



**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF PINEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013**

The Town Council of the Town of Pineville met in regular session on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 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: Les Gladden, Debbie Fowler and Melissa Davis

Interim Town Administrator: Ed Humphries

New Town Administrator: Haynes Brigman

Planning Director: Travis Morgan

Town Clerk: Barbara Monticello

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:27 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 Melissa Davis.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Fowler called for a moment of silence for the following: Betty Crump (not doing well) and Bill McConnell's sister, Beth (lumpectomy). Council Member Gladden asked us to remember Libby Boatwright and the rest of the family on the passing of Don.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adoption of the Agenda:

Council Member Debbie Fowler motioned to adopt the agenda as is. Council Member Melissa Davis seconded the motion and there were ayes by all.

Approval of Minutes for the Regular Session of November 12, 2013: Mayor Fowler called for a motion on the Regular Minutes from November 12, 2013. Council Member Les Gladden moved to approve the minutes as is and Council Member Debbie Fowler seconded the motion. There were ayes by all to approve the minutes as is.

Special Recognition: a) *Introduction of New Town Administrator, Haynes Brigman.* Mayor Fowler introduced the new Town Administrator, Haynes Brigman and his wife, Cary. b) *Recognition of Ed Humphries' Service as Interim Town Administrator.* Mayor Fowler then recognized the interim Town Administrator, Ed Humphries, for his service in transitioning the town to a new administrator.

Consent Agenda: The following items were included: a) *Financial Report Ending 11/30/13 (Mickey Hicks);* b) *Tax Refunds according to Mecklenburg County;* c) *Accept Municipal General Election Results (Haynes Brigman);* d) *Set Joint Public Hearing Date for January 14, 2014;* and e) *Approval of Payout of Back Wages to Maggie Rodriguez.*

Council Member Debbie Fowler moved to approve the consent agenda as is with Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the consent agenda was approved as is.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of Park Master Plan (Kristy Detwiler) - Park and Recreation Director, Kristy Detwiler, stated that she had met with Woolpert twice regarding their bid proposal for a Park Master Plan and explanation of fees. They amended the bid and their fees and she was once again recommending that they be awarded the bid for the Master Plan. Council Member Melissa Davis added that they did meet on November 20, 2013 at which time Woolpert Associates did amend their bid and lessen it by more than \$7,000. She was happy about that but wanted to be sure that in the future we had a minimum of three bids. Discussion continued. Council Member Gladden stated that a policy or guidelines would need to be established then if that was what Ms. Davis wanted. Town Administrator, Haynes Brigman, stated that one could be established going forward but a vote was needed for the Master Plan that evening. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips moved to award the Park Master Plan to Woolpert Associates with the revised fees. Council Member Debbie Fowler seconded the motion and there were ayes by all.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Downtown Merchants Association (Bill McConnell) – Mr. Bill McConnell was in attendance as was John Allen both of which were representing the Downtown Merchants Association. He stated that they wanted to improve communications with the town so as to work with each other more. He welcomed the new town administrator, Haynes Brigman, and stated that he attended their Downtown Merchants Association meeting the other night. Mr. McConnell noted the most important thing in revitalizing the downtown is getting their association recognized as a non-profit entity with a 501C or 501C6 status which would open the door to additional funding, particularly through grants. He also noted that they could partner with the Main Street program to get assistance in revitalizing the downtown area and with recruiting the right mix of strong tenants. He stated that communications would be more forthcoming and that the association would convey both their needs and successes to the town. He concluded by thanking George Fowler for his two decades of service to the Town of Pineville.

B. Discussion of Civic and Cultural Arts Center (Mayor Fowler) – Mayor Fowler stated that the Civic and Cultural Arts Center of Pineville had no room for growth in the location that they were currently in on Main Street and were looking to expand to larger quarters. He informed Council that both Council Member Gladden and the Public Works Director, Chip Hill, had looked into the cost of fixing up the old Public Works building located on Dover Street. There would be approximately \$15K worth of repairs needed to make the building suitable for use and he wanted Council's thoughts on possibly allowing the CCAC to use that building.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips did not feel that the facility on Dover St. was adequate in size for the growth of the CCAC nor did he think that they should consider buying the current facility they were in now. What they needed was some stability with a permanent location. Mr. Lee Baumgarten, founder of the CCAC, agreed that they should not purchase the building they were currently in as the space was not large enough to grow into. It was, however, good for exhibits while the Dover Street house could be used for administrative offices and meeting space. He projected that in 3 to 4 more years, they would need double the space they currently had.

Council Member Gladden agreed that it would just be a temporary band-aid to fix the situation as it would be adequate for now but certainly not for the future. Council Member Fowler agreed that it would be a short-term fix for now. Use of the old police building was mentioned as was the possibility of utilizing both houses on Dover Street. Town Administrator, Haynes Brigman, stated that he had an opportunity to tour both homes and that both were in need of some basic fixes and upgrades but that CCAC should tour both of them to determine which might be a better fit for them. He asked if Council wanted to consider them using both houses. Mayor Fowler directed Mr. Brigman to put some things together to present choices to council at a later date. The consensus of Council was not to enter into any serious dialog to purchase the building on Main Street from the Historic Landmarks Commission.

C. Oath of Office for New Council (Mayor Fowler) -- Mayor Fowler stated that it was an honor to issue the Oath

of Office to the Council Members who had all been re-elected. Before swearing Council in, however, he took a few minutes to say that he was impressed with the new town administrator, Haynes Brigman, and that he has brought enthusiasm and passion to the table. He then conducted the swearing in of: Melissa Davis, Debbie Fowler, Les Gladden and David Phillips.

D. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem (Mayor Fowler) -- Mayor Fowler noted that Melissa Davis was the highest vote-getter and, therefore, was the new Mayor Pro Tem for the Town of Pineville. Council Member Debbie Fowler moved to approve Melissa Davis as Mayor Pro Tem with Council Member David Phillips seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and Mayor Fowler congratulated Ms. Davis on becoming Mayor Pro Tem.

E. Presentation (David Phillips) – Council Member David Phillips stated that he was shocked and disappointed when George Fowler was not re-elected as Mayor and knew it would be difficult to say good-bye to him as he has known George since he was six years old. He remembered George Fowler for his love of the Town of Pineville and for the kindness he had for children, especially as baseball coach. He continued, stating that George Fowler was currently the longest serving mayor in Mecklenburg County and that it was tough to beat an incumbent. He reviewed a long list of service accomplishments by George Fowler and concluded by presenting him with a dedication plaque for his years of service.

F. Council Comments (Council Members) -- Council Member Debbie Fowler thanked George for his years of service. Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Davis stated that he had taught her a lot in the last two years and that he will be missed. Council Member Les Gladden thanked George for his years of dedication and service and wished him well as did Council Member Phillips.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to discuss, Council Member Les Gladden moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. with Council Member David Phillips seconding the motion. There ayes by all and the meeting adjourned. A reception with refreshments followed.



Mayor Jack Edwards

ATTEST:



Barbara Monticello, Town Clerk