



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024, AT 6:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Phillips called the meeting to order @ 6:30 pm.

Mayor: David Phillips
Mayor Pro Tem: Ed Samaha
Council Members: Amelia Stinson-Wesley, Chris McDonough, Danielle Moore
Town Manager: Ryan Spitzer
Town Clerk: Lisa Snyder

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor David Phillips asked for a moment of silence.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Phillips advised that there is one amendment to the agenda. Under New Business, he would like to add a discussion of a crosswalk on Main and Cranford. A proposal has been submitted by LaBella. This will become #9 on the Agenda and it will be an *Action Item*.

Mayor Pro Tem Samaha made a motion to accept the agenda with this change with a second made by Council Member Chris McDonough. All ayes. (**Approved 4-0**).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on December 12, 2023, were submitted for approval. Council Member Chris McDonough moved to approve the minutes with a second made by Council Member Danielle Moore. All Ayes. (**Approved 4-0**)

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda had one item for consideration: Resolution 2024-01 declaring surplus items for sale. Council Member Stinson-Wesley moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with a second made by Council Member McDonough. (**Approved 4-0**)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

There were no awards or recognition at this meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

Dusty Gilvin, Airport Roundtable. Mr. Gilvin outlined his three goals for this meeting: (1) The Mission, (2) the current slate of recommendations made to the FAA, and (3) provide monthly reports to council, if needed. He explained that this board consists of representatives from the Charlotte area, and he is the Pineville representative. Its mission is to reduce airport-related noise. Under the current slate, six recommendations were made to the FAA in 2020. The flight patterns are northbound and southbound, with 5,000 flights incoming and outgoing, and only the FAA can modify the flight patterns. In 2023, 141 noise complaints from the Pineville area. The Part 150 Study Update establishes procedures and standards for the airport to use in preparation for noise compatibility program (NCP). The Part 150 will include a series of recommendations the airport wants to make to the FAA, particularly with the use of the new fourth parallel runway.

Susan Lyons, Pineville Library. Ms. Lyons gave a presentation to council regarding public art. Melody Cassen has been selected to present art and samples are in the packet. Everyone is invited to community feedback sessions that are scheduled for Saturday, January 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and lunch time on Monday, January 29th, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. There will be activities for children and an opportunity to talk with the artist. The art will remain in the library.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Les Gladden, Pineville resident and former council member. Mr. Gladden began by welcoming new council member Danielle Moore. He continued by speaking about his censorship by the former council. He stated that he and his family have been humiliated and he has not been able to defend himself.

John Holobinko, Pineville Chamber President. Mr. Holobinko shared that the Third Annual Business Expo is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm at the Belle Johnston Community Center. Everyone is invited. More information will be provided next week.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Cone Memorial, Ryan Spitzer. The prior council worked with Al Baskins and other community members. Mr. Baskins was really the spearhead of that. The memorial is to be placed at the corner of Dover Street and Cone Avenue. He shared a rendering of what the memorial would look like. The total sum would be approximately \$510,000. The Town did not budget for this in this fiscal year, however, they can proceed with an RFP and take money out of the fund balance, or other discretionary funds. Mr. Spitzer recommends reviewing this in two months after the completion of the other projects that are already planned, which include the fountain and the ADA accessible playgrounds. Mayor Phillips feels that we can hold off right now and possibly hold off until after other construction and improved weather. Council Member Stinson-Wesley said that she supports the manager's priorities.

NEW BUSINESS

Code of Ethics. Mayor Phillips advised that this is an Action Item, and each year, each council member must review and sign the Town's Code of Ethics and participate in Ethics Training, per state statute. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha moved to accept the Code of Ethics Resolution 2024-02, with a second made by Council Member Stinson-Wesley. All ayes. **(Approved 4-0)**

Board Appointments. Each January, board appointments need to be reviewed and approved. New Board Appointments include Council Member Amelia Stinson-Wesley to CRTPO with Council Member Danielle Moore serving as alternate. Town Manager Ryan Spitzer will be on the Electricities Board with Mayor David Phillips as alternate. Other mayoral appointments include: Centralina (COG) Amelia Stinson-Wesley; Citizen Transit Services Advisory, Justin Musick; MTC, Mayor Phillips; and

the Municipal Education Advisory Board, Ed Samaha. The Board of Adjustment and Telephone Board members remain the same.

The Planning Board reappointments include Jim Knowles, Thomas White, Eric Fransen, and Dusty Gilvin. We received one new application from Mr. Roshan Bhula, who would replace former board member Randy Smith.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the committee and board reappointments, including the appointment of Town Manager Ryan Spitzer for the Electricities Board and Mayor Phillips serving as the alternate, Council Member Moore will serve as an alternate to the CRTPO Board, and new Planning Board member, Roshan Bhula, followed by a second made by Mayor Pro Tem Samaha. All ayes. **(Approved 4-0)**

Street Renaming. Pineville resident Al Baskins asked council to consider renaming Jack Hughes Lane to Yandell Street. He stated that Yandell Street has been a part of Main Street in Pineville for about 100 years. He added that Mr. Yandell was an accomplished businessman with ownership of many properties in the town. Mr. Baskins requested that council give homage to the Yandell family and replace the Jack Hughes Park sign with a sign that reads Yandell Street.

Mayor Phillips commented that there will have to be a public hearing for this to be approved. Council Member McDonough added that there was a prior discussion and there were no objections at that time to naming the street Jack Hughes Lane.

Pedestrian Crossing. Mr. Spitzer stated that last year residents shared that they didn't feel safe crossing Main Street to get to Jack Hughes Park and Town Hall. It has come to his attention that Senator Salvador and Representative Brown want to have a meeting to discuss a crosswalk. The NCDOT does not want to meet until there is a price set with it, because either the NCDOT or the State will have to fund it. Conceptual layouts were shared with council. The NCDOT prefers a HAWK signal to a flashing Beacon signal. The estimate of the design work is \$16,800. Money can be taken out of contingency.

Council Member Stinson-Wesley moved to approve Town Manager Spitzer proceeding with a contract with LaBella followed by a second made by Council Member Moore. All Ayes. **(Approved 4-0)**

Manager's Report. Under this section, Town Clerk Snyder shared her final report on the 150th Anniversary Time Capsule for the Town. Matt McClure is an employee of the Town and made the time capsule. The contents were listed, and the time capsule can be opened on or after February 28, 2074, fifty years from now. It is on display in the Town Hall Lobby's display cabinet. Mayor Pro Tem Samaha thanked her for her work on this entire project.

Mayor Phillips announced that for the March Council Meeting, he previously scheduled a trip and cannot do that council meeting and asked council members for their thoughts, whether to continue having the meeting with Ed filling in his role or reschedule to another date. It was decided to reschedule the March Council meeting to Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Phillips announced a five-minute recess before going into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318-11(5)– acquisition of property.

Council Member Stinson-Wesley moved to go into Closed Session with a second made by Mayor Pro Tem Samaha. All ayes.

Council Member Moore made a motion to leave Closed Session with a second made by Council Member McDonough. All ayes. There was no action necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Stinson-Wesley made a motion to adjourn followed by a second made by Council Member McDonough **(Approved 4-0)** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.



David Phillips

ATTEST: 

Lisa Snyder, Town Clerk