Town Hall Board Meeting

September 8, 2020
7:00 PM

The Town of Pink Hill Board meeting was held on August 11, 2020 in the town hall board room. Present for this meeting were 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, Police Chief Michael Hoffman, and Town Clerk Crystal Heath.

Mayor Sykes said I would like to call this meeting to order and I welcome everyone to the September 8, 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 next is the approval of the agenda and amendments if needed and we do have some amendments that need to be read out. Mayor Sykes said I need a motion to approve the agenda and amendments if needed and consent agenda. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to approve the minutes, the agenda, and the consent agenda. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said George is there something he has to read out to vote on? She said he has two amendments that need to be read out loud. Mr. Jenkins said I move to amend the agenda to add this is not for the agenda it's for the budget isn't it? Mayor Sykes said it is but this is what Connie said to do. Mr. Jenkins said ok to amend the line item budget regarding general fund revenue and general fund expense those the only two amendments? Town Clerk Crystal said then right here. Mr. Jenkins said then amend the water fund, I move to amend the agenda to consider a budget amendment to the water fund. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion amend the agenda from the general fund to the water fund. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said now do I call for—and she voted for it. Mr. Jenkins said and she seconded it? Commissioner Murphy said yeah I did. Mr. Jenkins said that amends the agenda now he makes a motion. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to amend the agenda for line item budget amendment request in general fund increase fund balance appropriation of $205,000, general fund expense increase street maintenance non-powell for $205,000 to appropriation balance for Lynwood Avenue, FEMA funded in prior year $75,000 and Central Avenue $130,000 FEMA not funded culver work. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mr. Jenkins said okay now vote on that. Mayor Sykes said all in favor say "aye". Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to amend line item budget amendment request water fund 9-8-20. The water fund revenue increase water fund balance appropriated balance $60,000, water fund expense increase Deep Run maintenance repair facility equipment $60,000 and the budget amendment required for Lift Station 1 on Hwy 11, water fund revenue increase FEMA $5,949.87, water fund expense increase $5,949.87 to recognize FEMA for revenue in Hurricane Dorian used to pay overtime. Water fund revenue increase gain of sale asset of $3,255.65, water fund expense increase capital outlay $3,255.65 to recognize sale of used Hustler mower. The following transfers were required since the previous board meeting general fund police capital outlay $1,600, police part-time officers $1,600, date of transfer 7-22-20; the above budget transfer were reported to the Board on

September 8,2020. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said all in favor say “aye”. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes asked for the fire report to be provided. Phillip Swinson said call report for the Pink Hill Fire Department for September 8, 2020. Calls since the last meeting of August 11, 2020 thru today. There were 2 vehicle accidents, 1 structure fire, and 1 fire alarm, for total of 4 calls. All EMS assignments are suspended until further notice. Mayor Sykes said I don’t have anything to say, but thank you all.

Mayor Sykes asked for the police report to be provided. Chief Hoffman said the print out for the call log for the month I can whole heartily say things have decreased which is good, because we get to focus more on community policing. We did not have as many larceny’s, as much shoplifting, and I think the main reason for that is just our presence. We are making sure that all of our businesses we were present during our businesses closings. We have done a good job of being at the right place at the right time. We have also being set up for forensics advantage which is the SBI’s evidence submission database just got that done and very happy about that. We are looking in upgrading tracks 10 thru tracks 18. We are making our accident rep reporting a whole lot easier. Step by step I think we are getting where we need to be now. Mayor Sykes thanked him. Chief Hoffman said also we have a gentleman who has submitted an application to our office and I would like for y’all to meet him. This is Mr. Cameron Green he is a deputy at the present time for Lenoir County, he has put in his application so far as a reserve officer and hopefully we might can look at doing part time later on in the future. He has been doing the job now going on two years, he is also a member of the Pink Hill Volunteer Fire Department, and a lifelong resident of Pink Hill. Chief Hoffman asked if they had any questions. Mayor Sykes said so what about the other ones? Chief Hoffman said we are still in process, Mr. Green’s application is already to the point that we are near the end of his because he has been diligent, forthcoming with all of his information, done all of his hand in, has done everything that I have asked him to. Mayor Sykes said I was just wondering how they are coming along, I mean are they still on board? Chief Hoffman said as far as I know, so the two that I presented to you last time went for a process last week for advancement for the Sheriff’s office and I am waiting. There were several that filled out for it just as soon as they know they will let me know. Mayor Sykes said I thought they had gotten it that is the reason I mentioned it. Chief Hoffman said I don’t understand if we were going to hire somebody I would never get the position filled I didn’t think it would have taken that long, but we’re still just in limbo I guess. I have not had either one accept or deny the fact that they are not going to work with us if they get the position. One of them actually told us yes I would still want work. For the position they are applying for being a detective position it switches on and off I don’t know how that is going to play out. We also had another that has applied for reserve status, but she could not be here tonight. She is a Lenoir County Deputy for the longest time, Raelyn Hart, she has transferred out of law enforcement into probation. I tried to have her also, but something came up. Just as soon as we can we will get everyone introduced. We got another gentleman who is also—Mayor Sykes said well how many are we talking about now? Mayor Sykes said how many part time are we talking about? Chief Hoffman said none of these officers that I am talking to you are part time, reserve status gives us 16 free hours a month. Once he signs over the office and gets all his paperwork back 16 hours a

