



**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF PINEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

The Town Council of the Town of Pineville met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Huting Facility in Pineville. *(Meeting date changed due to regular date being Election Day).*

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Jack Edwards
Mayor Pro-Tem: David Phillips
Town Council Members: Les Gladden, Debbie Fowler and Christopher McDonough
Interim Town Manager: Leamon Brice
Planning Director: Travis Morgan
Planner: Brandon Hackney was not in attendance
Town Clerk: Barbara Monticello

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 6:30 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

Council Member Debbie Fowler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Edwards called for a moment of silence for Dr. Michael Piet (Melissa Davis' former boss). Mayor Edwards also asked the audience to remember the police, fire and military troops that help keep us safe every day.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Adoption of the Agenda:

Council Member Les Gladden noted that item# 7A needed to be pulled from the agenda (CHS/Road Improvements). Mayor Edwards asked Planning Director, Travis Morgan, if he needed to explain anything regarding this item. Mr. Morgan did want to provide an update on it but the status regarding this item would change from an "Action" item to an "Informational" one. Council Member Gladden was fine with that and cancelled his request to pull #7A off the agenda altogether. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips then moved to adopt the agenda with that change, seconded by Council Member Gladden. There were ayes by all and the agenda was approved with the change.

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular and Closed Meetings of October 18, 2016:

Mayor Pro Tem, David Phillips, asked the wording be changed under section B, Fire Department Shift Request under New Business. He asked that the last sentence of the sixth paragraph on page 3 of the Regular Minutes be changed to read that he felt volunteers did not feel as though they fit in anymore and that either we needed to go to a full-time paid staff or do away with volunteers' altogether.

On page 2, Council Member Les Gladden asked that the wording in paragraph 3A under the Public Hearing Section be changed to say that he appreciated the fact that the applicant honored the family that lived on that land for so long with a plaque with their name, "Bailes", on it. Also, at the end of the Public Hearing when the motion was made by Council

Member Gladden to approve the request provided there be a six foot fence with bushes along it and a four foot planting strip with bushes, it was also requested by Council Member Fowler to add that there be no free standing signs nor on-street parking.

Council Member Gladden then moved to approve both sets of minutes with the above changes, seconded by Council Member Chris McDonough. There were ayes by all to approve both sets of minutes with the changes.

Consent Agenda:

The following items were included: a) *Financial Report as of October 31, 2016*; b) *Tax Refunds*; and c) *Amendments to Records Retention Schedule*. Council Member Debbie Fowler asked if the Amendments to the Retention Schedule were sent to the Police Department. Clerk Monticello responded that she did not know but would be sure to get copies of them to the department. Council Member Fowler moved to approve the consent agenda with Council Member Gladden seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the Consent Agenda was adopted as is.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Melissa Davis expressed her disappointment with the last Mayor's Corner article. She believed it was inappropriate and unprofessional of Mayor Edwards to use the newsletter for his personal agenda at tax payer's expense. Pineville needs a mayor that can unite the town and not mislead people in the reason for the Town Manager's departure. She noted that the projects Mayor Edwards mentioned in his article were all incomplete and that he had never attended a council meeting prior to getting elected. Additionally, she asked for an update on the park project because she did not think that it would be completed by the date the contractor promised. Park and Recreation Director, Kristy Detwiler, provided a quick update and agreed that she did not think the project would be completed by the date the contractor stated in a prior meeting.

George Alvarez provided an update on the previously discussed Disc Golf project. He stated that originally he was looking at funding to be provided by a Land & Water Conservation grant but Park and Recreation Director, Kristy Detwiler, informed him that the department was recently awarded the Part F grant and because of that, we were not eligible to receive another grant so he is working with two rotary clubs to see if there was anything that could be done. He also wanted residents to know that there was going to be a Disc Golf Awareness Day at Village Golf on November 26th. They are also looking to put a new disc golf course there, too, and invited the public to come out and learn about disc golf and then play a few games.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Update on Eden Circle Lots** (*Travis Morgan*) — Planning and Zoning Director, Travis Morgan, provided an update on the sale of the vacant lots on Eden Circle. Mr. Morgan stated that two of the four lots that GVEST had bid on did not have upset bids on them. Lot # 258 currently stood at \$8,900 and lot #'s 262 and 264 were each currently at \$5,600. There were no upsets on the lots that Thomas White bid on either, but the intention of his original bid was not communicated correctly from the realtor that was initially hired to handle the sale. He was in attendance to be sure his intentions got communicated correctly. Even though he wanted eight lots, he was going to combine into a total of five lots at \$5K per lot as opposed to \$5K for eight lots. Because of this, Council requested that the lots be re-advertised and sold as a block.

