Town of Pink Hill Board of Commissioner Meeting August 8, 2023

# **AMENDED MINUTES**

The Town of Pink Hill Special Budget Approval meeting was held August 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Police Bay. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Yvonne Deatherage, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Commissioner James Quinn, Commissioner Pete Fantini, Town Attorney Will Gray, Jr, Town Clerk Lisa McGee, Daniel White Planning Chair, Police Chief Michael Hoffman and Officer John Weaver.

Visitors present were: Kevin McGee, Carolyn Whitfield, Kristin Fantini, Joshua Eing, Mona Jones, Janice Goldsby, Teresa Horne, Mike Horne, Josh Dunham, Cierra Dunham, Suzie Baker, Lori Bradford, Michael Whitfield and Jayne Zesiger, Mr. Zesiger, Danile Hines, Joe Baker, Stephanie Sumner, Amber Ramsey, Trina Patrick & Ted Byrd

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. Lisa McGee, Town Clerk, gave roll call: Mayor Deatherage, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Quinn, Commissioner Fantini, Attorney Will Gray, Jr, Town Clerk Lisa McGee, Chief Hoffman and Officer Weaver present at the meeting.

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!

Commissioner Fantini made a motion to disregard Robert's Rules in case one that is making a public comment has a question we can answer them. Seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Vote was unanimous

#### **Public Comments:**

#### Cierra Dunham:

Mrs. Dunham asked that everyone speak louder because the online could not hear them because of the air conditioner. Then she spoke about her Local Government Opinion form -ABC Permit for 110 Tower. She said that she was told by the clerk that it was on the agenda but the Mayor and the Planning Chair took it off of the agenda on Friday, and she just wants to know where we are at with that. Commissioner Fantini said I haven't seen it. Mrs. Dunham said that she spoke with Mr. Gray about it and that he was very helpful. Attorney Gray stated that he had not seen the form. The Town Clerk went and got the ABC Permit from her office. Mrs. Dunham said that it was told that it was going to be denied by the Mayor and the Planning Chair. Another request was if there is not a policy in place for email responses with the town for its employees, its contractors, and its committee members. There need to be. I emailed an appeal hearing request to ECC and to the Town Clerk yesterday. My request is to appeal the ABC's Government Compliance denial for Tower 110 Event Venue. Then she read her email. Mrs. Dunham also stated that there were other emails that were not being responded to or returned. If there isn't a policy in place for a professional time and email response. I have copies of my emails. Then she stated that she needed a copy of any easements pertaining to the 110 Tower property. Mayor Deatherage stated that she could get it from the Register of Deeds Office. Back to the ABC Permit .... If does not meet Zoning requirements it does not get approve. The 110 Tower Events Venue does not meet Zoning. Daniel White, Planning Chair, stated that he nor the Planning Board have anything to do with the ABC Permit, that it goes straight to the Carlton with ECC.

#### Lori Bradford:

Ms. Bradford spoke about Trunk or Treat event for Saturday, October 28, 2023. She is requesting that the following roads be closed during the event, from 3:30pm to 8:00pm

- S Pine St starting at Broadway
- S Pine St to W Macon St
- W Walnut St to S Pine St to S Central Ave

Commissioner Fantini made a motion to close the streets for the Trunk or Treat Event. Seconded by Commissioner Murphy. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous.

#### Mike Horne:

Mr. Horne talked about Planning and Zoning. He stated that it was not the exact Planning and Zoning that was adopted back in 2008. In 2008 it was very lax; we had a partnership with the county. We were not into restricting people because we wanted the town to grow. We would take anything that we could get, as far as in reason and stuff like that. Mr. Horne stated that he went to the NC School of Government website and researched Comprehensive Plan and Land Use. Mr. Horne said that the document stated that the local government shall adopt a reasonable comprehensive plan and land use. And must maintain and update that plan every 5 to 10 years. But the one we have today is not what we had back in 2008.

Conflict-Of-Interest Statement is on agenda - no commissioner has any conflict of interest.

