



**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF PINEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 12, 2011**

The Town Council of the Town of Pineville met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at The Hut Meeting Facility in Pineville.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: George C. Fowler
Mayor Pro-Tem: David Phillips
Town Council Members: Libby Boatwright, Debbie Fowler and Jim Eschert
Town Administrator: Mike Rose
Zoning Administrator: Kevin Icard
Town Planner: Travis Morgan was absent
Town Clerk: Barbara Monticello

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Town Administrator Mike Rose invited anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item to sign the speaker list.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Council Member Libby Boatwright.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Fowler called for a moment of silence for the following individuals:

Town employee, Tom Polito's mother-in-law (nursing home); Sandy McCarver, sister of town employee, Bo McCarver (heart attack); former town employee, Cliff Hunt, (more cancer); Don Boatwright, husband of Council Member Libby Boatwright (well and out of hospital); Floyd Elkins (improving); Steve Shackleford (surgery); Lightner Hall (passed); and Joanna and Dan McCall (lost baby).

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adoption of the Agenda: There being no changes to the agenda, a motion was made by Council Member Debbie Fowler and seconded by Council Member Jim Eschert to adopt the agenda as is. There were ayes by all.

Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2011: Mayor Fowler called for a motion on the minutes from the last Regular Council Meeting of March 8th. There being no

comments or corrections, Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips moved to approve the minutes as is with Council Member Debbie Fowler seconding the motion. There were ayes by all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are included: a) *Set Public Hearing Dates;* b) *Tax Refund for Life Care Service;* c) *Contract to Audit Accounts – Martin Starnes & Associates.* There being no public hearing dates to set for May and no comments regarding the Consent Agenda, Council Member Boatwright moved to approve it. Council Member Fowler seconded the motion and there were ayes by all to approve the Consent Agenda as is.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Proclamations for: *National Nurses Week and Municipal Clerk's Week.* Two proclamations were presented before Council honoring National Nurses Week and Municipal Clerk's Week. Council Member Boatwright moved to approve both proclamations with Council Member Fowler seconding the motion. There were ayes by all to approve both proclamations.

OLD BUSINESS: *None*

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The President James K. Polk State Historic Site –** *Scott Warren, Manager of the James K. Polk Historic Site will update Council on upcoming events at the site, including the Biennial Polk Family Reunion.*

Scott Warren and Sharon Van Kuren from the James K. Polk Historic Site were both in attendance to give a brief overview of upcoming events. Mr. Warren was excited to report that the Polk Family Reunion would be held in Pineville this year on May 13th and 14th. The last time a Polk family reunion was held in Pineville was in 2005. There will also be a series of three programs entitled, "Second Saturdays" to be held on the second Saturday in June, July and August as well as the Living History Day Camps that are also planned throughout the summer. He thanked the town for their support and Mayor Fowler for his time in helping with the DAR re-dedication ceremony.

Ms. Van Kuren, who is part of the volunteer support group at the site, also expressed her appreciation for the help the town provides to them. She advised them of the tough times ahead and asked for their continued support as well as reminding them that Charlotte would be in the spotlight next year as it hosts the Democratic National Convention.

- B. Consideration of Ordinance No. 2011-01 to Adopt Newly Revised Town Code –** *Consideration to adopt the new town code by Ordinance.*

Town Clerk Barbara Monticello indicated that the project to re-codify the town's Code of Ordinances was completed but now needed to officially be adopted. Council Member Libby Boatwright moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-01. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips and there were ayes by all.

C. Pineville Downtown Farmers Market – *Presentation of a proposed plan to start a Farmer's Market in Downtown.*

Town Administrator, Mike Rose advised Council that the town had been approached by Jack Thrower and Don Eury about setting up a produce stand in town. They worked together with Planning Director, Kevin Icard, to come up with a plan that would be suitable for several vendors. Mr. Icard gave a summary of the items that make up the Vendor Packet that he created and what the town envisioned with this endeavor. He explained that the town was very much in support of this idea and it would promote more interaction on Main Street. The Market is due to open on May 21st in conjunction with the grand opening of Jack Hughes Park. It will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the police station parking lot on the corner of Main and Church Streets. Mr. Icard will be the Market Manager with Mr. Eury as the liaison between the vendors and the town.

