

March 11, 2025

NO. 1545

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pinehurst was held on March 11, 2025, at 6:00pm at Pinehurst City Hall Council Room. The following council members were present; Cynthia Adams, J. Michael Shahan, , Greg Willis and Troy Pierce. The following council members were absent Mayor Sarah McClendon and Joey Vance. Mayor Pro-Tem J. Michael Shan called the meeting to order and established a quorum. Greg Willis gave the invocation followed by the reciting of the United States and Texas Pledges of Allegiance. The following business was transacted.

On the motion made by Councilman Greg Willis and seconded by Councilman Troy Pierce, council members unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Session held on February 11, 2025.

There were no citizen comments.

The City Administrator Jerry Hood stated that the employees are mowing and general clean up of the city. The Marquee for City Hall will be started the week of March 17th. The City received a hazard mitigation grant of \$500,00 for generators at the lift Stations. This grant will have a 90/10 cost share and the cost share will be covered by the Arpa funds. Mr. Hood stated we have received a request for information on a \$300,000 grant to codify our ordinances and make them available online. Mr. Hood stated we received a \$25,000 PPE (Personal Protective Gear) Grant for the Fire Department. This grant is a 90/10 cost share with the city paying \$2,500.00. This grant gives the Fire Department money to buy bunker gear, shield bags, extractor to clean gear and many other items that they may need. Mr. Hood stated that we got received a \$50,000 E-grant for the Police Department. This grant will pay for body cameras and the in-car cameras. Mr. Hood stated that the city-wide yard sale was postponed and has been rescheduled for March 15th. Mr. Hood stated that the shred-it day is April 5th and it is partnered with Sabine Federal Credit Union. Mr. Hood stated that the Town Hall meeting would be March 21st at 6:00. This does not replace a council meeting it is to get to know our citizens and let them voice their concerns. Mr. Hood stated that the Imelda Grant E-198 is for pipe bursting and was awarded at the last meeting to Bull-G Construction. The next grant is E-199 which is for the lift station rehabilitation should be ready for bid by the end of April according to Nestor Barroeta from Schaumburg & Polk. Mr. Barroeta stated that he is having to revise his plans because of the other new grant we received to install the 6 generators at the lift stations. He stated that the sights are crowded to do all the work that needs to be done. He stated he is moving some of the work around to accommodate it all. Mr. Barroeta stated that we are still within the schedule of completion being December 31, 2025. Mr. Barroeta stated we have a meeting scheduled to talk about the wastewater treatment plant generator and the water plant electrical work. Mr. Hood stated that they had completed the work but there was an issue with the programming of the control panel and it caused well number 1 pump to cycle on and off several times causing it to burn. Mr. Barroeta said that in the meeting they will discuss with the electrical engineer how to move forward and contact the contractor about getting the repair made. Mr. Hood stated that the contractor does not feel like he should take ownership of the discrepancy. Mr. Hood stated we are having a meeting with our engineer, Mr. Barroeta and the grant administrator to look over the contract and then we will take the right approach. If things are not worked out then Mr. Hood stated he will speak to the city attorney about next steps.

On consideration of canceling the May 3, 2025 City of Pinehurst General Election and certifying the unopposed candidates, Tommy Gunn read the Ordinance. Councilman Greg Willis made a motion to cancel the May 3, 2025 election and to certify the unopposed candidates, Councilwoman Cynthia Adams seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

On consideration of canceling the Joint Election Agreement Services contract between the Orange County Elections Administrator (Administrator) and select political subdivisions of the State of Texas (Entities) for the purpose of authorizing the Administrator to conduct and supervise the City of Pinehurst's General Election to be held on May 3, 2025, Councilwoman Cynthia Adams made a motion to cancel the Joint Election Agreement. Councilman Troy Pierce seconded the motion and the motion carried.

On the presentation of the Racial Profiling Report for 2024, Chief Stephen Stroud stated that there were 1425 total stops and zero complaints of racial profiling.


On discussion and possible action to enter into an agreement with the Orange County Mosquito Control District to furnish a waiver permitting the Orange County Mosquito Control District to fly at a low altitude over the territory under the jurisdiction, Tommy Gunn stated that this was an every year agreement that needs to be approved and signed. Councilman Troy Pierce made a motion to enter into an agreement with the Orange County Mosquito Control District. Councilman Greg Willis seconded the motion and the motion carried.

On discussion and possible action to implement a Vehicle Release Charge when towing uninsured motor vehicles into the Pinehurst Police Department Policy, Mr. Hood stated that would need to be implemented with an Ordinance. This ordinance would make the defendant accountable to have insurance on their vehicles. The defendant would have to obtain insurance, bring it to the court, pay a fee of \$25.00 and take the receipt to the wrecker lot to have their vehicle released.

Announcements, Comments, and Requests to the council Chief Stroud stated that we are moving forward with the in-car cameras and the license plate readers. These will be able to help look for cars that have been involved in incidents. Councilman Troy Pierce stated that you cannot put a price on feeling secure in your city.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro-Tem J. Michael Shahan adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.


Mayor


City Secretary