



**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF PINEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
TUESDAY, July 9, 2019**

The Town Council of the Town of Pineville met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hut Meeting Facility in Pineville.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Jack Edwards

Mayor Pro-Tem: David Phillips

Council Members: Debbie Fowler, Melissa Davis and Joe Maxim

Town Manager: Ryan Spitzer

Planning & Zoning Director: (Travis Morgan was not in attendance for the meeting but was part of the audience)

Town Clerk: Barbara Monticello

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jack Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG (RS)

Town Manager Ryan Spitzer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Edwards asked for a general moment of silence for our police, fire and our military men and women. He also mentioned the shooting incident earlier in the day at the Steak & Shake just outside of town and asked everyone to keep the families and officers of those involved in their prayers.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Adoption of the Agenda:

Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips moved to adopt the agenda with Council Member Melissa Davis seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and agenda was adopted as is.

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular and Closed Session Meeting of June 11, 2019 and the Work Session of June 24, 2019.

Council Member Debbie Fowler noted that on the minutes of the Work Session, "Davidson" should be corrected to "Cornelius". Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips moved to accept both sets of minutes with the changes to the 2nd set of minutes, seconded by Council Member Melissa Davis. There were ayes by all and the minutes were approved with the changes noted by Council Member Fowler.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: a) *Financial Report as of June 30, 2019*; and b) *Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards (REPS) Charge*. Council Member Joe Maxim moved to approve the consent agenda as is, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips. There were ayes by all and the motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jane Shutt of Pineville Neighbors Place updated the Council on those who have been helped by her organization. In June they served 101 people with \$8,700 paid in rent and utilities. So far this year they have served 404 people, and even though it's only half way through the year, they have already served more people this year than all of last year. Ms. Shutt noted that they are in need of school supplies to fill the 700 back packs they have collected for all of the students at Sterling Elementary School. Pineville Neighbors Place will be participating in National Night Out which will take place August 6th. She invited all to come out and join them as they will also be collecting financial donations for Shop with a Cop on that same evening.

Susan Rodriguez McDowell introduced herself as our County Commissioner and encouraged members of the audience to contact her with any issues. Mayor and Council Members thanked her for coming to the Pineville Town Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **New Appointee to the Airport Roundtable:** *Appointment of Theresa Brunner to the Airport Roundtable* – Mayor Edwards introduced and thanked Ms. Theresa Brunner for volunteering to participate on the Airport Roundtable Committee and stated he was happy to see people volunteering and getting involved. Theresa stated she was happy to be on board to represent Pineville. Mayor Edwards also thanked Amelia Stinson-Wesley for her 2 years of service on this committee. Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips moved to accept the nomination of Theresa Brunner to this position, seconded by Council Member Melissa Davis. There were ayes by all and the motion passed.
- B. **Update on Census Committee** – *(Troy Fultz)* Mr. Fultz spoke regarding the importance of a full count of Pineville residents for the 2020 Census. He is participating on the Complete Count Committee representing Pineville. They have already met 3 times in preparation for the upcoming Census. There is \$675 billion dollars in funding available depending on population counts so it was important to be sure everyone was counted. The committee is in the process of establishing sub-committees right now. He asked that we all pay attention to the news regarding information about the Census, which will kick off on April 1st, 2020. Information will be sent out in March that will offer several options for how people can respond to the questions, which this year will include answering Census questions by phone and online. He encouraged everyone to start talking about the Census and become aware of the importance of being counted. The committee is targeting the hard to reach populations, including those under the age of five, transient (homeless) people, African Americans and non-English speaking residents. There are plans to post information on our web site, in our newsletter as well as an abundance of representation from the county school systems, healthcare agencies, etc.
- C. **Resolution of Intent to Amend Charter for Number of Council Members/Mode of Election** – Town Manager, Ryan Spitzer spoke regarding the proposed changes in the town's Charter – to go to districts and possibly add two additional council members which council decided to put to a vote in November. We will now have to do another resolution. Council can keep resolution as it was before with both items on the resolution or they can split the mode of elections and the number of council members into two separate resolutions. Mayor Edwards asked for a clarification on resolution – is it one resolution or two? Ryan advised that it would be one resolution with combined changes or two resolutions if you want to vote on the issues separately. Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips commented that it makes no difference to him how it is, and it can stay as we had it previously. He was in favor of expanding the Council to add two more seats, but if districting isn't passed, then there is no need to add additional members to council.