Mayor Fowler asked if Mr. Thrower and Mr. Eury had any input on the contents of the vendor packets. Mr. Icard responded that they had a lot of say in what went into the packets. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips wanted to know how many vendors the market could accommodate and where the vendors would park. Mr. Icard responded that the police parking lot could accommodate about eight or nine vendors on a first come – first served basis and that they would be directed to park in the back lot adjacent to the police station. The plan would be to connect the back parking lot with a pathway and steps leading down into the front lot. If they get more vendors than eight or nine, the lot by Town Hall could also be utilized. Council was in agreement that this was a great idea.

D. Small Town Main Street Program – *Presentation by staff of a downtown revitalization program offered by the Urban Development Division of the NC Department of Commerce.*

Town Clerk, Barbara Monticello, gave a brief presentation on a workshop she attended on April 5th regarding a program offered through the NC Department of Commerce providing assistance to small towns in revitalizing their historic downtown areas. To be eligible, the population of the town cannot exceed 7500. Ms. Monticello stated that Pineville was on the verge of that number according to the latest 2010 Census figures with the population count at 7479. Her concern was that previously Pineville's population was stated at 7,700 which would make the town ineligible to participate. However, as long as our application can support the latest population totals, it would not be turned down. No grant funds are awarded but an experienced, dedicated team of professionals would provide assistance for up to two years in developing the downtown corridor. There would be no cost to the town, other than travel reimbursement expenses and the cost of an economic data report. Eligible towns must submit an application with documentation, including letters of support from organizations and citizens. There would have to be commitment on everyone's part and a resolution signed by Council stating they would agree to and support the project. Three towns are chosen from the eastern part of the state and three are chosen for the program from the western part of the state with the

application due by May 31st. The consensus of Council was to move forward with the application and present a resolution at the next Council meeting.

E. Staff Updates – a) *Town Hall Day*; b) *Budget Workshops*; c) *National Register of Historic Places*. Mr. Rose reviewed the calendar of events for May, reminding Council of Town Hall Day on May 4th. He was hoping to schedule time with Kelly Alexander, Bob Rucho and Ruth Samuelson so the Town could express concerns about impending legislation. Two budget workshops have been set up for Tuesday, May 24th and Thursday May, 26th to begin at 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. at the Hut. On May 5th there will be a public meeting regarding the details of the nomination of two sections of town for the National Register of Historic Places. The meeting will be at the Hut at 7:00 p.m.

Lastly, Mr. Rose addressed the recent storm that brought telephone, cable and power lines down and forced the closing of both routes 485 and NC51. The North Carolina Department of Transportation estimated that it would be two days before everything would be up and running smoothly again. However, Pineville Electric with the help of linesmen from Huntersville and the Pineville Police Department did an excellent job in coordinating efforts to get poles back up, power on and the roads open again within 24 hours. He thanked them for their tireless efforts in getting things up and running quickly.

Council Member Boatwright added that the new K&W Cafeteria was now open for business. Next weekend, she would be participating in a walk to raise funds in memory of her sister, Mary, who recently passed from Multiple Sclerosis. The baseball tournament between the Pineville Police, Volunteer Fire Department and Town Hall/Council members held over the past weekend was great fun and a total of \$800 was raised to help outfit the new fire truck for the Pineville Fire Department. The Pineville Fire Department players were the champions of this first annual tournament.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Council Member Debbie Fowler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Libby Boatwright. There were ayes by all and the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.


George C. Fowler, Mayor

Attest:


Barbara Monticello, Town Clerk