

January 9, 2018
7:00 P.M.

The Town of Pink Hill held its monthly board meeting after the CDBG Public Hearing at approximately 7:21 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 in the town hall board room. Present for the meeting were Mayor Carol Sykes, Commissioners Mike Hill, James Quinn, and Penny Murphy, Town Attorney George Jenkins, Public Works Director Timmy Kennedy, Assistant Public Works Director Phillip Swinson, Fire Chief Tony Heath, Police Chief Joey Thigpen, Town Clerk Kimberly Mitchell, and Town Clerk Assistant Shelia Ezzell.

Visitors present for the meeting were Susan Myers and David Harris.

Mayor Sykes called the regular meeting to order and welcomed everyone who was here. She said if you have any devices that make a noise, please turn them off. Mayor Sykes asked Commissioner Hill if he would lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Hill then led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Sykes asked do I have a motion to approve the agenda and amendments if needed. Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the agenda and any amendments that is needed and the consent agenda with December 12, 2017 board minutes. Mayor Sykes said I have a motion to approve the agenda and amendments and consent agenda, do I have a second. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes asked if there was any discussion if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was 5a. Adopt Resolution for Application for CDBG Funding for the Broadband Project and 5b. Adopt Resolution CDBG Compliance Plans & Policies. Mayor Sykes said how we need to handle that David because I want us to talk about it again before... Can we just table this and if we need to have a special meeting and do it. Mr. Harris said you have satisfied the grant requirements that is to conduct the first public hearing and the second public hearing is the discussion of the specific project. The adoption of the resolutions simply takes place afterwards. It could be that meeting. It could be another meeting. It just means you don't have to have a third or fourth public hearing in the process. Mayor Sykes said okay. Mr. Harris said either a special meeting or your February regularly scheduled meeting that you had on the agenda. Mayor Sykes said okay. Mr. Harris said you are now free to do what the town wants to do. Your grant requirements have been satisfied.

Commissioner Murphy said so we can adopt and still not apply is that what you are saying. Mr. Harris said you just table it. If you don't adopt the resolution, you just table it. Commissioner Hill said he would like to make a motion to table 5a and 5b until we have a chance to talk with the preservation club and get input from other citizens in the town. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said I have got a motion and a second, is there any discussion. She said if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Sykes said I think that is good, I think that is what we need to do. She thanked David Harris for coming. Mayor Sykes said she thinks that is the best thing to do and that she is not comfortable with it quite yet. Commissioner Hill said we are sticking our neck out a long way. Mayor Sykes said yea that's what I know and want to make sure it is covered before we say aye. She said she thinks it is a great thing if we can make it work.

The next item on the agenda was Road to Access Property on Spray Field (Dean Rouse) tabled at December meeting. Timmy said everybody should have a copy of a letter that I received from Ms. Sarah Toppen from DWQ and the short of it she didn't recommend it. Actually it says right in the letter that Pink Hill's permit restricts public access to the irrigation site. So therefore, I wouldn't be able to allow him an access key to the property and because of the way everything is as far as our sprinkler heads and stuff like that, we have to have so much buffer zone available for the spray irrigation. So we wouldn't be able to move the fence back to where he could get in where I was showing you on the map at the last meeting. I haven't exactly told Mr. Dean everything that I've told you guys tonight but I have told him that they were not comfortable with it. He said other than changing the permits and all this kind of stuff which would be, I would think, a pretty good cost to us. Timmy said I don't think it is worth it.