Council Member Les Gladden moved to approve the bids for lot #'s 266 and 268 and to re-advertise the other lots, #'s 258, 262 and 264. Also re-advertise lot #'s 233, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273 and 275 as a block to be sold as a block. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion and asked that Mr. Morgan notify bidders of an upset bid to which he agreed. Vote was 3-1 in favor with Council Member Debbie Fowler casting the dissenting vote.

Mayor Edwards skipped over item B under Old Business, Fire Department Shift Request, as Fire Chief, Mike Gerin, had just been called out on an emergency. We moved to New Business, Item A.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Request by CHS to Accept Payment in Lieu of Road Improvements** (*Travis Morgan*) – Mr. Morgan stated that a Traffic Study had been conducted sometime around 2007 when Carolina's Healthcare System came before council to construct a new bed tower. At that time, the traffic study noted that CHS was responsible for road improvements at the NC51 and Park Road intersection. The hospital has one major component left to their campus – a grassy field where they plan to construct a medical building which they planned to lease out. This is the last parcel they would be able to construct on. Mr. Morgan and the hospital had sat down to discuss the "payment in lieu of" option. The hospital would pay the town to turn the road improvements over to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for them to do. Once the town accepts that money from CHS, it can then start their building.

One of the benefits to the NCDOT doing the project is that it has the power of eminent domain to acquire more property if necessary, they would provide more road improvements for the money and they are willing to pay additional money for even more improvements. The hospital would need to acquire more land, most likely from the gas station across the street, to make the necessary improvements. However, the property owner is not likely to sell his property to the hospital nor would the hospital be likely to pay the amount the owner would want for the property.

Mr. Morgan continued stating that the hospital had agreed upon a final total to pay the town of \$2.6 million for the NCDOT to complete the road improvement project. They were set to appear at tonight's council meeting but at the eleventh hour they cancelled. Council Member Chris McDonough asked if he knew why the hospital had backed out at the last minute. Mr. Morgan was not certain and stated they had just asked to postpone their appearance at the Council Meeting.

Council Member Les Gladden was skeptical of the state's involvement because they could take their time and drag their feet on the project. He asked if they could come in and do something different than what the town would like to see at that intersection. Mr. Morgan stated that they could come in with a different plan if they wanted to but most people were in favor of a pedestrian island. Mr. Gladden asked where the town stood if it held the money but the state came in with totally different plans. Mr. Morgan did not think the state would have dramatically different plans than the town because he had been in contact with the DOT and they were mostly in agreement with what the town was proposing. Council Member McDonough then asked what would happen if we all agreed to a plan and an amount but the DOT completed the job over budget. Mr. Morgan stated that once the DOT goes over that amount, they would be responsible, not us. Interim Town Manager, Leamon Brice, added that we would all have to work together and agree on the details. Mr. Morgan stated that these types of agreements are generally signed off on by all parties.

Council Member Gladden agreed that council should support Mr. Morgan in requesting more money from the hospital. Mr. Morgan was simply bringing council up-to-date with the discussions he had with the hospital. No further discussion took place and no action was necessary since the hospital had requested a postponement on this matter. Mayor Edward asked to go back to Old Business to complete Item B, Fire Department Shift Request.

OLD BUSINESS:

- B. **Fire Department Shift Request** (*Mike Gerin*) – Interim Manager Brice stated that Fire Chief, Mike Gerin, was in attendance to answer any questions Council had regarding the information that was presented at the last council meeting concerning his request for additional shifts and the additional specific information was provided to Council in their packets this month. Mr. Brice was in attendance at the last meeting and the way he understood the situation was that there was enough money in the budget to cover two additional shifts for this year but not beyond that. However, after discussing it with Chief Gerin earlier, it seems that as long as Council voted to fund the department at the current level, they would be able to fund the two additional shifts beyond just this year. Chief Gerin agreed that was the case.

