

Town of Pink Hill
Board of Commissioners Special Meeting
January 31, 2023

Minutes

The Town of Pink Hill Board meeting was held January 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Robert Elmore board room. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Yvonne Deatherage, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Commissioner James Quinn, Commissioner Pete Fantini, Town Attorney George Jenkins, Town Clerk Lisa McGee, Police Chief Michael Hoffman, Public Works Supervisor Timmy Kennedy and Public Works Assistant Phillip Swinson.

Visitors present were: Robin King, Carolyn Whitfield, Debbie Heath, and Kelsey Ramsey.

Mayor Yvonne Deatherage called the meeting to order. Mayor Deatherage asked everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance.

Michael Hoffman, Chief of Police, made a statement addressing everyone: "Cut off all mobile devices as the meeting is being recorded. Please refrain from speaking unless you have the floor. Any outburst could be the cause for you being asked to leave the meeting. Be it noted that our meetings are being recorded. Let's conduct ourselves in a professional manner. Thank you! "

Town clerk, Mrs. McGee, called out board member's name for roll call; present were Mayor Yvonne Deatherage, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Commissioner James Quinn, Commissioner Pete Fantini, and Attorney George Jenkins.

Mayor Deatherage read the Conflict-of-Interest Statement, and no one recuse themselves.

Amendment to the Agenda, Commissioner Fantini made a motion seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Deatherage asks Commissioner Fantini to present the second contract to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Fantini, I done some research and looking at other companies this seems to be the best company for what we are looking for. There are a couple of local towns that use this kind of thing, one to include Kinston. After talking with a couple of the members they are highly satisfied with this company. Not one way or another, I'm not saying anything against American Legal at all. But the research I did was and they are a little higher. This \$1300 is not necessarily what we need to pay. We don't have to pay that \$1300 if we choose not to do an unlimited change. With the town size we have we don't need to do unlimited change. I don't see changing 4, 5, 6 ordinances a year. It would be the same as the other company we would pay by page, so that \$1300 is for an unlimited changes and updates. They are higher on the base price by \$2000, but the difference is you can pay this over 4 payments. It is pretty accessible if you go to the Municode's site and go to the library and search anything. You can put in a word like chicken and it will bring up like animal codes. The other difference is this company uses just one legal team the entire time that you have it. They don't change so, you don't have to go to another legal team to take this over, it will be one. They are more than willing to talk to anybody who might have questions. I'm not one way or the other I just wanted another company that had the same as what we are looking for, end result.

Commissioner Quinn stated the whole idea of this is that you were trying to save the town money, right? Commissioner Fantini said well I don't know if we're trying to save the town money we were just to make sure there was another company. Commissioner Quinn said so another contract to look at? Commissioner Fantini said, right, I couldn't have told you then if it was going to be cheaper or not I just know it was the right thing to do to have two to look at. If you want to go with American Legal then we will go with American Legal but to have two contracts to at least decide on instead of just one, it's the right thing to do.

Commissioner Murphy said the only thing I noticed was the price was higher. She asked Commissioner Fantini, if he saw anything with Municode to justify the \$2000 difference, and he stated, no. Commissioner Murphy said that she could not see spending \$2000 more. But it was nice to have two to look and compare. Commissioner Murphy said she thought American Legal would be better for us considering the size of our town.

Mayor asked if there were any more discussion and Commissioner Quinn stated with money tight, he couldn't see spending extra and getting the same thing.

Attorney George said the one thing that jumped out at him was that Municode said it had to be in electronic format and the micro soft word is what they prefer. Bottom line is we are going to have to get the whole ordinance book and key it in on micro soft word and send to them and that will cost a lot of money. Commissioner Fantini said that is not true I will say this, the company told me that they would work off of a scanned in copy because they are going to rewrite the ordinances from the start.

Commissioner Quinn thanked Commissioner Fantini for getting us another contract to look at.

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to go with American Legal,seconded by Commissioner Quinn. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.