 20th the Board of Commissioners approved the Resolution Adopting the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) for the New Pinehurst-Southern Pines Urban Area. At the meeting Scott Walston, P.E., Transportation Engineer Supervisor, Transportation Planning Division, for NCDOT, advised the Board that we would need to designate a Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) primary and an alternate representative; and we would need to designate a Transportation Coordination Committee (TCC) primary and an alternate. TAC primary and alternate are typically Board of Commissioner member(s); and the TCC primary and alternate normally are staff member(s).

After discussion, Commissioner Williams made a motion to appoint Mayor Ronald McDonald as primary and Commissioner Robbie Conley as the alternate for the TAC Committee. Town Administrator, Melissa Adams as primary and Fire Chief, Jonathan Richardson as the alternate for the TCC Committee. Commissioner Byrd seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Town Administrator, Melissa Adams informed the Board that she had received a call from the Town of Southern Pines Manager about ATEX Technologies connecting to the Town of Southern Pines water instead of Pinebluff's water due to the major water leaks we have been having in the last couple of years.

Commissioner Rachel Byrd made a motion to go into Closed Session per G.S.143-318.11(a)(1) and (3) for Attorney-Client Privilege and Personnel at 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Jerry Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to come back into the Regular Board meeting at 9:02 p.m. Commissioner Mike Thomas seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Byrd stated that during Closed Session a number of items were discussed as followed:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to accept the easement agreement for access to sewer lines in Oakwood Subdivision. Commissioner Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Guy McGraw made a motion to move the Finance Officer to a full-time position. Commissioner Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner McGraw made a motion to make an adjustment to the Assistant Administrator's hourly wage. Commissioner Byrd seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Other Business:

None

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Jerry Williams made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Guy McGraw seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Sincerely,



Betty O. McDuffie, CMC
Town Clerk