Council Member Gladden asked if any of the stipend money was used to pay for anything. Chief Gerin stated that no stipend money was used and that it would remain in place. He stated that the workers comp premium was paid before the two additional people were hired and that he, Jason Klemowitz and Mr. Brigman had sat down and gone

over all the numbers from the budget and they had come out with a cushion. Council Member Gladden just asked that they be careful with any overages that may result from insurance costs. Chief Gerin also assured Council that anyone hired from this point forward would have to be Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II's. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips asked if any volunteers were being paid. Chief Gerin responded that there were some but they were all Fire Fighters I and II. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips was concerned about running the volunteers off. Council Member Les Gladden moved to approve the additional shifts with Council Member Debbie Fowler seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: *(Mayor Edwards stated we would move back to Item B of New Business. The following is a verbatim account of the minutes from this section of the meeting only).*

B. Council Comments *(open forum for Council comments).*

Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips: "And I guess I'll start this and I'm not sure if this is why Janelle is here or not but if it is, so be it cause I'm gonna speak my piece tonight."

"Melissa, I'll start by saying that you explained what happened in this newsletter perfectly and I stand behind everything you say or said and I think that you represented the town in a very good way when you served on this council so I think it was inappropriate and unprofessional for the Mayor to call you out like he did. And now I'm gonna approach it with the conversation..."

"Let me start off by saying "thank the Lord" that the meeting was postponed from last Tuesday until tonight because me and you had a phone conversation last week about this newsletter. I understand, Jack, it's your opinion on some of these things *(Mayor in the background says "absolutely")* but you do not use this newsletter as a whipping post. If you have a problem with me and I know from talking to you that I'm one of the Council Members you're mentioning. If you have a problem with me, you can address it with anybody in this meeting tonight or anybody you come across one-on-one or you can address it with me but you are not gonna put it in a newsletter. I mean, you have your right to an opinion but you don't publish it in a bi-monthly newsletter that the town sponsors."

"I don't, don't have a problem when I was elected to this position. I know I'll get some feedback at times that may not be the feedback I want to hear but you're not gonna embarrass my family for undue necessary reasons. My wife is in attendance tonight and she's here because I asked her to be here and what you did, and I'll say it again, is inappropriate and unprofessional. Ah, I am in my 12th year of serving this town and your philosophy for this town is build it, build it, build it and the reason we have what we have in this town is because of responsible town council people that have served this town for years in the past and present. I mean, all you want to see is the town developed and you are willing to give up the south side right-of-way of the south side of town hall for GVEST so they can continue to develop it. I wanna see this development continue but not at any cost. Your idea is build it and let's keep growing. Ah, I've lived here since I was 6 years old and when I was asked to run by several residents of this town, I ran because I truly care about the future and the direction of this town. You don't! All you care about is building this town and getting a name for yourself."

"Now, like I, and I'm not gonna, gonna dwell on this... There were a lot of comments you made in this paper that you continue to hit on. The last comment you made in this article was recommending that the ah, citizens of this town, ah, attend these meetings to see what your council members are doing and what they're saying which was a final hit at us and I'm not gonna stand for it."

"Now, if, if, and I'm sure, and Janelle, I'll ask you, too, if it takes a motion and a vote by this council to keep him from writing the Mayor's Corner and if he does this again, then I'm all for doing that. Um...because it's inappropriate and I don't know how the rest of council feels about it. Like I said, you can take your shots at me anytime you want to, but you're not gonna take shots at, ah, former council member who served this town very, very well. Um...you know it....and you put Haynes on a high pedestal and I liked Haynes, I still like Haynes, but Haynes was very well compensated for what he done for this town and when you, you write in here all the

accomplishments he had, you failed to write down what he didn't achieve."

"It's like Melissa said earlier, everything that you patted him on the back for was already in the works. And the reason, with Les Gladden sitting here, the reason we have a development down here like McCullough instead of some shot-gun housin' is because of the practices and policies we have in place. And as long as I serve on this council, I will never check something off just to continue to build or continue to have this town grow. And, and so I'll end it at that but I would like you, at some time, to give my wife a formal apology. And, and that's up to you. That'll be between you and her but like I told you last council when you came up to me, I will continue to serve and I will continue to work with you and I will do what I need to do to make this town a better place and help continue it to grow, but I have lost respect for you for what you have done and until you make a formal apology to me and the other people you mention in this letter, don't ask me for any favors and don't expect me ta, ta come up and speak to ya."

