October 8, 2013

7:00 P.M.

The Town of Pink Hill held its monthly board meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall board room. Present for the meeting were Mayor Carol Sykes, Commissioners Mike Hill, Donald King and Marion Mitchell, Town Attorney George Jenkins, Public Works Director Timmy Kennedy, Chief Joey Thigpen, and Town Clerk Kimberly Mitchell.

The only visitor present at the meeting was Susan Myers.

Mayor Sykes called the meeting to order. Mayor Sykes welcomed everyone to the meeting. Commissioner King then led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the public hearing minutes from September 10, 2013. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the regular board minutes from September 10, 2013. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the agenda and amendments if needed as presented. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was to Adopt Minority Business Participation Outreach Plan for the DWSRF AMR Meter Replacements Project. Mayor Sykes said this is a matter of formality that has to be done. She said it states that we do not discriminate against anybody. She said this has to be done before we can make any bids for the water meter project. Commissioner King made a motion to adopt the Minority Outreach Plan. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to revise pages in the Personnel Policy. Mayor Sykes stated it was amended back in November 2011 but there has been some things that the board has wanted to tweak. Mayor Sykes said they have been through and made the tweaks that were suggested. She asked everyone to look at the original pages. Kim stated that everyone will have a copy that says “Original” on it. Mayor Sykes stated that the highlighted items in pink are the ones that have been added to the policy and the highlighted items in yellow are being removed. Kim went over the changes with the board members. There was an issue regarding meals provided by the town when an employee is staying overnight for work somewhere. The board decided to change the policy from one meal per day to say that the town would pay $30 per day for meals if not provided. Kim stated that Mayor Sykes wanted to add President’s Day as one of the paid holidays. Kim then discussed the adverse weather conditions policy. The board decided to add that the town offices and departments shall follow the same closing practice as Lenoir County Government Offices and the Lenoir County Public School System as announced on all local media stations during adverse weather conditions. Kim stated that George asked what if the Lenoir County Government Offices and the Public School Systems have different closings. Commissioner Hill stated to go with the County Offices. George stated he wanted to make a suggestion to take the word “all” out for all local media stations. George also stated that he would change the policy to read “either” as Lenoir County Government Offices or the Lenoir County Public School System. Commissioner Hill made a motion to accept all the changes to the personnel policy that were presented. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Police Updates. Chief Joey stated since the last meeting on September 10, 2013 they have had a total of 6 reported incidents that they documented, 3 arrests, 4 accidents, issued 8 citations for a total of 8 charges. They issued 18 warning citations. Joey stated everything is going good. Mayor Sykes thanked Joey for his work.

The Fire Department Report was the next agenda item. Timmy stated that everything seems to be going well. Timmy said the calls for the month of September and October include 2 structure fires, 7 EMS calls, 5 vehicle accidents, 1 smoke investigation, and 1 service assignment. Timmy wanted to remind everyone about the Annual Gun Raffle on Friday, October 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. where they would be serving fish stew and chicken pastry. Timmy said they did get their matching grant for the Cascade System. Timmy said he had sent off all the paperwork and they are getting half of their money back.

The next item on the agenda was Water/Sewer Updates. Timmy stated that the project is going well and. there have been no complaints. Mayor Sykes stated that Billy and Mary Graves told her personally that they were very satisfied with the work that was done with their driveway.

Budget Amendments if needed was next on the agenda. There were no budget amendments or transfers at this time.

The next item on the agenda were Remarks by Town Attorney. George stated that he appreciated the town keeping him on and allowing him to be here.

Comments by the Board were next on the agenda. Commissioner Hill said he appreciated the job everybody does. Mayor Sykes stated she also appreciated the job everybody does. Commissioner King said he wanted to reiterate how well the Police Department is doing. Commissioner King also said that he has gotten some pretty strong approval of our water and sewer system. He said most of the people he has talked to has really appreciated what is going on. Commissioner King stated he also appreciated the job everybody does. Commissioner Mitchell thanked the board members for what they do.

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

The next item on the agenda was Closed Session. Commissioner Hill made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Hill made a motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

With there being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned.