



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF PINEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015**

The Town Council of the Town of Pineville met in Special Session on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Training Room of the Pineville Police Building 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

Town Clerk: Barbara Monticello

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Mayor Jack Edwards. Council Member Debbie Fowler moved to open the meeting with Council Member David Phillips seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the meeting began.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Adoption of the Agenda:

Council Member Fowler moved to adopt the agenda with Mayor Pro Tem Davis seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the agenda was adopted as is.

MANAGER'S UPDATE:

Town Manager, Haynes Brigman, started the meeting by providing updates on various subjects concerning the town:

Legislative – In Raleigh, legislators passed an interim budget that will last until 8/31/15 and then if necessary, they will pass another interim budget until the final budget is adopted. Talks in Raleigh have not been going well. Currently, there was a 75/25 split with the House supporting "no tax re-distribution". Mayor Edwards suggested possibly doing a day trip to Raleigh to talk to our legislators. Mr. Brigman added that Pineville produces 10% of the sales taxes in Mecklenburg County but we only get back one quarter of one percent of that money. Jeff Jackson is not for the re-distribution of tax money either.

An Esthetics Bill was passed that removes the town's ability to control the esthetics of home and building construction unless it is a Conditional Use Permit. Some of the other towns have changed all their zoning districts to require one acre lots which forces developers to come before town boards to request higher densities on properties. This in turn, gives towns some ability to negotiate with developers perhaps allowing higher densities in return for some design elements. Mr. Brigman noted that he and the Planning Director, Travis Morgan, took a look at all the parcels in town that may need to be rezoned. They identified roughly 50 parcels that need to be changed. Mr. Morgan would like to hold a Public Hearing in October to change them all. We would need to run a half page or full page ad in the paper to change them all at the same time.

Council Member Les Gladden suggested that Mr. Brigman consider proposing a **Pit Bull Ordinance** in October as well. There have been several incidents involving pit bulls and other towns have instituted such ordinances. Another Public Hearing will be called for at the September meeting with Mr. Brigman sending a proposed ordinance to Council before the meeting.

Cone Mill – Mr. Brigman had talked to both the Local Government Commission and the School of Government to be sure that the way the town was handling the Cone Mill situation was proper. He stated that the town's approach was totally fine. Further town development is resting on the future of this property. Mr. Brigman wanted the town to be prepared should the town's main objective with this property be accomplished. Council then worked out a list of project priorities which will depend on the outcome of what happens to the Mill.

The possible formation of a **Municipal Fire Tax District** was discussed. Mint Hill is the only town in Mecklenburg County with such a district. Mr. Brigman would like to create a similar tax district in Pineville. The County Manager was in favor of it but the town's county representative, Bill James, would also have to be on board with it in order for it to take place. That would require our fire department to go into contract with the County. Mr. Brigman was looking to form this tax district next year.

The PCAA ball fields were close to being completed. The actual fields themselves will have the same names as before: Reid Osborne, John Rea and ~~Laddie~~ Whetstone. However, Mr. Brigman asked what to name the park as a whole. They decided on the official name of the park as: **Pineville Memorial Ball Park**.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

A number of other topics were discussed including: whether to permit a food truck one night a week behind the new Pintville, speed bumps on Kenmore & Marine, allowing left turns from Dover to Main Street on the weekends, holding a Telephone Board Meeting in September, IT services for the police department and the rest of the town departments, current job vacancies, and website issues.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member David Phillips, seconded by Council Member Les Gladden to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. There were ayes by all and the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Barbara Monticello, Town Clerk



Mayor, Jack Edwards

