

Town of Pink Hill Board Meeting
February 8th, 2022
7:00 PM

The Town of Pink Hill Board meeting was held on February 8, 2022 in the town hall board room. Present for this meeting were Mayor Mike Hill, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Commissioner James Quinn, Commissioner Pete Fantini, Town Attorney George Jenkins, Town Clerk Crystal Heath, Police Chief Michael Hoffman, Fire Department Chief Tony Heath, and Public Works Supervisor Timmy Kennedy.

Visitors present for the meeting were W. Clark Jr., Rodney Scott, Ben Jones, J.W Stallings, Carolyn Whitfield, Daniel White, and Morgan Howard.

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. Town clerk, Mrs. Heath, called out each name for roll call, present were Mayor Hill, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Quinn, Commissioner Fantini, and attorney George Jenkins. Mayor Hill said I need the approval of the minutes for the January minutes. Commissioner Murphy said I make a motion to approve the board minutes for the January 11th meeting. Commissioner Fantini seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say “aye”, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Fantini made a motion to approve the agenda and the consent agenda. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say “aye”, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hill said just had a public hearing on nuisance and yard debris ordinance we need a motion to approve or disapprove the ordinance. Commissioner Fantini said I make a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say “aye”, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hill addressed Mr. Rodney Scott from East Carolina Broadband. Mayor Hill said attorney George Jenkins just gave them the paperwork and it needs to be read over to make sure everything is correct. He will get a copy and hopes at the next meeting everything will be resolved. Mayor Hill asked for a motion to table East Carolina Broadband for the March meeting. Mr. Jenkins asked about a wire fence around the water towers. Mr. Scott said he is happy to discuss about it, but will not tell them what kind of fence. No motion was made to table in the next meeting.

The next item on item is award the administration contracts for the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant and there are two proposals. One is from LKC Engineering and the other one is from Adams Company who brought this proposal to us to start with. Mayor Hill said they are the ones that came and talked to us about it and Ben Jones is the guy who came. Town Clerk, Mrs. Heath, said the state requires two bids in the contract. Commissioner Murphy made a motion for the Adams Company to oversee the grant. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say “aye”, motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hill thanked him for coming in to speak to the board.

The next item on the agenda was the fire report provided by Chief Tony Heath. Chief Heath said call reports since our meeting in January we had 13 EMS assignments, 3 vehicle accidents, 4 structure fires, and 2 fire alarms for a total of 22 calls. We discussed about a new metal building for one of our trucks, but are limited in space in the fire department after we laid out the size of the building adjacent to the tennis court there is not enough room. We are asking if there are any objections to replacing on our existing concrete pad where the building used to be at and torn down. Mayor Hill right here behind town hall. Chief Heath said with your approval maybe putting it up right here by this pad, saves us a little bit of money on concrete up front, but then we are going to put up an approach pad and back slab to our existing slab to get the truck and boat in and out. Mayor Hill said we need a motion to approve it. Commissioner Fantini said I make a motion to relocate the building to the old fire department concrete slab where it used to be at. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say “aye”, motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda the police report provided by Chief Michael Hoffman. Chief Hoffman said you have our report before you. Several instances have declined domestics to disturbances. Our larcenies are back down, and we are still maintaining our business checkups. We’ve had several chases in the last week, matter of fact we did two today and were arrested. Our officers collected 47.2 ounces which is less than one ounce from being three pounds of marijuana. Mayor Hill thanked his department.

The next item on the agenda was the Water/ Public works report provided by Mr. Timmy Kennedy. A bid to replace the cut off at the corner of Hunter Street and Front Street was made for \$2,600 that is in the budget. Also a leak on Kinston Boulevard, but are having issues with the weather and putting in the asphalt as it has to be a certain temperature. Another cut off has been found while working at the one on Kinston Boulevard which he is waiting on a bid for that one. Mayor Hill thanked him and his department for everything.

There were no attorney comments. Board comments were up next and Commissioner Fantini asked to have a public meeting to repeal the no use of alcohol by businesses in town. Mayor Hill said George we have to go to the board of elections and put on the ballot is that the only thing we have to do right? Mr. Jenkins said we have to advertise that for that meeting. Mayor Hill said we have to have a public hearing for it? Mr. Jenkins said we have to have a public hearing. Mayor Hill said we have 30 days until the next meeting. Mr. Jenkins said we need a motion tonight then to get under the 30 days. Mayor Hill said first thing we have to amend the agenda. Commissioner Fantini said I make a motion to amend the agenda to put the public hearing for next month. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say “aye”, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Fantini said I make a motion to have a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. on April 12th. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. . Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say “aye”, motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda were any public comments. Mrs. Carolyn Whitfield thanked the first responders for their prompt response. Mr. Daniel White asked for the issue that was brought up in November regarding a dirt pile. Mayor Hill asked to make a motion to amend the

agenda and asked to talk about the dirt pile. Commissioner Murphy said I make a motion to talk about the dirt pile. Commissioner Fantini seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say “aye”, motion carried unanimously. Mr. White brought up the issue of public notice for special meetings. Per the state statutes communication has to be made through newspaper and it was made in a timely manner through Kinston Free Press. Mayor Hill said I need a motion for Susan to get a letter to get the pile out of town. Commissioner Murphy said I make a motion to send Susan Myers a letter to let her know she is in violation of our policy. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say “aye”, motion carried unanimously. No more public comments.

The town board meeting was adjourned.