Commissioner Hill said probably would have to close down those sprinkler heads on that side of that field and we don't want to do that. Timmy replied yes sir and that is pretty much what they were saying. They visited the site on December 21st. Mayor Sykes said so you say Dean does know about this or not? Timmy said I haven't met with him yet other than I just saw him on the street and told him DWQ was not on board with it. Mayor Sykes said but I mean I am sure he understands. Timmy said he did want to know if there were any more options and I told him we would talk. If you remember at our last meeting when I showed you on the map, but I don't have those maps with me tonight. He said but anyway outside the fence it wouldn't be a conflict of anything and we are not using the property anyway. If he were to use a portion of that, like on a corner or something like that, outside the spray irrigation and outside the fenced in part of our spray irrigation field that would not interfere with our permit. He said I would bring that back to the meeting before anything happens. Mayor Sykes said so it wouldn't interfere. Timmy said if he were to go outside right. He said so that is an option, is that an option? Commissioner Hill said yes, it is an option as long as he stays outside of the fence I don't see where it would be wrong to give him an access. Timmy said well we clear cut all of our property up to his and there is just scrubby briars and stuff. Of course, there is some trees that have volunteered back, we didn't replant it. He wouldn't be destroying anything other than using a corner of land that is right next to some wetlands. Mayor Sykes said right next to what. Timmy said some wetlands that can't be developed anyway. Mayor Sykes said well if he is going to keep it mowed and all that it will save us some time. Timmy said I wanted to speak to you guys first before I brought that option to him. Mayor Sykes said if it will work for him and it is not going to do anything... Timmy said he will probably still want something in writing and at that time I will get in contact with you to find out what you need and we will bring it back before the board also. George asked is any of this property included in a conservation easement. Timmy said a conservation easement? No sir, not to my knowledge. Mayor Sykes asked how soon does he need this? Timmy said a month ago he acted like he wanted to get it done in a week. I don't know what happened but whatever. He hasn't contacted me anymore after I told him that he couldn't access the property across from the spray irrigation. Mayor Sykes said do you want to wait until the next meeting to make the motion. Timmy replied yes. I just wanted to know if it's okay if I give him the option to go outside the fence to do a road to access his property and that way he won't have quite as much building up to do. It will make it a little easier for him to access his property. Timmy asked so that's okay? George asked is that okay with her? Timmy said who. George said the lady from DWQ. Timmy replied yes sir, anything outside the spray irrigation field is fine because that is the reason it is fenced in the way it is. Mayor Sykes asked do we need a motion on that to... George said to table. Mayor Sykes said to table. Do we need a

motion to table? Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to table Dean Rouse accessing our property until the next meeting. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes asked is there any discussion. She told Timmy thank you.

The next item on the agenda was Police Updates. Mayor Sykes said Chief Thigpen has given us a copy of the police updates. She asked Chief Thigpen if he wanted to say anything. Chief Thigpen said I have a couple of things that I want to bring up, well only one thing in particular. He said we have had several calls out to the mobile home park, Dennis' trailer park. The roads and lanes in between those trailers are terrible. I mean there is holes in there that are knee deep. When our cars go in there they drag. Is there anything the town can do about requiring him to do anything being it is a public access. Mayor Sykes said I don't know but it is not our property. It would be out of our pockets because there is nowhere...Chief Thigpen said I didn't know if the town might could send a letter. Mayor Sykes said oh well that, yes, we can do that. Chief Thigpen said I am not talking about fixing it, I am saying about mentioning it because it is bad. Mayor Sykes said I can believe that. Commissioner Quinn said it could tear up the police cars and fire department trucks. He said my car drug going in there the other night and I am sure the fire department has problems. Timmy said I was going to ask if I could say that. We have been in there on a couple of occasions. Chief Thigpen said you can get stuck going in there. Commissioner Hill said we can send a letter. Mayor Sykes said we can send a letter and I will also personally tell him. Chief Thigpen said we have said something in the past to him, me and Mike, but he doesn't bother to try to fix it. Mayor Sykes said I saw him and he is out and about I guess because I saw him going in the house the other day. Chief Thigpen said I don't think he has ever tried to put anything in there to try to help. Mayor Sykes said no. He said I just wanted to say something. Mayor Sykes said we will get a letter out and I will speak to him personally and I will tell him just like it is and whether that will help or not. It doesn't usually but I will tell him. Chief Thigpen said I think that would make it a lot better. Mayor Sykes said if it does, then he is liable for it. Chief Thigpen said yes that is my point. Mayor Sykes said I am going to make sure he knows that and that he would have to pay for anything that is done and he could be sued. Chief Thigpen said it wouldn't take a lot just a couple loads of rocks. Mayor Sykes said I will talk to him. I may talk to him tomorrow afternoon but I have got something I have to do in the morning. Chief Thigpen said that is fine, there ain't no rush. I had to go out there before I came to the meeting for a call. Mayor Sykes said I don't know how much he will listen to me but he will listen to me if he listens to anybody.

Chief Thigpen said we haven't had many calls so it was actually pretty good during the holidays. We did make the arrest on the guy that did the shooting. I think I told y'all at the Christmas party. So he is in jail under bond. Other than that everything has been pretty good. Mayor Sykes and the board thanked Chief Thigpen. Chief Thigpen said thank y'all. Mayor Sykes said always a good job and we appreciate it and everybody. All of our employees I want to say it now and again y'all do such a wonderful job so you can spread the word.

