

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pinehurst was held on May 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall. A quorum having been established, Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Mohon called the meeting to order with the following council members present: John Zerko, Sarah McClendon, and Cynthia Adams. Mayor Joseph L. Runnels and Councilman T.W. Permenter were absent. The following business was transacted.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Sarah McClendon and seconded by Councilwoman Cynthia Adams, council members unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of April 9, 2019.

At this time, council members reviewed the budgeted expenditures for March 2019. City Secretary Debbie Cormier noted that there were no capital outlays in March 2019. Regarding the Income Comparison, Ms. Cormier advised that all of the property tax revenue related items were running behind the previous year. She reminded council members of their decision not to raise property tax rates the full needed amount for this fiscal year and stated that the shortfall was expected. She informed that sales tax revenues were about \$35,000 more than March 2018. She explained, even though there was still a shortfall of approximately \$10,000 in the Court Fines, it was starting to catch up and was not as far behind as the previous month. Ms. Cormier called attention to the Miscellaneous Income, which reflected a decrease of \$72,000. She reported that the deficit was due to Hurricane Harvey reimbursements received in 2018. Overall, she noted that the General Fund showed a \$58,847 decrease in General Fund revenues when compared to March 2018. She remarked with Hurricane Harvey reimbursements removed from the equation, the General Fund revenues for March 2019 were actually slightly ahead of the prior year. Ms. Cormier commented that the Garbage Fund was ahead of the March 2018 figure by almost \$24,000 and the Water/Sewer Fund reflected an increase of about \$3,700. When comparing year-to-date revenues versus year-to-date expenditures, Ms. Cormier stated that revenues exceeded expenditures in all funds except Water/Sewer Fund which showed a deficit of approximately \$6,000. She noted that total revenues exceeded total expenditures by almost \$198,000. In summary, Ms. Cormier advised that the reserves were unchanged from February and remained at 6.5 months.

Under the Citizen Comments section of the agenda, City Administrator Robbie Hood requested prayer for City of Orange Mayor Pro-Tem Pat Pullen and City of Orange Councilman Bill Mello. Mr. Hood also congratulated City of Orange Fire Chief David Frenzel for 50 years of service. Fallon Foster, Family Community Health Agent for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, addressed council members by saying that her organization worked with both adults and youth. She stated that she and Tommy Byers, Nutrition Educator for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, were present to inform council members of programs available this summer. She advised that they were concentrating on youth during the summer and had programs available to promote cooking, sewing, canning & preserving, bullying programs and many more. For the adults, she stated that programs were available for nutrition, master gardeners, and others. Mr. Byers stated that he taught health and nutrition programs to senior citizens and the underserved community. He informed that he helped those individuals to shop cheaper and manage their money while eating healthy. In addition, Mr. Hood recognized guests Lainie Brown with Congressman Brian Babin's office, Councilwoman Cynthia Adams' husband Howard Adams, and Don Carona – General Manager of the Orange County Drainage District.

At this time, City Attorney Tommy Gunn read aloud and in its entirety a Proclamation declaring May as National Military Appreciation Month. Mayor Pro-Tem Mohon recognized Sr. Master Sergeant Jerry Lynn Hood and presented him with the Proclamation. Lainie Brown presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman Brian Babin to Sr. Master Sergeant Jerry Lynn Hood for his military service.

City Attorney Tommy Gunn presented Councilman Dan Mohon and Councilwoman Sarah McClendon with Certificates of Election. Under Mr. Gunn's direction, Mr. Mohon and Mrs. McClendon executed the Statement of Officers. Mr. Gunn then administered the Oath of Office to both council members, after which they were seated on the Council.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Cynthia Adams and seconded by Councilwoman Sarah McClendon, council members unanimously voted to re-appoint Dan Mohon as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mohon appointed Councilwoman Cynthia Adams and Councilwoman Sarah McClendon to the Police Negotiation Team.

City Administrator Robbie Hood advised that the budget process for fiscal year 2019-2020 would be changing. He noted that there were some difficult decisions made in the previous year regarding property tax rates. He informed that there were several forces at the state level working against the local municipalities with regards to property tax caps. He explained that he would like to change the budget process and get the full Council more involved from the beginning. He advised that there would still be an initial meeting between the department heads and Administration, Mr. Hood and Ms. Cormier. After that meeting, the preliminary budget would be presented in a Workshop Session with the full Council. Council members agreed with the proposed change in the budget process.

Regarding the discussion on the September 2, 2019 Labor Day Picnic, Mr. Hood informed that the picnic committee had not had its first meeting yet. Councilwoman Sarah McClendon volunteered to be the council member serving on the Labor Day Picnic Committee.

On consideration of approving an application by Leslie Chapman to place a manufactured home on the property located at 3428 Pelican Street, Code Enforcement Officer Harry Vine explained that Mr. Chapman was proposing to place a 28' X 60' manufactured home on the property. Mr. Vine advised that property owner Patricia Harris had entered into an agreement with Mr. Chapman to sell the property to him if Council approved the placement of the manufactured home. Mr. Vine informed that Mr. Chapman had agreed to place a brick skirting around the home. Mr. Vine stated that he sent out fifteen consent letters. He noted that one letter was returned as undeliverable. He commented that ten green cards were returned and four green cards were not returned. He remarked that he had received seven consent letters of which five did not consent and two did consent. Mr. Vine recommended approval of the application and stated that he believed the home would be a good addition to the neighborhood. Councilwoman Sarah McClendon made a motion to approve the application. Councilman John Zerko seconded the motion. At this time, Virginia Williams asked to speak to Council. Mrs. Williams advised

that she lived across the street from this property. She stated that she had offered to purchase the property and that she would try to get a brick home built on the property. She informed that a manufactured home would not look as good as a brick home in 15 or 20 years. She said that she voted against this placement because she wanted to purchase the property herself. City Attorney Tommy Gunn advised Council that a sale of real estate, or any piece of property, was a transaction between the seller and potential buyer. He noted that the Council had no power to regulate who could sell their own land. Mayor Pro-Tem Mohon called for a vote and all council members voted affirmatively.

On consideration of approving an Ordinance denying the Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Rate Increase Request of Entergy Texas, Inc. filed on March 28, 2019, City Attorney Tommy Gunn noted that the ordinance was from the Lawton Law Firm, which represented the Coalition of Cities in Entergy matters. He noted that the Lawton Law Firm recommended approval of the ordinance. On a motion made by Councilwoman Cynthia Adams and seconded by Councilwoman Sarah McClendon, council members unanimously voted to approve the ordinance.

Under the Announcements, Comments, and Requests from Council section of the agenda, City Administrator Robbie Hood reminded council members of the special called meeting on May 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. He stated that the meeting was needed for grant purposes. Second, Mr. Hood noted that the City Managers/Administrators had met the previous Friday with Emergency Management Coordinators to discuss each city's capabilities since Hurricane Harvey. He stated that Pinehurst now had several high water rescue vehicles and the Fire Department now had a boat. Lastly, Mr. Hood informed that limb pickup would be a few days late this month due to employees working on drainage issues. Police Chief Fred Hanauer announced that May 15 was Police Officer Memorial Day.

There being no further business to transact, Mayor Pro-Tem Mohon adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

/s/ Joseph L. Runnels  
Mayor

/s/ Debbie Cormier  
City Secretary