



**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
TOWN OF PINEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

The Town Council of the Town of Pineville met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hut Meeting Facility in Pineville.

**ATTENDANCE**

Mayor: Jack Edwards

Mayor Pro-Tem: David Phillips

Town Council Members: Les Gladden, Debbie Fowler and Christopher McDonough

Town Manager: Haynes Brigman

Planning Director: Travis Morgan

Town Planner – Brandon Hackney

Town Clerk: Barbara Monticello

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 6:31 p.m. He welcomed those in attendance and asked those that wished to speak to sign the speaker list.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jack Edwards.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Edwards called for a moment of silence for the following residents who passed: Joe Bridges, Herman Vick and Bob Rogers. He asked that everyone remember the families of the deceased along with the police, fire and military men and women who work hard for our safety and freedom.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**Adoption of the Agenda:**

Hearing no changes to the agenda, Council Member Les Gladden moved to adopt the agenda as is. Council Member Debbie Fowler seconded the motion and there were ayes by all.

**Approval of Minutes for the Regular and Closed Session Meetings of January 12, 2016:** Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips moved to approve both sets of minutes as is. Council Member Debbie Fowler seconded the motion and there were ayes by all to approve the minutes as is.

**Consent Agenda:** The following items were included: a) *Financial Report ending 01/31/16 (provided by Richard Dixon); b) Approval of Tax Refunds (Cyndi Hunnicutt); c) Resolution No. 2016-02 for Surplus Items (Barbara Monticello); and d) Proclamations for Classics Week and Presidents' Faith Awareness Month (Barbara Monticello).* Council Member Les Gladden moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the Consent Agenda was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Edwards turned the floor over to Tom Davis who was running for a District 92 House Seat. Mr. Davis provided a

short background of himself and stated that transportation, the economy, our natural resources, veterans and education were among his top concerns. He was particularly disturbed by the proposed toll road contract and was against any tolls. He asked that members of the audience consider him for a house seat when it came time to vote.

The floor was then turned over to Mr. Bill McConnell who gave a quick update on the Downtown Merchants Association. They were planning the opening of the Farmer's Market with their Crops and Shops Spring Festival originally scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> but have since had to change the date to May 14<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict. This is their 4<sup>th</sup> year of the festival and Farmer's Market, along with the tent sale at Luna. Mr. McConnell also noted that Pintville now has a website that can be accessed to see what craft beers they will be offering that day, [www.pintville.com](http://www.pintville.com).

Mr. McConnell introduced the newest Main Street merchant, Weslie Woodley, a photographer moving into 325 Main St. Ms. Woodley stated that her business, Willow Lane Photography, will concentrate on maternity and newborns. Brandon Hackney was introduced to the audience as the town's new planner that will be working in the Planning and Zoning Department with Travis Morgan and Aaron Parks.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. DFI Contract:** (*Haynes Brigman*). Mr. Brigman stated that he had presented a contract last month from DFI to assist with the redevelopment of the mill property which Council had asked him to bring back to them this month after having an opportunity to review and think about it. Mr. Brigman stated that this contract gave Council the ability to determine goals that they would like to see with the development of the property as well as some control and say in how and what the property is developed into. All of Council seemed to be in agreement that the contract was very beneficial in that it would eliminate broker fees, eliminate the possibility of the property sitting vacant another 25 years, provides knowledgeable experts in the field (including brownfield experience) whose fees would be paid by a developer, gives Council some say in the development, and has connections to those developers specifically interested in the type of project we would like to see. Additionally, the contract specifies a 12-month timeline for the project. Council Member Les Gladden moved to approve the contract with Council Member Chris McDonough seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the contract was approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. PARTF Grant Request:** (*Kristy Detwiler*). Parks and Recreation Director, Kristy Detwiler, explained that the memo that was included in the Council packets was written prior to her meeting with Matt Whittlow, our grant consultant. After meeting with him, he advised her that for 2016 the state had not placed a cap on the amount of grant funds awarded like they did last year. Therefore, she was recommending that the grant be written for \$361,460. Discussion took place as to whether the grant should be written for the whole amount or just a portion. Ms. Detwiler stated that the grant was an "all or nothing" situation – either we would be granted all of the money we put in for or none of it. We would not get just a portion of what we asked for. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips asked if this was a matching grant and Council Member Gladden wanted to know if the town was even in a position to match the funds. Town Manager, Haynes Brigman, answered that it was a matching grant and that the funds would come out of culture and tourism money so he was in favor of asking for all of it. Both Mayor Pro Tem Phillips and Mayor Edwards agreed that the town should ask for the full amount. Mr. Brigman added that the town would consider hiring a firm to do the grant for us and that our consultant, Matt Whittlow, would be at the presentation to sell the board on our application for it. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips moved to approve requesting the full amount of \$361,460 for the grant. Council Member Gladden seconded the motion and there were ayes by all.