Mayor Edwards: "OK."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "That's all I've got to say."

Mayor Edwards: "Anything else?"

Council Member Debbie Fowler: "Well I was offended, too, because you said several council members and so I, I, I assumed you meant the rest of us except for Chris. We worked with Haynes until he left. We worked with Mike Rose 'til he left...ah, we always put the town's interest first, not our own, and um...I, I didn't appreciate that either...you're remarks."

Council Member Les Gladden: "Mr. Mayor, what do you like about Pineville?"

Mayor Edwards: "Pardon me?"

Council Member Les Gladden: "What do you like about Pineville?"

Mayor Edwards: "I live here."

Council Member Les Gladden: "No, what do you like about Pineville? Why'd you move here?"

Mayor Edwards: "The people."

Council Member Les Gladden: "OK, the people?"

Mayor Edwards: "Um hum..."

Council Member Les Gladden: "People don't have a dang thing to do with where you're going to lay your head at night. Why'd you plan to move here? You could have moved down the street somewhere. There's a reason...something drew you to Pineville."

Mayor Edwards: "My wife's business is here."

Council Member Les Gladden: "Why is your wife's business here, because it was a good place to have a business?"

Mayor Edwards: "It's where she wanted to be."

Council Member Les Gladden: "Hum, why because this group, ah..."

Mayor Edwards: "Get to the question you want to ask."

Council Member Les Gladden: "I asked you a question and you don't answer, just like you're not going to stand up to this, you're not a man...you embarrass people and you don't care. Your arrogance is beyond you, ok? If you think that, you know, that we don't know the people that you're talking about. You've done politicking against us the best you can do. You tried your damndest not to get anybody from Pineville elected --- everybody knows that 'cause people that you talk to walking' your horses around tell us that. They're our friends, our families. We've been here for years -- they're not yours. They don't care about an implant like you. Ok, and to embarrass us like that and call us out? I'd like to know something you've accomplished to make this town better since you got here. Is there anything? "There's nothing."

Council Member Les Gladden: "You gone to speak here and you've gone to speak there and be arrogant around other places and show up. You've done nothing actively to make this a better town to live in. You've made our developments -- you wish they were (*inaudible* ???) because, like David said, you just want to build, build, build. Is there a reason why we were voted the best place to start a small business? You didn't have nothing to do with us getting voted that. Is there a reason we got voted the best place to start a small family? You didn't have a dang thing to do with that, ok? You didn't have nothin' to do with it. There's something that some of these people on the council that you were talking about must be doing something right. Some of us must be doing something right to get those things for us, ok? You didn't have a dang thing to do with the businesses coming back to the Yandell property downtown. You didn't have nothing to do with that. It was already in the process before you got here. Buying the mill you didn't have nothing to do with that. You didn't have a dang thing to do with anything that's going on in this town that the people are enjoying and liking but you sure as hell are taking credit for it. And you didn't have nothing to do with any of it."

Mayor Edwards: "I didn't take credit for anything."

Council Member Les Gladden: "Yes you do. When you was going around and sayin' you don't know what we was doing and you're trying to knock backwards. When you look at that, that's exactly what...if any of you hadn't read the newsletter, pull it out and see what the Mayor said about our council people when he is sitting up here being arrogant as hell. When ya go to meetings when y'all are not here, he sits here lookin at his phone and nods and complains when he's sittin' there too long, ok? It's an embarrassment to us and our families for what you've got and the town you live in because he didn't have nothin' to do with it. He didn't have nothing to do with the stuff being built here and the progress that's going on here and I'll be damned if I'm going to take that from somebody like that and I do make a motion that he is never to put another (*inaudible*????) in this paper. The town pays for it and we can do that. We should see the employees that work for this town and put a 'let's meet so-and-so and let's meet Kristy Detwiler, let's meet Chip Hill on this space would be better served than allowing him cause that's not the first time he done it. This is the most arrogant time that he's done it, and ah, that's bullcrap that he's allowed to do it and stand up on his high horse and look down his nose at people 'cause you're not better than us. You're not better than everybody else, ok? 'Cause we're just ol' country people and you mighta come from up north or wherever, where you're better than other people but not down here. We made this town. Where do you think all these millions of dollars that you got to spend on stuff to do this mill and to do these other projects with? Because we were frugal to save the money while you were still wherever the hell you were running around this world, alright?"

