



**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF PINEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012**

The Town Council of the Town of Pineville met in regular session on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 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: Debbie Fowler, Melissa Davis and Les Gladden

Town Administrator: Position is vacant at this time

Planning Director: Travis Morgan

Town Clerk: Barbara Monticello

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Those wishing to speak on an agenda item were invited to sign the speaker list.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Council Member, Debbie Fowler.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Fowler called for a moment of silence for those who lives were lost or effected by the 9/11 tragedy that happened eleven years ago today. He also included the following individuals: Police Chief Rob Merchant's mother (recently had surgery and was at home recuperating); The Mayor's brother-in-law, Glen Stevens, took ill; Margaret Long's son, Jimmy (passed); Tony McGee (passed); Connie Morris (surgery); Police Captain, Bill Connell (surgery) and ex-town employee, Cliff Hunt (cancer progressing).

Mayor Fowler acknowledged Jennifer Roberts, who was present to give a presentation and was currently running for Sue Myrick's seat. He welcomed her to the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adoption of the Agenda:

Council Member Les Gladden asked to remove item A, under Old Business, Terminating Payment of Employee's Family Health Coverage, from the regular agenda to the Executive Session. Mayor Fowler asked if each Council Member was in agreement to do that. All agreed to move it to the Executive Session as long as they had the opportunity to discuss it. Council Member Gladden moved to move the Family Health Coverage issue to Executive Session. Council Member, Melissa Davis, seconded the motion and there were ayes by all to adopt the agenda with the change.

Approval of Minutes for the August 14, 2012 Regular Council Meeting and the Special Called Meeting of June 26, 2012: Mayor Fowler called for a motion on the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of August 14, 2012 and the Special Called Meeting of June 26, 2012. Council Member Debbie Fowler moved to approve both sets of minutes with Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips seconding the motion. There were ayes by all to adopt both sets of minutes as is.

Consent Agenda: The following items were included: a) *Proclamation in Honor of Constitution Week*; b) *Proclamation Promoting Public Power Week*; c) *Approval of Salary Ranges*; and d) *Set Public Hearings*. Mayor Fowler noted, and Council Member Davis confirmed, that the salary range information was not yet completed and asked to have it removed from the Consent Agenda. It was agreed by all to remove item C, *Approval of Salary Ranges*, from the Consent Agenda altogether. Council Member Melissa Davis moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the change with Council Member Debbie Fowler seconding the motion. There were ayes by all to approve the Consent Agenda with the change.

OLD BUSINESS: Resolution No. 2012-07, *Terminating Payment of Employees' Family Health Insurance*, was moved from the regular agenda to the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONNECT Presentation - *Jennifer Roberts was present to make a presentation regarding COG's Regional CONNECT Vision.*

Mayor Fowler recognized Ms. Jennifer Roberts who stated that she was on the Board of Directors at Centralina Council of Governments and was here to present the "CONNECT our Future" vision. The CONNECT vision originated in 2008 and is a collaborative effort between two states (NC & SC), 14 counties and more than 100 municipalities sharing information and working together to improve economic growth and unemployment, solve transportation and infrastructure issues and provide safe, vibrant communities for future generations. The project is funded by a \$4.9 million federal grant, awarded to only 30 areas in the entire country. There would be no cost to the Town of Pineville to participate in this program. With multiple municipalities, counties and states working together, along with input from the public, ideas will be generated and shared collectively to help create jobs, stimulate the economy and improve the quality of life in our communities. This will establish a framework for growth in the region through extensive community engagement in identifying specific needs and utilizing existing plans and strategies. Other areas of the country such as Kansas City, Chattanooga and Birmingham have all experienced positive results through collaborative planning efforts – whether it was billions of dollars in infrastructure savings, revitalized urban cores or more affordable housing options.

Ms. Roberts was looking for the support of the town in fulfilling this vision by signing a Memorandum of Understanding for Membership in the CONNECT Consortium and choosing both a staff member and elected official to attend the Consortium Meetings to help shape the future. Mayor Fowler thanked Ms. Roberts for her presentation and wished her well in the upcoming election.

B. Proposed Changes to the Personnel Handbook – *Retiring Employee' Medical Benefits and Longevity Pay for Retiring Employees.* Council Member Les Gladden explained that the proposed changes were to clean up the wording and clarify the retirement insurance section in the Employee Handbook. Mayor Fowler noted that the clarification took the confusion out of it. There being no other comments, Council Member Gladden moved to approve the changes with Council Member Davis seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the changes to the Employee Handbook were approved unanimously.

C. **Staff Updates** – 1) NCLM Annual Conference -- October 21-23 in Charlotte; 2) Ethics Webinar; 3) Fall Fest -- October 19th & 20th; 4) Tree Lighting Ceremony; 5) Calendar of Events. Town Clerk, Barbara Monticello, informed Council of the upcoming League of Municipalities Conference in October which will be held in Charlotte this year. She also reminded Council that the Ethics webinar was scheduled for the evening of September 18th and if someone could not make it they would have up until the end of October to view it on their own. The webinar will be held at the Telephone/Electric Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be available. She also took the opportunity to remind Council that Fall Fest was the weekend of October 19th & 20th and that the proposed date for the Tree Lighting Ceremony was Saturday, December 1st. Everyone was in favor so December 1st was set as the official date of the Tree Lighting. One last item was mentioned; on September 25th a representative from GovDeals was meeting with Ms. Monticello so if anyone had items for the auction site, she asked that they let her know.

Mayor Fowler called for a short break at 7:15 p.m. before moving into Executive Session.

An Executive Session was held from 7:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. after which the meeting was adjourned. Clerk was not present at the Executive Session and minutes of the Executive Session have not been made available.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:


Barbara Monticello, Town Clerk


George C. Fowler, Mayor