

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF PINEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA  
BUDGET WORKSHOP, MAY 30, 2013**

The Town Council of the Town of Pineville met in special session on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pineville Telephone Conference Center for a budget workshop.

**ATTENDANCE**

Mayor: Mayor George Fowler

Mayor Pro-Tem: David Phillips (arrived later)

Town Council Members: Debbie Fowler, Melissa Davis, and Les Gladden

Town Clerk: Barbara Monticello

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. announcing that this was a special called meeting workshop on the FY2013-14 budget. Some changes from the last budget workshop needed to be made before moving on to the other departments. Under the Parks and Recreation Department the ESP needs study will need to be taken out of Departmental Supplies and put into Contract Services through a budget amendment. Salaries of the Park and Recreation Department were discussed. Council Member Debbie Fowler recalled that the Finance Officer last year increased the salaries under Park and Recreation to cover both Heather and George's salaries but she neglected to tell the Payroll Clerk about those changes so half their salaries were paid from the regular P&R budget and the other half was out of Culture and Tourism money. Discussion about salaries and what account they should come out of continued for some time.

The Public Works Department budget was reviewed next. Council Member Les Gladden noted that there was money left over in this year's budget under Capital Outlay to purchase a used forklift for the Public Works Department. He also wanted to purchase a tractor under this year's budget. He thought that both those items could be purchased for under \$40,000; \$45,000 had been budgeted for both. The new Cook Out that is being built in town sent the town \$32,000 worth of storm water money which has to be spent in two years. However, Council was not sure where the money was deposited and wanted to be sure it was deposited into the storm water funds account.

Council Member Gladden also asked Council if they wanted the Planning Director to purchase a new plotter this year or budget it for next. There was enough money in the Departmental Supplies account to purchase it this year. The approximate cost would be \$10,000. A budget amendment would need to be done to take the money out of Departmental Supplies and put into Capital Outlay. Mayor Fowler stated he would like it purchased this year and mentioned that Council Member Fowler had suggested raising the Contingency Fund to \$30,000 in case it is needed to help the James K. Polk site stay open.

Mayor Fowler stated that the Telephone Department was still operating with a positive cash flow of about \$100,000 to \$150,000 but that it would have to get real serious about the business

because it operates on a profit/loss basis. He believes that the growth potential was in the DSL and he would meet with Gary Creech to see what the plan is for 2014. It was noted that the department must keep up with the latest technology and gadgets in order to survive and that the biggest complaint from residents is that the IPTV cost is too high. The whole mindset of the department has to change in terms of being more sales and profit-driven.

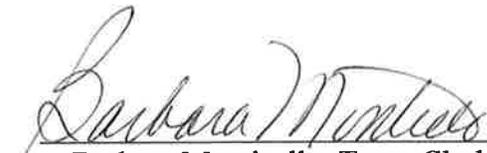
Turning to the Electric Department, Mayor Fowler stated that Electricities had projected a 5% increase in the wholesale cost of electricity which will mean an increase in the town's electric rates as well. Council Member Les Gladden wanted to address take home vehicles. He stated that if Council was going to address it, they would need to address it across the board. Council Member Melissa Davis stated that there would be a big savings by taking away the privilege of driving vehicles home and giving a vehicle allowance for mileage instead. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips was against supplementing employees with an allowance but whatever was decided, it needed to be decided across the board. Mayor Fowler stated that they needed to adopt a "No-Drive Home Vehicle" policy. Council Member Davis added that she didn't think the Town Administrator or Police Chief should be able to drive their cars for personal use either.

The Electric Department requested that an apprentice helper be hired to train under the direction of Ralph and Rock. Council agreed that it was a good idea. The department is in need of a bucket truck but a new one is very costly so they will have to explore other options such as buying a used one or rebuilding the current one. Mayor Fowler thought the money in Undesignated Capital Outlay can be rolled over from year to year. If that money is still there, he wanted the department to purchase some of the things they need from this year's budget.

### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips provided a quick update on two police matters before Council Member Gladden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 ~~p.m.~~<sup>a.m.</sup> Council Member Fowler seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Mayor, George Fowler

  
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Barbara Monticello, Town Clerk