June 11, 2019

7:00 pm

The Town of Pink Hill held its monthly board meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall board room. Present for the meeting were the Mayor Carol Sykes, Commissioners Mike Hill, James Quinn, and Penny Murphy. Town Attorney George Jenkins. Public Works Director Timmy Kennedy, Public Works Assistant Phillip Swinson, Police Chief Joey Thigpen, Fire Chief Tony Heath, and Town Clerk Crystal Heath.

Visitors present for the meeting were Yvonne Deatherage, Bill Turner, Jessi Thigpen, Jolene Hoffman, Mike Hoffman, Connie Huffman, Brain Zesigler, and Jane Zesigler.

Mayor Carol Sykes welcomed everyone back from the public hearing meeting. She said Mike will you lead us all in the pledge of allegiance to the flag? Commissioner Mike stood and all followed saying the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Sykes said I need a motion to approve the agenda and amendments if needed and consent agenda with regular meeting minutes from May. Commissioner Mike Hill said I make a motion to approve the agenda, any amendments, and the consent agenda, and minutes of last board meeting.

Mayor Sykes said the next item on the agenda is the budget. The budget has been posted. If anyone has any questions on the budget now is the time to ask we have Connie Huffman here to answer any question to any changes. We will be glad to explain. If no one has any questions that's okay, we discussed last time the budget until 10:00 p.m. So if there is no discussion I would like a motion. Commissioner Mike Hill states I make a motion to approve the budget and Commissioner James

Quinn stated he seconds the budget. Mayor Carol Said Ok no discussion all in favor say “aye”, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda is closed session needing a motion to go into closed session for the personnel issue and for social media issue, and for the audit contract. Commissioner Mike Hill said I make a motion we go into closed session, Mayor Sykes says for? Mike Hill says I make a motion we go in closed session for personnel discussion, social media issue, and auditor discussion. Mayor Sykes said do I have any conversation on this, if not I ask all to leave now please, thank you. All in favor carry the motion unanimously.

When back in session Commissioner Mike Hill said I make a motion that we contact Gregory Redman from Tarboro for $5100.00 to do our audit for the next fiscal year. Commissioner James Quinn second the motion Mike made. Mayor Sykes said any discussion on the auditor we are going to hire? If not then all in favor signify by saying “aye” and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes said are we ready for the next one? Do we do anything with the next one? Commissioner Mike Hill says no.

Attorney George Jenkins fire chief is next. Mayor Sykes said ok next is fire report. Chief Tony Heath read off the number of calls the department had handled since our last meeting; from May 21 – today. EMS assignments 11 calls, Vehicle accidents 2, brush fires 2, and 3 service assignments. That is a total of 18 calls from the last 3 weeks. I did get the paper work turned in for the AFG to get our reimbursement, I am just waiting to hear back from them. Mayor Sykes said well, Thank You.

Mayor Sykes said next is police report, Chief Joey. Since the last meeting we have had 1 vehicle accident, 5 alarms, 1 arrest, 1 assault, Assist Lenoir Co Sheriff’s department 7, Assist motorist 2, Assist Pink Hill fire department 1, assist probation officer 1, careless and reckless

vehicle, domestic 1, shoplifting 1, larceny 3, suspicious activity 1, suspicious person 4, suspicious vehicle 3, unlock vehicle 3, 1 911 unknown call for a total of 41 calls. Joey from now on and I've been meaning to ask you this, can you write down who answered what or which call just so we will know who answered what calls in case we need to contact someone. Is that any problem? No its not Chief Joey said.

Mayor Sykes said ok the water report. Timmy Kennedy said you all know about the ford truck messing up. We took it to Trenton to Brook ford motor company. I had already made an appointment with them but decided it needed to go on. We had to have it towed, Woodrow Sumner towed it there for us. He said on May 29th, Alex came to me to turn in his 2 week notion and tomorrow will be his last day. Mayor Sykes says oh no I'm sorry. Mr. Timmy said Alex has taken a job elsewhere. Mayor Sykes said does Crystal have a copy of that to put in his file? Timmy said I have it but just haven't presented it to Crystal just yet. Ok Timmy just be sure to, Mayor Sykes said. Next thing I have we have received for the water and sewer department, also with help from Stroud engineering, with the asset management grant operation and maintence plans for water and sewer, all the maps, GIS, all that on the computer has been made possible with their help. Mr. David Tuten with Stroud Engineer ask that we make a motion and put it in the minutes that you have accepted all the information that he presented and he brought it all yesterday. So he can put in the request for us to get the money for the grant. Commissioner Mike Hill said I make a motion that we accept all the work and the report from Stroud Engineer. Commissioner James Quinn second the motion to accept. Mayor Carol said ok is there any discussion on this? If not ok. All in favor signify by saying "aye" and the motion was carried unanimously. He also asked if he, David could come back in the future to help with more grants. Mayor Sykes asked was the money out there now? Timmy said Mr. Tuten is going to look in on it and get back with us. All said okay. Also Timmy says, Cole Baker

has asked Phillip and myself several times about the property on Old Beulaville Rd, we keep it cut is all, he said he would rent the property keep it clean around there and put corn or beans on it. He would pay for the use. George says that needs to be in closed session to discussion want or need and how much money. Timmy says ok I just didn't know if you guys are interested. Timmy said if you don't want to decide tonight that fine I just thought I'd bring it up. Timmy says I do have the film of the camera work if anyone would like to see it.

Mayor Sykes says George do you have anything? He says just briefly on the tax property on the old Chevrolet property is out and has been served. We have to serve property owners and anyone with a lien. If you hear any talk it's foreclosing on the taxes not the property.

Timmy says I have one more thing I forgot, with Alex gone I will be okay with a little while but I'm going to need some help with cutting grass and stuff. Mayor Sykes asked are you okay until next month? Timmy says I am looking 30 hours a week through summer. George says when you find someone that needs to be discussed. Commissioner Mike Hill says we need to make a decision on a amount so that will be in place. I make a motion Timmy hires someone to help no more than 30 hours a week @ $9.00 hour through summer time. Commissioner Penny Murphy says and I second that. Any discussion on same Mayor Sykes asked, if not all in favor signify by saying "aye" and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes said any public comments, no one has signed up. Anything else you need to say George? No I am done for tonight, he stated. Ok I declare this meeting adjourned at 8:16. Thank you all.