**B. Hazmat Contract:** (*Haynes Brigman*). Mr. Brigman stated that he had reached out to five hazardous waste contractors regarding the cleanup of the mill property. Only two of the five contractors were actually able to provide a quote on the removal of materials: Hazmat, who had worked with the previous owner and whose quote was \$80K and Hepaco whose quote was \$16,816. Mr. Brigman added that Pineville's Fire Department has worked with Hepaco in the past and was familiar with their work. He recommended that the contract be awarded to them. Some discussion followed with concern that \$16,816 would not be enough to cover all that needed to be done. A recommendation was made to up the amount to \$25K or to put a cap on the amount so that it didn't get too costly. Council Member Gladden

asked that Council be kept in the loop and be informed of the costs especially if they reach the \$30K mark. Council Member Gladden moved to approve the contract for Hepaco as long as Council is kept informed of the costs. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion and there were ayes by all to award Hepaco the contract.

**C. Traffic Calming Policy:** (*Travis Morgan*). Travis Morgan, Planning Director, stated that the town did not have a policy when it came to citizen-driven requests for speed bumps or other traffic calming devices. In other words, there was no policy in place to state what would be required in order to get speed bumps installed. Instead of a resident just requesting speed bumps be put in, there should be some requirements set forth by the town that would need to be met before installing them. The requirements that were being proposed were:

- The request for speed bumps or other traffic calming devices would have to be citizen driven. A resident would have to come to staff with a written request.
- The road where the traffic calming device is being requested cannot be more than two lanes with the right-of-way not to exceed 50 feet. No major roadways.
- The maximum speed limit on the road should not be more than 25 miles per hour.
- A minimum of 50% of property owners on the street in question would have to be in favor of wanting a traffic calming device installed, supported by a petition.

Mr. Morgan added that the traffic calming device would need to be reviewed by the county engineer as well as our Public Works Department and cannot compromise emergency services in any way. Additionally, it would be up to town staff to determine the type of calming measures to be installed based on available factors and funds. Council Member McDonough asked how often we got requests for speed bumps to which Mr. Morgan replied that it was a fairly common request but that he was expecting more requests in the near future.

Council Member McDonough asked if Mr. Morgan had obtained this information from other communities in the area. Mr. Morgan replied that he had. Council Member Gladden asked if it had been considered that some property owners might be more affected by the traffic calming device than others that might live at the opposite end of the road and don't really care about it. Mr. Morgan replied that each request and petition would be reviewed and considered separately by staff and Mr. Brigman added that the petition for a traffic calming device would be for those property owners who would be affected by them only. Council Member Gladden requested that a form be made up by staff for residents to use when having to obtain the necessary signatures.

Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips moved to adopt the policy with the requested changes. Council Member McDonough seconded the motion and there were ayes by all.

**D. Staff Update:** (*Haynes Brigman*)—Mr. Brigman reminded the group about the Senior Valentine Banquet on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and of the upcoming public meeting for the PARTF grant on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Council Member Debbie Fowler asked if budget meeting dates were set up as yet. Mr. Brigman responded that they were usually done in March. Clerk Monticello responded to a question about the annual Junk Week. She stated that it was scheduled for the first week in April.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Les Gladden and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips to adjourn the meeting. There were ayes by all and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:



Barbara Monticello, Town Clerk



Mayor, Jack Edwards