**Minutes of the Pelzer Town Council**

**Monthly Meeting**

**February 13, 2018 @ Pelzer Community Building**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Roger Scott, Sr

Mayor Pro Tempore Olene Bear

Councilmembers Mike Mathews, Eddie Waits, Gary Pridmore

**STAFF:**

Cheryl Boudreau – Town of Pelzer Municipal Clerk

Jimmy King – Pelzer Town Attorney

David Meade – The Williamston Journal

**INVOCATION/PRAYER;**  Mayor Roger Scott, Sr.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7pm – Mayor Roger Scott, Sr.

**CITIZEN SIGN UP SHEET:**

Bill Davis – Gave an update on the Basketball season, and advised that baseball, softball and tball will be starting up soon. Also, the Rec. Department received a grant from 7-11 and there will be more information on that at later date.

Larry Smith – He presented information about a recycling center and asked for the Mayor and Council to consider researching information about getting a recycling center in this area like the one that is at Wren HS. He advised everyone to write to Greg Smith, Anderson County to help move this forward.

**APPROVE MINUTES :**

January 16, 2018 Monthly Council Meeting – Councilmember Olene Bear made a motion. Councilmember Gary Pridmore seconded. All approved.

**PRESENTATIONS/CLERK’S REPORT** – Advised residents that to date we have replaced a total of 82 meter with new radio read meters, 18 of those where done in 2018, and we have 6 more in stock and the public works department was given the addresses/accounts as to where those will need to go. Our overall goal is to have every meter within the town replaced with these new radio read meters, but due to the expense it will have to be done in stages.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  Abandoned – Unkept homes that was presented by Linda Ford update.

A contractor came into the office and requested a copy of this list in hopes that he might be able to help with this situation. When the town gets to implement ordinances, there is not much else that can be done.

Sewer Project Clean-Up updates – Mayor and Councilman Waits met with J & M Construction and told them that there is still a list of people who need repairs from the Sewer project. Mayor advised the residents if they need to be put on the list or to check if they are on it to please stop by the office.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Water Bills - Explained that the past bills had an extra 7 – 10 days on due to weather issues, and for that reason they were higher, but this month they should be less due to less days, also advised residents that REWA has had an increase and they will see that increase in this bill that will be coming out, and many people had water leaks and pipe breaks, and with proper documentation we can help with the bill, but must have receipts.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Linda Ford – Wants Mayor and Council to give a lot of thought on the REWA deal (to sell to them or not), because with as bad as they are now how much worst will it be. Maybe the town should consider doing a budget system for the water//sewer. The Mayor offered Pro’s and Con’s to the residents, but also stated that no decisions have been made as of yet they have much more to check into before any decisions can be made.

Charlie McJunkin – Asked if anyone meet with REWA to get decreased rates. Attorney King, advised residents that REWA will not give a discount to Town of Pelzer.

Scott Larsen – Asked if there were any other options out there for sewer.

Terry Davis – Mentioned 20 + years ago , it was proposed to bring our sewer to Whare Shoals but it would have to be joining with West Pelzer, Williamston, Belton & Pelzer. Attorney King had said that would have been an ideal situation but now he doesn’t see any other options that REWA, Dhec won’t let us go to Whare Shoals now.

Sandy Jeanes – Questioned the completion of the messes that where caused in resident’s yards.

Bill Davis – Stated that Pelzer pays a very low rate for trash pick-up than most areas.

Ditches need to be cleaned out in many areas, Councilman made mention that there might be a Federal or State grant to obtain for this purpose.

Charlie McJunkin – Asked about the town selling the properties in lower mill behind homes, stated that there were already 3 – 4 pieces of property that sold.

Kim Mix-Hines – Any progress on Police Protection – Sub-Station (Chad McBride)

**INFORMATION:**

Mayor Scott – Explained to residents that he has been talking with Rusty Burns regarding ordinances. Also, this month we will be starting our first Workshop Meetings, they will be held the 4th Tuesday, of every month. February 27th, 7:00 pm being first one.

Mayor Pro Tempore Olene Bear We are asking everyone to be patient, we are all working very hard to get everything taken care of.. – Thanked residents for attending meetings and that he would like to see more attend.

Councilmember Gary Pridmore – We Council and Mayor need to work together with the residents of Pelzer to make things happen.

Councilmember Eddie Waits – With regards to the workshop, February 27th, 2018, told everyone o put their thinking caps on and what committees do we want and which ones would like to work on. He also stated he would like have a event \*\*Light Up Pelzer Village with Christmas Pride.\*\*

Councilmember Mike Mathews – Stated we need everyone pitching in to make things happen. He also has been talking to the train station, with a lot of issues that people are having with them running the engines all the time.

Attorney Jimmy King –

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Approximately 8:40 pm – Councilmember Eddie Waits made a motion to adjourn. Mike Mathews, seconded. All approved.

Cheryl Boudreau

Municipal Clerk

Town of Pelzer