**TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 AT 6:00 PM
PINEVILLE COMMUNICATIONS BLDG**

The Town Council of the Town of Pineville, NC, met in a Work Session on Monday, September 20, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

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# ATTENDANCE

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Mayor: Jack Edwards

Mayor Pro-Tem: Melissa Davis

Council Members: Amelia Stinson Wesley, Les Gladden and Joe Maxim

Town Manager: Ryan Spitzer

Town Clerk: Lisa Snyder

Parks & Rec Director: Matthew Jakubowski

Mayor Jack Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Member Joe Maxim made a motion to open the meeting and Council Member Les Gladden seconded the motion. There were ayes by all and the meeting opened.

# CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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Council member Amelia Stinson-Wesley moved to approve the Consent Agenda items consisting of the Tax Refunds, Proclamation for Public Power Week and Resolution #2021-15 for the sale of surplus items, with a second made by Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Davis. (***Motion passed 4-0*)**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Kris McVey will replace Yvette Isaacs on the Parks & Rec Board. Yvette Isaacs will serve on the Mecklenburg County Parks & Rec Commission to replace Miladay Meadows. Ms. Isaacs appeared via Zoom and told Council that she is happy to serve. Mayor Edwards thanked her for volunteering.

The Motion was made by Council Member Joe Maxim to approve the Board Appointment of Kris McVey to the Parks & Rec Board with a second made by Council Member Amelia Stinson-Wesley. *(****Motion passed 4-0****)*

A Motion was made by Council Member Les Gladden to seconded by Council Member Amelia Stinson-Wesley to approve Yvette Isaacs’ placement on the Mecklenburg County Parks & Rec Commission.(***Motion passed 4-0***)

**FALL FEST UPDATE**

Parks & Rec Director Matt Jakubowski provided an update on the upcoming Fall Fest in Pineville. There will not be rides this year. Police presence will be at the beer garden. Council Member Stinson-Wesley said it would be helpful to have a photo of parking on our social media page. Fireworks are scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights at 10:00 pm and will be held at the Mill. Council Member Gladden suggested that we have small, transportable events set up near the stage to have in between bands and keep attention there. For example, the pie-eating contest. Council Member Maxim discussed the Fall Fest with Atrium Health. They expressed an interest in having a tent on-site to share current information on staying safe. The hospital does not want to make it harder for someone who needs a hospital bed to get one. Council Member Stinson-Wesley asked Mr. Jakubowski to advertise this information, as well. Council Member Gladden recommended placing hand sanitizers everywhere and possibly setting up balloons where the hand sanitizers are located to draw attention to them.

Parks & Rec Director Jakubowski said that his department will be placing signage in various locations outlining no parking, parking and where specific events are located.

**GREENWAY BRIDGE**

The greenway connection from McCullough to Jack Hughes Park ranked high on both the PARC Masterplan and the Mobility Plan drafted by the Town. Town Manager Spitzer said that the Town has to get permission to cross the power lines; if crossed, you have to do so at a 90-degree angle. The cost is approximately $1.5 million with a 35% contingency. This number should come down as engineered drawings are completed due to actual conditions being known and the contingency amount being reduced. Council Member Stinson-Wesley asked how long it will take to accomplish this? Mr. Spitzer said it will start after the design and planning process. He added that financing for this project will come from ARPA, the Journal fund money, and Pulte said that they would contribute some money. The Sugar Creek portion is approximately eight to ten years down the road. Mr. Spitzer advised that the next step is to procure an engineer at a cost of about $60,000 to $70,000. Council Member Gladden moved to proceed further with engineering on the bridge with a second made by Council Member Maxim.

(***Motion passed 4-0*)**

**THE OLD NORTH STATE LEAGUE AGREEMENT**

Town Manager Spitzer talked with Matthew at the Parks & Rec Department and Alec Allred from North State and they have all agreed on the license agreement that was originally a contract, but the attorney said that we should go with a license agreement because it gives us more flexibility. It’s also only for a two-month period that the license agreement makes more sense. The term is until 2027. Old North State agreed to compensate the Town for the use of the field at full cost. The Town will sell concessions. Old North State gets all admission, memorabilia, and alcohol revenue. The Town gets 30% of signage revenue. The Town cannot lease the field to any other competitive league during their time. Old North State cannot put another team within 20 miles of Pineville. Old North State has to have all applicable insurance. Additionally, they have to let Matthew or Erin know, at Parks & Rec, by December 15th of each year, if they are going to need the fields.

Mayor Pro Tem moved to approve the License Agreement with a second made by Council Member Joe Maxim. (***Motion passed 4-0)***

Mayor Edwards asked Council to stay on top of the Legislative Agenda by the State. Ryan can do letters to the legislators, but it has more impact coming from elected officials. He will send Council a list of Senators in the immediate area. Council Member Stinson-Wesley offered to travel to Raleigh with the Mayor to meet the legislators, if needed. The Mayor continues to receive many emails every year. He continued to say that the issue now is partisanship. He will get back to Council Member Stinson-Wesley and Council wit the names of legislators to reach out to. He added that the Mayors get together every two months to discuss issues and usually five to seven Mayors agree. Council Member Gladden asked about Town Hall Day where the legislators are supposed to be in their offices in Raleigh to meet with those who want to talk to them. The Mayor said that it hasn’t been held for two years.

**LYNNWOOD/LAKEWOOD PROJECT**

Town Manager gave an update to the progress for this project. He outlined the residents who will participate, those who are opposed, those are on the fence, those who want to be paid, and those who have not responded. He has an upcoming meeting with LaBella to discuss further and see what can be done with what they have now. Council Member Gladden said that adding curb and gutter is an absolute must and essential. Town Manager Spitzer added that we don’t want to piece-meal the project since we don’t have everyone’s approval. Council Member Maxim is an absolute NO on paying anyone for something that is going to increase their property values; that in itself, is a floodgate that we have to deal with every time we try to improve historical Pineville. Council Member Gladden concurred but added that is not unusual to pay for rights-of-way. Mayor Edwards added that this project started because of the flooding issues and would be an improvement to the area. Town Manager Spitzer will update Council after his meeting with LaBella Tuesday morning.

A 5-minute break was taken before Closed Session began at 7:13 pm.

**CLOSED SESSION pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(4) – real estate**

Mayor Pro Tem Davis moved to leave Closed Session with a second made by Council Member Maxim. All ayes. A motion was made by Council Member Gladden to approve the purchase of property with Peter Leeke with a second made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis. ***(Motion passed 4-0****)*

A motion to close the Work Session was made by Council Member Stinson-Wesley with a second made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis. (***Motion passed 4-0*)**

The Work Session closed at 7:33 pm.

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 Jack Edwards, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Lisa Snyder, Town Clerk