

The Town of Pink Hill Board meeting was held on January 11, 2022 in the town hall board room. Present for this meeting were Mayor Mike Hill, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Commissioner Pete Fantini Town, Town Attorney George Jenkins, Town Clerk Crystal Heath, Police Chief Michael Hoffman, Fire Department Chief Tony Heath, Public Works Supervisor Timmy Kennedy and Public Works Assistant Phillip Swinson.

Commissioner James Quinn was not present for the meeting.

Mayor Mike Hill said I would like to call this meeting to order and I welcome everyone to the January 11, 2022 meeting. I would like to ask everyone to please turn your cell phones off. Mayor Hill asked everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Hill said I need the approval of the minutes for the December meeting. Commissioner Fantini said I make a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hill said I need an approval of the agenda, consent agenda, transfers and any amendments. Also 2000-2021 line item amendment budget requests for General Fund, General Fund Revenue increase \$12,000, General Fund Expenses increase, fund raise expenses \$9,500 Deep Run, Fire Department repair maintenance \$2,500; to recognize \$12,000 addition fundraising income, fund balance appropriation \$9,000, police department capital outlay \$7,500, police car radio maintenance \$1,500. Commissioner Murphy said I make a motion to approve the agenda, consent agenda, approval of transfers and any amendments. Commissioner Fantini seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of H.J Chevrolet Building was the next item on the agenda that was to be discussed on closed session. Mayor Hill asked that they also have to discuss the ordinance for the litter control and the contract for Eastern Carolina Broadband and he would like to put it all in a special meeting for January 25<sup>th</sup> if it was okay for with the Commissioners. Commissioner Fantini said he made a motion to have a special meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to go into closed session. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hill said I also need a motion to table the Eastern Carolina broadband discussion until the February meeting. Commissioner Murphy said I make a motion to table Eastern Carolina Broadband until the February meeting. Commissioner Fantini seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hill said we have four places that I would like to send letters for them to do some cleaning and I need a motion. Attorney George Jenkins said how much time are you going to give them? Mayor Hill and Commissioner Fantini said the ordinance says thirty days. Commissioner Murphy said I make a motion to approve the letters for the ordinance to be sent out to those four places. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Fantini said what I would like to say about those places is that two of those sitting over there on Pineview are uninhabited. The discussions that I had with Jackie Rodgers and J Mac is they will volunteer and

donate the boards to us so that they are not hazardous anymore. Mayor Hill said we will send those letters out as soon as possible.

Mayor Hill said after our Christmas stuff some of us got to discussing about having a live Christmas tree. What I was looking at putting up a tree between the fire department and old well #2 by our back door here. We would like to have a tree lighting sometime before Christmas. I would encourage all the businesses to be open in town so all the shops will be available for people to go after tree lighting. Commissioner Murphy said just asking here, but why move it there instead of where we had it before adjacent to the businesses? Mayor Mike Hill said I was thinking of planting a live tree permanently, it would be on our property, and not on anyone else's property. Commissioner Fantini said the only question I have is how about the property we have by the water tower it would not be better since it closed to the business and we do own that property. Mayor Hill said if we put the tree in front of the water tower it is not ours. Timmy Kennedy said it is not ours it is Bill Turners. Mayor Hill said this is the only place we have property we can do it at is here and there is plenty of parking here, but it is entirely up to you two. Commissioner Fantini said is there an area we have down there that is feasible or do we have to ask Bill Turner. Mayor Hill said we would have to ask Bill Turner. Commissioner Fantini said is it something that we need to lock on right now? Mayor Hill said no we do not have to lock on it right now, but we need to know soon because we are getting a live tree I would say maybe by March. Commissioner Fantini said if that is our only option that we own then I am okay with it. The board agreed to having the Mayor checking on how much it would cost and later getting an update.

Fire Department report was the next item on the agenda provided by Chief Tony Heath. Chief Heath said the call volume since the last meeting were 11 EMS assignments, 2 vehicle accidents, 3 structure fires, 2 electrical fires, 1 fire alarm, and 1 brush fire for a total of 21 calls since our December meeting. There is an increase on structure fires right now so we are doing all we can to be prepared. The state 50/50 grant is open and we will be applying for that. Mayor Hill said thank you Tony and the whole department.

