

February 11, 2020

7:00 PM

The Town of Pink Hill Board meeting was held on February 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the town hall board room. Present for this meeting was Mayor Carol Sykes, Commissioner Mike Hill, Commissioner James Quinn, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Town Attorney George Jenkins, Public Works Director Timmy Kennedy, Public Works Assistant Phillip Swinson, and Interim Police Chief Michael Hoffman.

Visitor present was David Smith (Sandy Plain Presbyterian Church, Beulaville), Matt Miller, and Jody Sumner.

Mayor Sykes said I would like to call this meeting to order and I welcome everyone to the February 11, 2020 meeting. I would like to ask everyone to please turn your cell phones off. Mayor Sykes asked Commissioner Mike Hill to lead everyone in saying the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Sykes said I need a motion to approve the agenda and amendments if needed and consent agenda with the regular board meeting minutes from January 2019. Commissioner Mike Hill said I make a motion to accept the agenda and the minutes from the last meeting. Commissioner James Quin seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said any discussion on this, all in favor say "aye." Motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes introduced David Smith from Sandy Plains Church to discuss an outreach event in the town. David Smith introduced himself and introduced Jody Sumner Deacon and Pastor Matt Miller associate pastor supporting David Smith. David Smith would like to have an event in town with the local and surrounding churches. David Smith brought his idea called "God Gathering on the Hill" its purpose is to hopefully and probably bring the community together to ensure and encourage the community spiritually. David Smith would like approval from the board on a date they both can agree and where. He would like to invite local churches in town and in the surrounding churches to get to work together as an outreach. He would like for it to be in the end of summer towards August or September. He also proposed an evening event at 7 o'clock at the softball outfield where there would be a church service and music playing. Mayor Sykes states it's a good idea but the churches need to agree to the event. Attorney George stated there were issues that the town cannot endorse religion; it has to be open to any religious group. Town can approve it, but cannot endorse it. Commissioner Mike Hill asked if he could come back June 9th to discuss exact date after he has spoken to the churches regarding the event.

Phillip provided the fire departments call report for Chief Tony Heath. Phillip provided the calls since last meeting of January 14, 2020 through today. He stated that there were 11 EMS assignments, 2 vehicle accidents. 2 structure fires, 2 fire alarms, 3 brush fires, and 1 structure assignment.

Mayor Sykes asked for a police report. Interim Police Chief Michael Hoffman provided the report. He stated there was a total of 270 responses which majority were assisting EMS, the

county, there were no BNEs or larceny. He states that is the one of the main things the police department is doing being out when there is heavy traffic in stores and around the town. There have been several resident checks. Hoffman addressed Ms. Horne structural fire and how they assisted to help her. Hoffman proposed an idea of the police department, EMS, and fire department all helping each other when there is a call; each can provide assistance at the call.

Mayor Sykes said Timmy you are next for the water report. Timmy provided an update on Hurricane Florence damages and still working on the specs sheet to have it sent out. He stated he contacted Derrick Smith and everything is coming together. Also discussed the meeting with Donald Grantham from FEMA and has finished up with Hurricane Dorian. Timmy also addressed the beaver problems on the creek Highway 11 behind Earl Howard Rd. Phillip and Timmy addressed the situation and showed the guy from USDA as to where it needed to be fixed. USDA guy will start fixing the issue along the creek. Timmy talked about the Deep Run Sewer contract and the option to hook on the sewer or not based on the towns regulations. Timmy asked the board if there is a rule in place enforcing potential Deep Run Sewer customers to use the town sewer; the board came to an agreement that the town is not authorized to enforce it and must follow the regulations. Timmy introduced Jason Heath as a potential employer to assist in the water department. Mayor Sykes asked to make a motion to hire Jason Heath. Commissioner Mike Hill made a motion to hire Jason Heath at \$10.00 dollars per hour starting March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 pending drug tests and background test. Commissioner Penny Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes any discussion if not all in favor say “aye”. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes asked Attorney George Jenkins if he had anything to announce. He provided documentation as to what to put as reasons for a closed session. Mayor Sykes thanked him for providing issues to the event that was mentioned by David Smith.

Mayor Sykes asked if anyone had anything else to say to the board. Attorney George Jenkins and Commissioner Mike Hill asked to discuss the exact date to meet for the May board meeting. All came to an agreement for May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Mike Hill made a motion to move May’s meeting from May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Sykes any discussion if not all in favor say “aye”. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes if there is nothing else to be discussed I adjourn this meeting.