Mayor Edwards: "um hum..."

Council Member Les Gladden: "We fought. We suffered. We fought to get that money and to keep that money to make what we have now and you didn't have a damned thing to do with it. Nothing! But you prancin' around all these meetings and taking claim for all of it so if people knew the damned facts they'd put your ass to the road like we need to do. I've had enough and I talked to my lawyer and he's comin' to you, ok? And you're not using our lawyer 'cause that's the town's lawyer and what you do is personal, ok? So have at it. Your phone's ringing --- go ahead and answer it like you usually do in a meeting. I'm done."

Council Member Chris McDonough: I guess that leaves me. I read that article. I can truthfully say, I don't take umbrage.

Council Member Les Gladden: "Cause you didn't have nothin' to do with it."

Council Member Chris McDonough: "I beg your pardon."

Council Member Les Gladden: "He's not talking about you...you know who he's talking about."

Council Member Chris McDonough: "I'm not talking to you."

Council Member Les Gladden: "Yeah, you are."

Council Member Chris McDonough: "I'm not talking to you."

Council Member Les Gladden: "Because you agree with it, you're talking to us."

Council Member Chris McDonough: "You can listen. I listened to you. It's unbecoming. You people waste more damned time on personal issues than you should. I don't take umbrage to it – I don't think it's right or it's wrong. He didn't mention anybody but it was indicated so obviously those that are unhappy, take it. Last I saw, I'm a councilman in this town and I didn't take offense to it because I know there was no animosity or anything from Haynes that caused anything. He didn't tell me anything. I didn't think anything of it. I try to be professional. I wish the town would be a little more professional to the people that come in here and I think this type of review is just a sad chronicle to air dirty linen. If you got a problem, go to the man directly."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "That's the problem, Chris, *(everyone yelling at the same time-difficult to understand who said what)*. You've been on here how long? A year?"

Council Member Chris McDonough: "yeah."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "so don't come down here telling us that you didn't take offense to it. He knows who he was talking about. He told me he was talking about me."

Council Member Chris McDonough: "Well he didn't tell me that."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "ok."

Council Member Les Gladden: "There's no *(can't understand???)* people in town."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "You have an opinion as well. If you don't think..."

Council Member McDonough: "Sorry?"

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "You're not even required to make a comment."

Council Member McDonough: "Why am I not required?"

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "I said you're not required to but you are certainly welcome to."

Council Member McDonough: "Well I just did and you're takin', you're takin' offense to it."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "No, I'm not."

Council Member McDonough: "Yeah, you are."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "I'm taking offense to it."

Council Member McDonough: "OK, take offense to it."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "No, I'm asking you, how am I taking offense to it?"

Council Member McDonough: "Hey, I'm just saying something and you're saying I didn't do this and I didn't do that."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "No, no, no, what you were saying..."

Council Member McDonough: "You're putting it on me. I'm not going to go there."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "No, I'm talking about the few comments you made, Chris, about this Council again. You haven't been around this Council long enough to know..."

Council Member McDonough: "But I sat in meetings..."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "How many meetings did you attend before you were elected?"

Council Member Gladden in the background says, "zero."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "Let me tell ya..."

Council Member McDonough: "Tell me."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "Zero."

Council Member McDonough: "You're wrong..."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "Well, how many?"

Council Member McDonough: "I can't tell you. I was on the Planning Board. I've attended quite a few of 'em."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "OK."

Council Member McDonough: "How about the speedbumps...how about some of the others..."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "This is between you and me..."

Council Member McDonough: "No it's not."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "OK."

Council Member McDonough: "But it's me and I feel the reflection at what you're emulating is relative to the disposition of the town and the professionalism of the town. The Mayor made those comments. He didn't single out anybody. Yeah, you could pick up who you want on it but why take umbrage to it? It doesn't get anybody anywhere. It doesn't get...it isn't productive for anything..."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "Chris..."

