

**TOWN OF PINEBLUFF
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
September 05, 2023**

The Mayor and the Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Present were Mayor Ronald McDonald, Commissioners, Rachel Byrd, Jerry Williams, Guy McGraw, and Robbie Conley. Commissioner Mike Thomas was absent. A Quorum was present.

Also, present were Town Clerk, Betty O McDuffie, Town Administrator, Melissa Adams, Finance Officer, Rachel Dysart, and Public Works Manager, Andy Dick

Citizens presented were Frank Wanko and Mark McDuffie.

Mayor Ronald McDonald called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald informed the Board that the Special Meeting was to discuss allowing ATEX Technologies to tap into Southern Pines Water and Trick or Treat Wrestling Match – Saturday, October 21st at the Community Center.

Town Administrator, Melissa Adams informed the Board that she, the Mayor, and Commissioners Robbie Conley and Jerry Williams met with the owners of ATEX Technologies and they stated they would like to tap into the Town of Southern Pines Water instead of ours. They would incur all the fees for the change and would be willing to pay the Town of Pinebluff 50% of their average bill a year.

Commissioner Guy McGraw informed the Board that he did not think it would be legal for them to tap into the Town of Southern Pines without us controlling the monies. We buy water from the Town of Southern Pines for Oakwood and the Pines. If we allowed them to do this, we would be setting a precedent.

After discussion, Commissioner Jerry Williams made a motion to allow ATEX Technologies to tap into the Town of Southern Pines water. Commissioner McGraw seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

After further discussion, Commissioner Rachel Byrd made a motion to have the Town Administrator to contact the Town's attorney to do research for the legalities of tapping into Town of Southern Pines water. Also, to draw up a contract stating that ATEX Technologies would have to come back to the Town within two (2) years if we have been able to repair or replace our water lines if it is even allowed for them to tap into Southern Pines water. Commissioner Williams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Robbie Conley informed the Board that they had a successful wrestling match at the Community Center last month and they would like to have another one next month. After speaking with Guy McGraw and Bruce McFadden, we decided to sponsor the event by giving \$250.00 each. The cost would be \$1,000.00. We would like to make it a Town event and not charge the citizens to get in. This would take the place of the Halloween Carnival. The Police and Fire Departments are willing to give out candy. We would like the Town to participate by giving \$250.00 and help buy the candy. There will be food trucks available that night for citizens to purchase food and drinks.

After discussion, Commissioner McGraw made a motion for the Town to sponsor this event by donating \$250.00, to waive the fee for the citizens to get into the event and to allocate

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approximately \$400.00 for candy for the event. Commissioner Conley seconded. All ayes.
Motion carried.

Mayor McDonald asked if there were any more questions or comments.

Commissioner Jerry Williams made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rachel Byrd seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty O McDuffie, CMC
Town Clerk