Police report was the next item on the agenda provided by Chief Michael Hoffman. Chief Hoffman said from last month our calls have stayed the same. Our rates have gone up on domestic disturbance and larcenies, which is a shock, our complaints have gone up as far as suspicious and drug activity. We are taking them as they come and have taken care of them. John and I are waiting for a class to finish up our rep worksheet than we will start on grading as far as receiving items. Mayor Hill thanked him and his department.

Public works was the next item on the agenda provided by Timmy Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy said since our last meeting you guys Okayed me to have some repairs done and they have been repaired and replaced. The cement that I asked you about on Park Circle for the water to have flow to it has been done and I think it looks really good. During our work today we found another cut off that doesn't cut off and I got a contractor today that will put a bid on it. The beaver man has been trapping, but I cannot remember how many. He is still working on it for the flow of the dams. The surveying we had in the budget for 2019-2020 have come back and sent us a bill and will show us all the spots so that we can mark them. We do have a discrepancy, but I

will do some more research on it. Since our last meeting the Broadway tank has been washed out and both of our tanks have been inspected, and everything went well. You will see two bid sheets one from Legion and one from Garris Paving. I have several streets that I brought to you guys a few months back and had them give me a price on every one of those. The main two ones I want to get fixed Neuse Street and Carol Drive will be within budget, but we can pick another one if you would like to look at it. I had Crystal look at the Powell Fund \$92,000, which is two payments a year. We have gotten one this year so it is \$92,000, and I was looking at \$75,000 for paving. As you can see on these prices you can't do something every year you have to wait to build up some money. Commissioner Fantini said so just Neuse Street and Carol Street is \$60,000? Mr. Kennedy said that is with Legion, but with Garris's, a contractor we have used before, is different. I personally recommend we do New Street and Carol Drive, but it is up to you and also it is up to you who you want to work with. Mayor Hill said have you ever had any work with Legion? Mr. Kennedy said I have seen some of their work, they have done a couple of parking lots here in town. I saw their work and that is how the guys got a hold of him. Commissioner Fantini said what did we say our budget was? Mr. Kennedy said I was looking to spend around \$75,000 depending on how the bids would come. Commissioner Fantini said what would you feel comfortable with leaving in the fund? Mr. Kennedy said I am okay with just what we have for those two streets, and personally I am ok with Legion. Mayor Hill said how long is the proposal? Mr. Kennedy said I just got it today so thirty days. Would you like to table it until March? Mayor Hill said this is good for thirty days, but we need to lock it in and I don't know if the price on asphalt will go up or down. Commissioner Fantini said there is almost \$15,000 difference. The work has to be guaranteed, I mean it can't be messed up so bad we got to come in and fix it. \$15,000 is a significant difference. Mr. Kennedy said if you are looking at dollars I would say you have to give them a try. Commissioner Fantini we have another street when you look at that or save the \$14,000 for your back up fund. Mr. Kennedy said the reason I wanted Neuse Street because of the new business and if the trucks come in they will tear it to pieces that is the reason I want to jump on it quick. Commissioner Fantini what we think is to rely on what you feel is best. Commissioner Fantini said I make a motion to at least go with Legion for Neuse Street and Carol Drive to begin with in the 30 days. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hill asked if the attorney, George Jenkins had any comments. Mr. Jenkins just said he was glad to be back to the meetings. Mayor Hill said do we have any board comments? Commissioner Fantini said we talked about 509 Pineview and talked to George about that foreclosure and I have since turned it over to the county. Mr. Parrish has put it into foreclosure for taxes that is now in foreclosure. In talking to Mr. Gray and Justin upstairs in the county office we are authorized, all three homes in Pineview, to board them up. I have talked to Jackie Grant and J Mac and they will donate the board and have someone come and put the boards up.

The meeting was adjourned.

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