month. We are looking at amending that policy so that they don't have to do 16 hours a month. Mayor Sykes said I was not getting that, that why I wanted to know. Chief Hoffman said this is the status for them. Commissioner Hill said well what about Stroud you think it's time? Mayor Sykes said he don't work enough to me. Chief Hoffman said the only thing one thing I said I did not hire Officer Stroud, and you know with our office part time is 20 hours a week. I speak to him every week for the schedule what day he is available for, but the only thing right now we are so crunched right now. Mayor Sykes said we need to go into closed session right now if you want to let's just wait on that.

Mayor Sykes asked for the water report from Timmy Kennedy. Timmy said the Lynwood Avenue project that started August 31st we found that the pipe was 42 inches instead of 30 inches so that changed. We will have a change order as far as the bids and stuff. Mr. Derek Smith he is the engineer for the Wooten Company has been involved making sure the elevation is still correct whenever he put it in. They are not finished with it they did not work today. Central Avenue project is scheduled to start on the 21st of this month September. One of the amendments that you just okayed I just want you to see the bids that I just received and you should have a copy of that. Town Clerk Crystal said to the board it has got number 7 in the corner. Timmy said I went ahead and printed out some pictures just in case you wanted to see how bad it looked. This is a sinkhole that has formed around this manhole which is bad. When you open the manhole it looks like that, and it is very dusty it is supposed to be solid cement and it is not. If you take your hands over it, it falls apart. That manhole is deteriorating by hydrogen sulfide gas that is created by waste water and it's pretty much eating that cement up. Part of the $60,000 is trying to save the wet well goes into the manhole first and then drops into this. As you can tell some of it has the white dust around it and I am trying to save that wet well that is going to be a whole lot you're probably looking at $100,000 to replace that and I am trying to save and keep us from have a spill also by keeping this work done. Is that all you need to know about what I am doing with the $60,000 or do I need a motion? Timmy said I don't think so, it is an emergency. Commissioner Quinn said I think it has already been approved. Timmy said I just wanted you to know. Mayor Sykes said is that—let's talk about the pipe size change. Timmy said no it is not I already mentioned that first it went from a 30 inch to a 42 inch on pipe size for Lynwood Avenue. They already put in the right size pipe one has been taken out the other one put in they just have to finish the job. Timmy said we had a break in not exactly to the plant, but it was close to the plant. Whenever they stole what they stole they came through our plant and tore up the gate—do we need to go into close session? Mayor Sykes said no we have time we can do that later. Timmy said I understand, but the other part that I wanted say I just want it for your information. I didn't want everybody to know. Attorney Jenkins said I don't think it qualifies for a closed session. Timmy said that is okay I won't say it.

Mayor Sykes asked Attorney Jenkins if he had anything. Attorney Jenkins said he did not. Mayor Sykes asked the board if they had anything, and they said no as well. Mayor Sykes said we need a few minutes closed session to discuss personnel and I need a motion. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to go into closed session for personnel. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes asked if there was any discussion. Mayor Sykes said all in favor say "aye". Motion carried unanimously.

The board went into closed session at 7:19 p.m. and came back at 7:31 p.m. to close the meeting.

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