#### Approval of the agenda:

- Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the Agenda
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- No discussion
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

# **Approval of Minutes:**

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion to approve the Minutes
- Seconded by Commissioner Quinn
- No discussion
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

# Approval of the Financial Reports:

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion to approve the Financial Reports
- Seconded by Commissioner Quinn
- No discussion
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

# **Department Reports:**

• Reports are in the binders.

# **Unfinished Business:**

3-Way Stop Sign

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion to approve the 3-Way Stop Sign
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- No discussion
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

# **New Business:**

#### David Tuten:

David Tuten, with Stroud Engineering, spoke about the Creek Clean-out will be the first full week of September 2023. ARP Funds available for

- Watse Water Main Lift Station
- Cleaning the Gravity Sewer
- Storm Water Project
  - Blue lines through town to fix drainage problems

Results will be sent to the state. Once they have completed and sent back to me, I will come back to the town and let everyone know what the found out.

# Stephanie Sumner:

Mrs. Sumner spoke about the Charlotte Baker Memorial Fund Raiser (for ALS) will be in Pink Hill and Albertson this year. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event. It will be September 29, 2023 through October 1, 2023. They will have a Hog Cook-off @ the old cafeteria, plates will be \$10.00. Each plate will be served with potato salad and cole slaw. They will also be having a silent auction inside the Old Cafeteria. There will be a walk or run a-thon on the 29<sup>th</sup> and a co-ed softball tournament on the front field by the gym on the 30<sup>th</sup>, they have permission from Lenoir County Parks Department. They will also have T-Shirts for \$19.99. October 1<sup>st</sup> will be the raffle ticket drawing.

# Commissioner Fantini:

Commissioner Fantini spoke about the streets in Pink Hill. He said they needed to be sprayed due to grass growing in the streets and that can ruin the streets. Commissioner Fantini said maybe we could contract this out and have someone spray our streets. Mayor Deatherage said I agree to that and some of that will be discussed in our closed session.

# Daniel White:

Daniel White, Planning Chair, gave a Planning Board update. Mr. White stated that the website had been updated under the Planning section. Mr. White stated that at the next Planning Board Meeting they would discuss somethings like:

• Fence on Turner St and the blind spot it is causing.

• DOT will review Planning and Zoning to make sure we are up to date with DOT. Carlton is reviewing Zoning applications.

# Motion to go into Closed Session:

- Commissioner Quinn made a motion to go into Closed Session
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- No discussion
- Vote 2-1
- Commissioner Quinn and Murphy Yes / Commissioner Fantini No
- Motion carries.

Mayor Yvonne Deatherage, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Commissioner James Quinn, Commissioner Pete Fantini, Town Attorney Will Gray, Jr, Town Clerk Lisa McGee all went into closed session.

# Motion to come out of Closed Session:

- Commissioner Quinn made a motion to come out of Closed Session
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- No discussion

- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

# Motion to Hire a Part-Time Clerk:

- Commissioner Quinn made a motion to hire a part-time clerk
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- Discussion made by Commissioner Fantini, should not hire a part-time clerk because Clerk got a raise.
- Let it be known: the Town Clerk it did not get a raise. Clerk got what was promised to her in verbal contract with the 3 Commissioners and the Mayor. Clerk told board to keep the 7 ½% raise, just give her what was promised to her at the time she was hired. So, therefore, the clerk did not get the 7 ½% Cola Raise.
- Commissioner Quinn and Murphy Yes / Commissioner Fantini No
- Commissioner Quinn and Murphy Yes / Commissioner Fantini No
- Motion carries.

#### Motion to Hire ORC Contractor:

- Commissioner Quinn made a motion to hire an ORC Contractor
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- Discussion made by Commissioner Fantini. He wants to explain to the public the contract before we vote. Thinks we could have resolved before now and we have good applicants, and we don't need a contractor.
- Commissioner Murphy explained the contract to the public.
- Mark Young introduced himself as the Contractor
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

#### Comments by the Attorney:

No comments by Attorney

# Comments by BOC:

Commissioner Quinn thanked Mr. Young and his team for coming and doing the water for the Town of Pink Hill.

#### Motion to Adjourn:

- Commissioner Murphy made a motion to Adjourn
- Seconded by Commissioner Quinn
- No discussion
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries