



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

The Town Council of the Town of Pineville met in Regular and Closed Session on Tuesday, April 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
Town Clerk: Barbara Monticello

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jack Edwards at 6:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Debbie Fowler 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Adoption of the Agenda:

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as is.

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular and Closed Session Meeting of March 12, 2019 and the Work Session Minutes of March 25, 2019.

Hearing no changes or comments on the minutes, Council Member Melissa Davis moved to approve all sets as is, seconded by Council Member Debbie Fowler. There were ayes by all and the minutes were adopted as is.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: a) *Financial Report as of March 31, 2019; and b) Proclamations for the 50th Anniversary of Municipal Clerk's Week; National Police Week; and Public Works Week.* Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips moved to approve the consent agenda as is, seconded by Council Member Debbie Fowler. There were ayes by all moved to approve the Consent Agenda as is, with Council Member Melissa Davis seconding the motion. There were ayes by all and the motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill McConnell – Mr. McConnell stated that he represented the Downtown Merchants Association. At their last meeting, Mr. John Holobinko talked to the group about the possibility of starting a Chamber of Commerce for the Town of Pineville. Merchants liked what he had to say but for some of them, the fee to join, was too high. The Downtown Farmer's Market

was set to open at 8:00 a.m. on June 1, 2019 on the corner of Main and Dover Streets and will feature gourmet food products and locally grown crops. No handmade craft items will be featured as there will be opportunities for these items to be sold at any pop-up markets the group decides to do.

Holliday Deese – Ms. Deese stated she was an economics major in college interning with Jane Shutt at the Pineville Neighbors Place. She has assisted with putting together 50 food bags a day, referring those in need to crisis assistance and helping others by providing food from their food bank. She thanked the PCAA for their donation of 700 items. So far, they have helped a total of 186 people with housing and utility bills and another 118 with food. She concluded by advising members of the audience that Jane Shutt was named one of the most influential/powerful women in Charlotte.

Carol Senic – Carol Senic of Cardinal Innovations spoke on an upcoming event called Kids and Screens: Preventing Digital Addiction. This event kicks off on Thursday, May 16th at the Pineville United Methodist Church with brief talks by three experts on the topic of youth screen addiction from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. This will be followed by an in-depth, all-day conference on Friday. There is a \$10 registration fee; registration is through Eventbrite.

Amelia Stinson-Wesely – Ms. Stinson-Wesley reminded everyone about the Richard Sheltra Run which will be on April 27th starting at 7:00 a.m. There is a 5K run, a 10K run and a 1K walk planned; volunteers are needed; sign up online by April 15th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Proposed Amendment to the Town Code for On-Street Parking** (*Travis Morgan*). Planning and Zoning Director, Travis Morgan, stated that he took the feedback from the board from their last meeting and incorporated it into the changes that he was presenting at the current meeting. He clarified on street parking and increased the size allowances to allow for today's larger vehicles. He increased the width of a vehicle from the original proposed 80 inches to 90 inches and the weight restriction from 7,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.

Council Member Melissa Davis asked specifically if landscaping trucks would be allowed to park on the street. Mr. Morgan stated that they would be as well as other contractors doing work of a temporary nature – painters, plumbers, electricians, etc. Short-term parking allowances have been made for them. Additionally, Council Member Davis asked if the ordinance included something about blocking the sight triangle or the distance a car has to be when parked near a corner. Mr. Morgan indicated that there were such provisions stated in the ordinance but that he could not remember the specifics of them off the top of his head. Council Member Davis asked who would be enforcing these parking regulations to which Mr. Morgan replied that the police department would be responsible for enforcing the parking issues but that Zoning would assist if necessary.

After a brief discussion, the consensus of Council was not to vote on the changes until the Planning Board weighed in on it and made their recommendations. Item was tabled until May's Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Municipal Election Filing Fees** (*Barbara Monticello*) – Town Clerk, Barbara Monticello, explained that each time there is an election, the Mecklenburg County Board of Election requests that we advise them of any changes to our filing fees. Council has the option of keeping the current filing fees at \$6.00 for Mayor and \$5.00 for a seat on Council, or changing the amount. Council Members were fine with keeping the fees as they are. Council Member Debbie Fowler moved to approve keeping the fees as is with Council Member Melissa Davis seconding the motion. There were ayes by all.
- B. **Solid Waste Ordinance** (*Ryan Spitzer*) - Town Manager Ryan Spitzer presented an updated solid waste ordinance that was more detailed than in the past to spell out specifics such as where cans should be placed, times they can be placed outside and when they need to be brought back in. Council Member Melissa Davis asked where people that have uneven sidewalks would place their cans, especially some of the residents on Cone Avenue. Mr. Spitzer stated that those situations would have to be taken into consideration. This new

ordinance allows the Code Enforcement Officer to better enforce garbage issues not currently addressed in our ordinance. Council member David Phillips moved to approve this ordinance and Council Member Melissa Davis seconded the motion. There were ayes by all and the new ordinance passed 4-0.

C. **Citizens' Transit Advisory Group** (*Barbara Monticello*) Town Clerk, Barbara Monticello, informed Council that someone from the Charlotte's City Clerk's Office contacted her about an opening on the Citizen's Transit Advisory Group that was vacated by a previous resident that moved from the area. Council Member Joe Maxim introduced Tommy Fellers of Huntley Glen who expressed interest in participating on the Citizens Transit Advisory Group. Council Member Joe Maxim moved to appoint Tommy Fellers to the Citizen's Transit Advisory Group, seconded by Council Member Melissa Davis. Motion passed 4-0.

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

- CATS looking for citizen feedback on Lynx Light Rail expansion project; a series of public meetings has been scheduled and posted on the town's website
- Splash Pad rules and regulations need to be discussed; days/times of operation to be posted in the town newsletter
- Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15th and possibly Tuesday, April 16th
- Work session will be held on 4/22/19
- The Brownfields Program process has started regarding the mill property and will last 30 days. Those adjacent to the Mill got notifications mailed to them about the process taking place. Anyone developing the Mill site will receive tax credits for 5 years after becoming part of the Brownfields Program.
- SB355 gives developers a lot more leeway and rights, taking away more local control. Reach out to Senator Marcus with your comments.
- Per Council's request, any developable lands in town will be discussed at next meeting.

Upcoming Town Events were highlighted: PCAA Spring Fling on April 27th, Junk Week from April 22nd through the 26th, and the community yard sale on May 7th.

Mayor Edwards called for a 5-minute recess at 7:02 p.m. before moving into Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION: At 7:10 p.m. a presentation was made to council regarding an ongoing economic development project. The presentation was both informative and reassuring to council who was not privy to this information previously.

ADJOURNMENT: After the presentation Council Member Joe Maxim moved to exit Closed Session and move back into Open Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Phillips. There were ayes by all. A brief discussion regarding the gym floor at the Belle Johnston Center and the reason for the clerk's newly hired administrative assistant quitting abruptly took place. Council Member Joe Maxim moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Debbie Fowler. There were ayes by all and the meeting adjourned.



Mayor Jack Edwards

ATTEST:



Barbara Monticello, Town Clerk

