

**MINUTES**

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pinehurst was held on March 30, 2020 at 5:00p.m. by teleconference via GoToMeeting. Mayor Dan Mohon established a quorum by calling roll and all council members were present except Councilman John Zerko. Having established a quorum, Mayor Mohon called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted.

On consideration of postponing the May 2, 2020 General Municipal Election until November 3, 2020, the next Uniform Election date and approval of the corresponding Ordinance, City Secretary Debbie Cormier read the following prepared statement:

Approximately two weeks ago, Governor Abbott declared a state of disaster in all counties in the State of Texas due to the spread of the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. The governor has suggested that municipalities and other political subdivisions may need to postpone their May 2, 2020 General Elections due to this disaster. This is not an order from the governor but rather a recommendation. It is not something that happens automatically. We as a local government must vote on the issue of whether or not we wish to postpone our election. Given the fact that we contract with Tina Barrow, the Orange County Elections Administrator, to oversee our election and provide the required electronic voting equipment, we are at the mercy of Mrs. Barrow and her staff regarding this issue. She has recommended that everyone involved in the joint election approve the postponement to the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election Date. Orange County Commissioners have already voted on this issue and have approved the postponement. As a result, any political subdivision voting NOT to postpone its elections would be required to conduct its own election without the Orange County Election Administrator's assistance or required equipment. Consequently, I strongly recommend that the City of Pinehurst postpone its General Election to the next Uniform Election Date, which is November 3, 2020.

City Attorney Tommy Gunn then read the accompanying Ordinance aloud and in its entirety. Upon completion of the reading of the Ordinance, Mayor Pro-Tem T.W. Permenter made a motion to postpone the May 2, 2020 General Election until November 3, 2020, the next Uniform Election Date and recommended approval of the corresponding Ordinance. Councilman J. Michael Shahan seconded the motion. Mayor Mohon then took a record vote in which Councilwoman Sarah McClendon and Councilwoman Cynthia Adams also voted for postponement and approval of the Ordinance. Consequently, the motion unanimously passed.

There being no further business to transact, Councilwoman Sarah McClendon made a motion to adjourn, followed by a second motion from Councilwoman Cynthia Adams. Councilman J. Michael Shahan and Mayor Pro-Tem T.W. Permenter agreed and Mayor Mohon adjourned the meeting at 5:10p.m.

/s/ Dan Mohon  
Mayor

/s/ Debbie Cormier  
City Secretary