Council Member McDonough: "We're here to do policy and go with life. You've been in the police force. I've been in the private sector and I've been in meetings where they want to hand your head to you and you can't take it personally..."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "You can do that in a meeting – not in a public newspaper."

Council Member McDonough: "It's been in meetings, it's been in convention, it's been in a variety of things. You've never experienced it obviously but all I'm saying is, we should move on. We shouldn't be fighting amongst us. If you want an apology, that's up to Jack and if he does do that, I would suggest you move on."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "Oh, I'll move on anyway."

Council Member McDonough: "Ok, fine. That's your prerogative but let's move on and conduct business civilly in this town for the betterment of the town and that's what we're all here to do as elected officials."

Council Member Debbie Fowler: "And I think we worked with Haynes to do that. How he can single us out for trying to do the ethical thing and work with the town administrator and keep things going in a positive direction for the Town of Pineville which I think we've done."

Unsure who said: "Folks..."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "Let me make sure I'm clear on this, Chris. Regardless of who he's singling out, you're saying that's not inappropriate for him to call out Council in a public news..."

Council Member McDonough: "I didn't feel that he singled me out even though I'm part of this Council. He may have singled me out but I didn't take offense to it."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "OK, whether he did or not, do you think it was appropriate in a newsletter that is sent out, not only town-wide, but God knows who else gets it. Do you think that's appropriate 'cause that's what this is about."

Council Member McDonough: "It doesn't matter if it's appropriate, I didn't write the article. If I was in his position, I may not have written it. I probably wouldn't -- that's not my disposition..."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "Ok, that's what this is about, Chris, that's what it's about."

Council Member McDonough: "It's still a matter of opinion..."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "This is not a whippin' post. If he has, like I said earlier, if he has an issue with me, he can call me out on it anyway he wants to and we can talk about it like grown men, but he's not going to call me out in a public newspaper."

Mayor Edwards: "Anything else?"

Silence.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "Did you have a motion on the floor?"

Council Member Les Gladden: "Yep."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: Do you want to say it again?

Council Member Les Gladden: "I'd like to make a motion that there be no more Mayor's Corner or Council

Corner is what it may come up to, because it's in this town's newsletter and replace it with an article about employees recognizing employees and getting to know them."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "Or either they did it with the town?"

Council Member Les Gladden: "Yeah."

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips: "I'll second that motion."

There were three ayes for removing the Mayor's Corner and one nay, not in favor of removing it. Motion passed 3-1, with Council Member Chris McDonough not in favor.

Mayor Jack Edwards: "Motion passes."

- C. **Staff Update: 1) Manager's Report** (*Leamon Brice, Interim Manager*) – Mr. Brice stated that he had met with Andrew Trump of DFI earlier that morning and noted that they were trying to work with GVEST and that they had offered to pay GVEST to put a plan together. GVEST did like the plan and the elements it encompasses but wants to close on the property and get moving on the project.

Mr. Brice was moving quickly on selecting resumes for the Human Resources position. He intended to have at least three department heads also review the resumes, help select candidates and sit in on the interview process. He intended to meet with them on Thursday to decide on which candidates to interview.

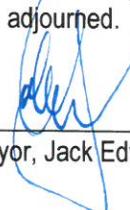
Mr. Brice will follow-up on the park project. There appeared to be only one person working on the project all week. Kristy noted that she had a long conversation with the contractor and stressed the importance of completing the job in a timely manner.

Resident Billy Baskins announced that the Polk Street Bridge finally opened earlier that day. Council Member Chris McDonough reported that he was at a breakfast last week which a DOT official was also at. He wanted to let the Council know that the official stated to him that it takes a year for a bridge to be renamed and that the bridge needed to be dedicated before it could be renamed because it was the town's intention to have the bridge renamed for Fire Fighter Richard Sheltra.

Mayor Edwards added that there were several events scheduled in December including the town's Annual Tree Lighting, Breakfast with Santa, Pineville Player's presentation of "It's a Wonderful Life" and the fund-raising event, Shop with a Cop.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:02 p.m., Council Member Debbie Fowler moved to adjourn the meeting with Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the meeting adjourned.



Mayor, Jack Edwards

ATTEST:



Barbara Monticello, Town Clerk