Mayor Edwards then asked that if we went to districts and no one ran in a certain district, how would it be handled? Mr. Spitzer stated that the person that was doing it before stays in office or a write in vote is allowed. Council can find someone if no one at that point decides to run. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips asked that we schedule additional informational meetings. Mr. Spitzer stated he would schedule one for the end of July and would get with Kristy to check availability of the Hut for two additional informational sessions in September and/or October. Council Member Melissa Davis stated that we may not need 6 council members if there are no districts. Mr.

Spitzer reminded everyone that if districting did pass the vote, new districts would not take effect until 2021. Council Member Joe Maxim added that it would be after the Census count to ensure the districts were divided as equally as possible using the most recent Census data. Having informational meetings was important and necessary. Mr. Spitzer responded that this was correct.

Mr. Spitzer gave a brief overview of the process and stated that there were some maps already drawn up but they could only be used to give people an idea of what districts could look like. We will do a forum near the end of July and two more before November. We will also have a booth at Fall Festival for people who may still have questions about the districting process and what it entails. He stated that GS-128-7 was the statute that addressed the situation when no one wanted to run in a particular district. Council Member Debbie Fowler moved to pass Resolution No. 2019-06 as is and go with option C allowing the population at large to vote for the candidates of each district. Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips seconded the motion and there were ayes by all. Resolution No. 2019-06 passed unanimously.

D. Change to the Schedule of Fees – (Ryan Spitzer) Mr. Spitzer reviewed the three proposed changes to the town's fee schedule. Council Member Melissa Davis asked if we could charge a larger sum for a returned check, suggesting \$50.00 to cover any administrative costs. Tammy Vachon then stated she would check to make sure we can charge more than what the bank charges us for a returned check since the rules may be different for utilities. Council Member Melissa Davis then asked if we could charge less for Pineville residents as vendors at Fall Festival. Kristy Detwiler mentioned adding a \$50.00 deposit to shelter rentals due to parties going beyond their contracted hours of rental for use of the shelters. Council Member Melissa Davis moved to adopt the Schedule of Fees with the proposed changes, along with the additional ones just discussed with the exception of the returned check fee which Tammy Vachon will research. Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips seconded the motion. The changes were approved and the motion passed 4-0.

E. Budget Amendment – (Richard Dixon) Finance Director, Richard Dixon, requested a transfer of funds from the ILEC to CLEC account of \$50,000. Based on an analysis performed and talking with Cyndi and Tammy, \$50,000 was the amount suggested. Council Member Joe Maxim moved to accept the budget amendment and Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips seconded the motion. There were ayes by all and the budget amendment was passed.

F. Staff Update (Ryan Spitzer) – Town Manager, Ryan Spitzer, reported on the following items:

- Work Session for Town Council will be July 22nd.
- CATS coming in to report on the light rail workshop sessions
- Banard property will be back in for plan approval
- He reminded everyone to come out and see the "Misfits" play by the Pineville Players
- Waste Pro-starts both recycling and trash this week. If residents want to swap out the lids so that the carts are all one color, Waste Pro is fine with that.

Ryan advised the Splash Pad passed all but one item of the Health Inspection. There was a discrepancy in the pipe measurements as the plan called for use of a 10-inch pipe when an 8-inch pipe was installed. We need a letter from the engineer stating that the 8-inch pipe will be sufficient before the project can be re-inspected. He spoke of a possible Grand Opening either Thursday or Friday.

Mayor Edwards encouraged everyone to attend the Pineville Players "Misfits" Play this weekend and next weekend. He also advised the audience of the change of date for the August Council Meeting to August 6th due to schedule conflict. Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips offered information regarding the Pineville Police as they are running radar along Main Street to slow people down to the 20-mph speed limit. Information can be found on the Pineville Police website and social media pages.

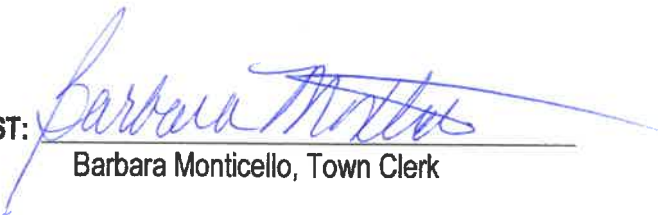
ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting with

Council Member Debbie Fowler seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Mayor Jack Edwards

ATTEST:



Barbara Monticello, Town Clerk

