

MINUTES

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pinehurst was held on May 22, 2020 at 4:30p.m. via teleconference. A quorum having been established, Mayor Dan Mohon called the meeting to order with the following council members present: Sarah McClendon, T.W. Permenter, John Zerko, J. Michael Shahan and Cynthia Adams. The following business was transacted.

City Administrator Robbie Hood read his Letter of Resignation aloud. Mr. Hood advised that he had accepted the Vidor City Manager position. He informed that his resignation would be effective at 5:00p.m. on June 15, 2020. All of the council members and City Attorney Tommy Gunn thanked Mr. Hood for his service and expressed their regrets that he would be leaving the City. Mr. Hood noted that he was just a phone call away. On a motion made by Councilwoman Sarah McClendon and seconded by Councilman John Zerko, council members unanimously voted to accept Mr. Hood’s resignation.

Regarding the discussion and possible action on appointing an Interim City Administrator, Mayor Mohon stated that he had spoken with City Attorney Tommy Gunn and was advised that the Council was not required to have an executive session for this matter. Mayor Mohon informed that the Council was seriously considering appointing Jerry Hood. He explained that Jerry Hood had twenty years of military experience and had previously worked as Assistant Director of the Orange County Drainage District. He stated that the starting salary for the Interim City Administrator would be \$58,000 annually. City Attorney Tommy Gunn noted that there had never been a quorum of the City Council who had spoken with Jerry Hood or anyone else regarding the Interim City Administrator position. The mayor reiterated Mr. Gunn’s statement and said that each council member had met with Jerry Hood on an individual basis. Mayor Pro Tem T.W. Permenter asked if the Council would be looking for a permanent City Administrator at some point in the future. Mayor Mohon advised that the City would pursue a permanent City Administrator in the future but he was not for using a consulting firm due to the enormous cost. Councilman J. Michael Shahan asked if Jerry Hood would be disqualified from applying for the permanent position if he were appointed as the Interim City Administrator. Mayor Mohon noted that Jerry Hood was welcome to apply for the permanent position. City Administrator Robbie Hood explained that there would also be a city vehicle and city cell phone for the interim and permanent City Administrator. Mayor Mohon pointed out that Jerry Hood would not need the City’s health insurance because he had other insurance coverage due to his military retirement. On a motion made by Councilman John Zerko and seconded by Councilman J. Michael Shahan, council members unanimously voted to appoint Jerry Hood as the Interim City Administrator. Mayor Mohon noted that Jerry Hood would begin on Tuesday, May 26, and said that he would train with Robbie Hood for three weeks. Mayor Pro Tem Permenter asked if Jerry Hood lived in Pinehurst or Orange County. Mayor Mohon advised that Jerry Hood currently lived in Jefferson County but that would not be discussed during his interim tenure. City Administrator Robbie Hood informed that residency had never been a requirement of any prior City Administrator in the City of Pinehurst.

There being no further business to transact, Mayor Mohon adjourned the meeting at 4:54p.m.

/s/ Debbie Cormier
City Secretary

/s/ Dan Mohon
Mayor