**Minutes of the**

**Pelzer Town Council**

**Monthly Meeting**

**March 8, 2016 - 7 pm**

**Pelzer Community Building**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Steve McGregor, Council Members; Roger Scott, Sr., Olene Bear, Kimberly Wilson, and Will Ragland.

 \*David Meade with The Williamston Journal was present

**INVOCATION/PRAYER:** Mayor Steve McGregor

Mayor Steve McGregor explained the new council meeting format; citizen input will be at the beginning of the agenda. There is a signup sheet available for up to ten (10) residents. Each resident will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak. This is not a time for Q&A. There will be no conversation between residents and council. The council will be available after the meeting to address questions and concerns.

**RESIDENT INPUT:**

1. Lou Valentine (21 Smith St.) – Said he has low water pressure at home. He had a plumber check into the problem and was told he only has 15 lbs. of pressure. He would like the town to investigate.
2. Walter Davis (37 Adger St.) – Frustrated with the Pelzer Heritage Commission blocking off the road behind the old mill office.
3. Shane Smith (45 Adger St.) – He is also upset with the PHC blocking the road, along with CSX Railroad. Shane would also like the council to consider selling him the property behind his house that he has been leasing from the town for several years.
4. Sandi Jeanes (7 Square St.) Requests the town ask residents before signing off the sewer project upon completion. She has made three (3) requests for repairs and they still have not been completed.
5. Mike Matthews (27 McCaughrin St.) – Ask the mayor and council to approach Anderson County for help with police protection through ACSO. He would also like the town to address problems at the old pallet shop. He said the PHC has promised to clean up the site but never has made any changes.
6. Earl McClellion (111 Hampton) – He said the construction crew is tearing up yards by parking their heavy equipment in them.
7. Jimmy Harrison (12 Parker St.) – He said one of the main reasons for annexation was to give residents a voice in the town. He asked the council to give residents more time to speak and talk to council during meetings.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2016 MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING:**

 Roger Scott, Sr. made a motion to approve. Kimberly Wilson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 23, 2016 COUNCIL WORKSHOP:**

 Roger Scott, Sr. made a motion to approve. Kimberly Wilson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Phase II Sewer Project (Brad West) – Residents should continue to contact town hall with complaints. Issues are being addressed via email to J&M Construction, Dunn Associates, Mayor, and Council

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Kimberly Wilson gave an update on street lights with Duke Energy. Kimberly, Roger Scott Sr., and John Roache met with Wayne Crouch at Duke Energy. Pelzer must decide which lights to replace the old ones with. They may choose from an LED light, which is the more expensive light, or the lower cost alternative high pressure sodium light. Kimberly explained that once the town approves the change in lighting, it will take approximately three (3) months for Duke Energy to get them installed and turned on. Kimberly made a motion to make the change using the high pressure sodium light, Roger Scott, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kimberly said she will contact Duke Energy regarding the contract.
2. Roger Scott, Sr. explained problems with residents dumping debris at the old lagoon area. At one time, council approved residents to dump tree limbs and other biodegradable items at the lagoon. The town is now responsible for removing such debris. There are also liability issues with residents riding ATV’s and hunting on the property. Signs have been ordered stating “NO TRESPASSING” and “NO DUMPING ALLOWED”. They will be posted at the lagoon entrance and trespassers will be prosecuted.
3. Beth Rostron (CPHC) – Was not present at the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Steve McGregor made a motion to adjourn. Kimberly Wilson seconded. All approve at 7:37 pm.

Heather Holcombe

Municipal Clerk

Town of Pelzer