

TOWN OF PELZER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2022

COUNCIL PRESENT – Will Ragland, Eddie Waits, Alisha Tuttle, Mike Mathews, Donna Ide

STAFF PRESENT – Town of Pelzer Clerk – Cheryl Boudreau, Town Attorney – Richard Thompson

MEDIA – the Journal – David Meade

Call to Order Regular Council Meeting – Mayor Ragland

Invocation/Prayer – Mike Mathews

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Comments –

Tina Bolden – would like updates on lower, upper mill properties also she would like updates on the community building, Pelzer hospital. How long do we anticipate the renovations to the community building take, because this is a source of revenue for the Town.

Approval of Minutes – Alisha Tuttle made the motion to approve, Mike Mathews 2nd, all in favor.

Clerk's Report/Presentations

A. Clerk Report – Cheryl Boudreau reported the following – Maintenance had a total of 65 work orders in February. Police Coverage –February 2022 – Traffic Stops 61, Contacts – 148, Calls for Service – 54, Arrest – 5.

B. Monthly Performance reports from Greene Finney available on table.

C. GFL representative – Ryan Stack addressed the residents, explaining the impact that Covid has taken on their company, and they had to update their procedures, therefore they will no longer be picking up additional trash that is not in their trash cans. They have agreed to extend this courtesy that they have been giving the Town of Pelzer until April 1st. After April 1st, they will only pick up trash that is in their trash cans, they also agreed to give the Town of Pelzer residents a discount of \$5.00 for the additional can.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Annexation of Pine Lawn Cemetery – Mayor Ragland made the motion to annex this property into the Town of Pelzer, Mike Mathews 2nd the motion. Eddie Waits asked why they want to annex into the Town, Mayor Ragland said that they are interested in annexing into the town for the police coverage that we have in place with Anderson County Sheriff Office. Eddie Waits also asked who will be maintaining the road that runs through, Mayor Ragland stated that they will, this responsibility will not fall on the town. Donna Ide questioned the upkeep of the cemetery, Mayor Ragland stated that it is not the Town responsibility.

B. Purchase of Fuller Street property – Mayor Ragland advised Council and residents that he was contacted by the owners of the property situated at the corner of Fuller and Smythe, Nicole & Matthew Poore to sell the property to the Town. Mayor made the motion to purchase this property for \$3,500.00, Alisha Tuttle 2nd the motion. Donna Ide stated that this property is just a ditch and doesn't think it will be profitable for the Town to purchase. Mayor stated that it's a good idea to purchase properties that are within the town limits, we could use Cell tower money to purchase this property. Mayor Ragland and Alisha Tuttle were in favor of this motion, Donna Ide, Mike Mathews & Eddie Waits opposed. Motion did not pass.

C. Additional lights for Lyman, Murray, Law, McCaughrin & Beattie Streets. Attached to Councils packets are the quotes to add an additional 27 streetlights to mentioned streets. Mayor Ragland motioned to accept these quotes and add the additional streetlights, Eddie Waits 2nd the motion, all in favor.

D. Hale Street (creation of new lot behind 6 Hale St) – Mayor Ragland explained this item and made motion to create the lot, Mike Mathews 2nd the motion. Eddie Waits asked if we should survey this property before the town comes up with a price and who will be responsible for the cost of the survey? Mayor and Council had discussion. Mayor Ragland withdrew his motion so they can have further discussions and return to this item later. All in favor.

E. July 4th Celebration allocation of hospitality funds – Mayor Ragland made the motion to allocate \$3,000.00 to go towards fireworks for the July 4th celebration, Alisha Tuttle 2nd the motion. PHC is sponsoring the event and the money will go to them for the fireworks. Donna Ide asked how much the PHC is contributing towards the fireworks? Mayor Ragland & Alisha Tuttle were in favor, Donna Ide, Mike Mathews & Eddie Waits opposed. Motion did not pass.

Freedom Festival – Mayor made motion to allocate \$3,500.00, Alisha Tuttle 2nd all in favor. Motion passed.

F. Sale of old Kubota tractor – Mayor Ragland gave details as to why we need to sell this piece of equipment and would like to list it on GovDeals.com to sell. Mayor Ragland made a motion to sell on GovDeals.com, Alisha Tuttle 2nd the motion. Donna Ide stated that maybe we get more than one price to repair this item, also asked how much the town will have to pay to sell on GovDeal.com? Mayor Ragland withdrew his motion. Mayor Ragland made motion to sell the tractor, Eddie Waits 2nd the motion, all in favor.

G. Appointment of Randall Tuttle to the Planning Commission – Mayor Ragland stated that Randall Tuttle was interested in serving on the Planning Commission. Mayor Ragland made motion to appoint Randall Tuttle to the Planning Commission, Alisha Tuttle 2nd the motion. Donna Ide stated that she contacted Anderson County and was informed that it would not be a good idea for the town to appoint a spouse of an Elected official to the committee because they will have to work together, and it could be a conflict. Mayor Ragland was in favor, Donna Ide & Mike Mathews opposed, Eddie Waits & Alisha Tuttle recused themselves from this motion. This motion did not pass.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mayor Ragland made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Legal matters, Eddie Waits 2nd the motion, all in favor.

Mayor Ragland motioned to come out of Executive Session, Donna Ide 2nd the motion, all in favor.

Mayor Ragland made the motion to instruct Richard Thompson to hire Logan & Jolly LLP as additional council to assist in the case of Pelzer vs Simmons. Mike Mathews 2nd the motion, all in favor.

REQUEST BY COUNCIL –

Mayor Ragland thanked Alisha Tuttle for organizing the Sock Hop.

Alisha Tuttle asked Council to think long and hard about the people who want to participate in these committees we must fill.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Ragland made motion to adjourn, Alisha Tuttle 2nd the motion, all in favor.