The Fire Department Report was next on the agenda. Fire Chief Heath said the call report since the last meeting we had 4 structure fires, 3 traffic accidents, 2 brush fires, 19 EMS assignments, and 2 service assignments for a total of 30 calls since our last meeting. We also are trying to complete the paperwork for the 2017 State Rescue grant that was approved. Some of the items have been purchased and I am waiting for those couple of items to come in. Mayor Sykes asked what was the grant for and how much. Fire Chief Heath said the rescue grant was for some equipment for one of our trucks, some new EMS bags to put our equipment in and a new AED to

go on another truck which gives us another option for another vehicle going out on EMS assignment. Also the Federal Grant has opened up which is a 95/5 grant. We are going to be applying for that for 20 sets of turnout gear for our fire members. He said that is about a \$55,000 grant and we are required to pay 5 percent of it. The State 50/50 grant is fixing to open up and we will be applying for that as well. Mayor Sykes said and what is that for, the 50/50 grant. She said the same thing. Fire Chief Heath said for equipment for the fire truck. Mayor Sykes said okay. Do you ever get a grant, not that we need one, for a fire truck. He said it depends on the couple of options on the fire apparatus. Mayor Sykes said okay, I was just wondering. Fire Chief Heath said we would like to get one because we have got some that are approaching the limits of what the NFPA says is supposed to be a front line engine. Mayor Sykes said well I figured that they were getting near time. He said we do have one that is out of service right now with some mechanical issues. We have got that part on order and as soon as it comes in we are going to get it back up and in service. Mayor Sykes and the board thanked Fire Chief Heath and all of them for all they do.

The next item on the agenda was Water/Sewer Report. Timmy said I haven't really wrote anything down so I am shooting off the hip but over the last couple of weeks we have pretty much just been doing ice skating and stuff like that. We really had a minimum of problems with the snow but we had one customer that froze yesterday. They had water up until yesterday morning and we have got them temporary water now. I am planning on putting in a new service for them next week that is as soon as we can get it all if planned and get all the equipment here to do it. He said but it was from the meter back to the main and that has never happened before in my life as being in this position. I have only had one water meter to freeze in 17 years and matter of fact it didn't freeze this time because we have got insulation in that particular box to make sure it doesn't happen again. We do have one right now, R-Mart Hardware that is still frozen.

Timmy said we had some new lighting put in the shop since we had skylights they always leaked so years ago we had those covered back up with tin and since then it has been dark in the shop. We had some new lights put up. They are something similar to what is in the police bay if you have seen what is out there and it is a whole lot better as far as getting in there to work without having to put the door up in the cold weather. He said but other than that we pretty much stayed home last week because of snow but we were out doing checkups anyway. I hope everything else is okay.

Kim said I have got one question about leaks for snow issues. I know we don't have a water leak policy. Do you think there is a way for anybody that has had water leaks from the snow, I mean do we need to...Commissioner Hill said I would adjust the sewer off of it. Kim replied just the sewer which that is our normal policy anyway but...Commissioner Hill said adjust the sewer off of it because that is all we can do because we are buying the water and we can't afford to give it away. Just adjust the sewer. Kim replied okay. Timmy said and that is general policy. Kim said yes and that is why I was asking. I didn't know if they could make an exception. Commissioner Hill said even though it might be some of it going in the sewer don't worry about it just adjust it off. Commissioner Quinn said like you have left the spigot dripping and stuff like that or busted water lines. Kim said yes, I was talking about like the people who had...we have

had some that has had busted lines and stuff. Commissioner Hill said anybody that has adjust the sewer off.

Timmy said I just had one more question on my side. We went into closed session about an issue. Do we need to go into closed session to give an update or do you just want me to do it? Mayor Sykes said I don't see any need to. Commissioner Hill said go ahead. Timmy said okay. Mayor Sykes said I don't see any reason to go into closed session. Timmy said especially not since our last meeting but we were doing it before then. Well one thing I failed to mention is we have had our tank painted since the last meeting and I haven't got the certification from the engineer yet. I think he came one day last week whenever we were not here and so therefore the tank is still down. I have got to get that certification and do a Bacti sample. Mayor Sykes asked which tank. Timmy said the Pinewood tank going out on Pinewood Home Drive so it is still out of service but we still have got the Broadway tank and it is working fine.

Since our meeting last time we have been using our well every day five days a week anyway and they are not sending us our full quota every day. This is between me and Kyle which is the distribution supervisor for WASA. We have worked out something that we are trying to see if it is going to work out to run our well more every day. He is sending us less water so that on the weekend we don't have to come out and do our general checks on the well house. He can just send us whatever we need on Saturday and Sunday and then Monday we start back doing a little bit less and running our well more. That being said over the last couple of days the residuals have come up some in most of town. Mayor Sykes said and that is what you wanted. Timmy said that was the purpose but I feel like it is because we are running our well more. It is not because the residuals have come up there. Mayor Sykes said that is what I was talking about. Timmy said they are some better and they are more consistent but not consistent. They are better but they are not to a point yet that I would like to see. We are still working on it. Kyle is working with me. We are trying this. This is an option that actually he came up with. We are trying to mingle and mix and work with everybody and we are just trying it. It is some better but it is not there yet. Mayor Sykes said what percentage has gotten better. Timmy said what percentage of town? Mayor Sykes said of the residual or whatever. Phillip said she wants to know what kind of numbers or percentage has it improved. Mayor Sykes said yes. Timmy said like I say they are somewhat more consistent but not consistent if that makes sense. Some days we go out there and it is real good and then the next day it might be a little bit lower. Mayor Sykes said well why is it, well you don't know what it is and that is what you are trying to find out. Timmy said that was the contract issue. We are supposed to be getting a consistent grade, quality and it hasn't been holding that consistently. Mayor Sykes said okay. Well if this works and you keep tweaking this and if it works, then what is that going to prove. Timmy said we are still putting... The one point I wanted to make is, I haven't checked to see how much we have sold last billing cycle but the last three months we were hanging around 43 to 44 thousand per day that is an average that we are selling, that we are getting money back for. Over the last couple of weeks we have been putting 100,000 a day counting what we pump. So that is 60,000 on the ground and 40,000 sold. That is not a good ratio in my opinion. Mayor Sykes said oh no it is not. Commissioner Hill said no. Timmy said and when you talk to somebody from DWQ about it that is the animal of chloramines. You have to flush to keep the fresh water which we are doing the best we can. Mayor Sykes said well I appreciate it and just keep on doing what you have got to do. Timmy said one person stays busy checking water all day every day.

Mayor Sykes said you mean here. Timmy replied yes. We have had to change our whole way of doing business during the day but we are adjusting. Commissioner Hill said you need to keep good records that's what we need when we sit down and talk to them. Timmy said sorry I haven't had time to sit down and bring you actually a report of the way the residuals were falling and when I get that I will bring it to the board. Commissioner Hill said okay appreciate it. Timmy said hopefully I will have it by the next meeting. Mayor Sykes said you have kept us in water and good water so that is the main thing. Thank y'all for working so hard on that and plus during this weather.

The next item on the agenda was Budget Amendments if needed. Kim said there is one budget amendment. We are having to do for the Christmas lights because we had to do bulbs this year that we didn't buy last year. We have changed and we talked about this at the previous meeting we have had to change who is putting up the lights and he had to tweak how he put them up. So it has costed more and he has got to come and still take them down and still have got the utility bill that we will get from Duke so we have had to increase. It is something we have got to do so it is a budget amendment. Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes asked is there was any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye".

The next item on the agenda was Remarks by Town Attorney. Mayor Sykes asked George if he had any comments. George replied no thank you.

The next item on the agenda was Comments by the Board. Commissioner Hill said he wanted to say one thing. He said everybody knows that my granddaughter has been in the hospital in a coma. She came to January 1, 2018. Yesterday she ate her first meal steak that her doctor brought her. Timmy said did I hear right that he cooked her one and brought it back. Commissioner Hill replied yes. He said then today I got a telephone call. Wendy said listen to this and she said "Hey Papa". He said that is the first time since the day before Thanksgiving. Mayor Sykes said well did they find out what was wrong. Commissioner Hill said viral meningitis. Mayor Sykes said oh my goodness, so how did she get it. Commissioner Hill said they don't know. This whole room could be full and one person could get it and nobody else get it. Mayor Sykes said so is she up and about. Commissioner Hill said no she ain't up and about but she is in rehab now. Mayor Sykes said well I am just so thankful for you and her. Thank you for sharing that with us Mike. Mayor Sykes asked if there was anything else.

The next item on the agenda was Public Comment Period if needed. There were no public comments at this time.

The next item on the agenda was Closed Session if needed. There was no need for a closed session at this time.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.