

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pinehurst was held on July 14, 2026, at 6:00 pm at Pinehurst City Hall Council Room. The following council members were present: Mayor Lee Hayes, Cynthia Adams, J. Michael Shahan, Joey Vance, Troy Pierce and Greg Willis. Mayor Lee Hayes called the meeting to order and established a quorum. Councilmen 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 Councilwoman Cynthia Adams and seconded by Councilmen Joey Vance, council members unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Session held on May 12, 2026.

City Secretary Michele Andreu reviewed the Budgeted Expenditures for May 2026.

There were citizen comments made by LaDonna Breaux and Patricia Coleman.

City Attorney Tommy Gunn gave Oath of Office to Assistant Fire Chief Nick Zerko.

Mayor Lee Hayes presented proclamation to recognize the United Way's milestone of 100 Years of impact in Orange County to President Maureen McAllister.

On consideration of approving Employee Health, Dental, and Life Insurance Plans for Fiscal year 2026-2027. Councilman Joey Vance made a motion to approve Employee Health, Dental and Life Insurance Plans for Fiscal year 2026-2027. Councilman J. Michael Shahan seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

On discussion and possible action to authorize Schaumburg & Polk (SPI) to submit an application for 2026 WSIG (HB500) Funding, City Administrator Robbie Hood explained this funding would be 10 Million Dollars with no matching from the City. This funding would help with a new water well on Lark. Mayor Pro-Tem Troy Pierce made a motion to approve the submission of an application for 2026 WSIG (HB500) funding. Councilwoman Cynthia Adams seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

On discussion and possible action to authorize the City Administrator or Mayor to be the signatory on all 2026 WSIG (HB500) funding, Councilwoman Cynthia Adams made a motion to authorize the City Administrator or Mayor to be the signatory on all 2026 WSIG (HB500) funding. Councilman Joey Vance seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

On discussion and possible action to create a Pinehurst Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Councilman Joey Vance made a motion to create a Pinehurst Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Councilman J. Michael Shahan seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

On discussion and possible action to approve the Pinehurst Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary By-Laws, Councilman J. Michael Shahan made a motion to approve the by-laws. Mayor Pro-Tem Troy Pierce seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

On discussion and possible action to create a code ranger program, City Administrator Robbie Hood explained that this would educate the public on processes for Code Enforcement. Mr. Hood stated that Code Enforcement Officer Adam Good would-be giving classes. Councilman Joey Vance asked that the

classes be videoed and put on the website for citizens that cannot attend. Councilman Joey Vance made a motion to approve the creation of the code ranger program. Councilman Greg Willis seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

On discussion and possible action to create a citizens committee, Mayor Lee Hayes stated that this committee will help get citizens involved with the parks and events such as Garage Sale/Link Sale for the Fire Department and Police Department. Mayor Hayes explained that he would like the citizens to help plan these events. Councilman Joey Vance asked if each committee that would be created would the citizens bring those committees to council for approval? City Administrator Robbie Hood suggested that they get the committee names created and bring it back to the council in August. Mr. Hood stated we would have proper sign-up sheets, so we can go over the roles and responsibilities of each committee. Mr. Hood stated that it's a recommendation committee and council members cannot be a part of the committee. Mayor Pro-Tem Troy Pierce made a motion to table the creation of citizens committee. Councilman Greg Willis seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

On discussion and possible action to dispose of surplus property, Chief of Police Jason Hollyfield stated that the Police Department has surplus property due to being phased out by older technology or equipment that is no longer in use. Chief Hollyfield stated that the Police Department will be getting new vehicles and will have the older ones that can go through the auction site. Chief Hollyfield stated that there are some old ticket writers with printers and the City of West Orange still uses that equipment. Chief Hollyfield asked the council to approve to dispose of the surplus or donate it to other agencies that can use the equipment. Mayor Hayes asked if the auction site would be Renee Bates and City Administrator Robbie Hood stated that is the auction site we have used in the past. Councilman Greg Willis asked if Chief Hollyfield would supply a list of the equipment to be disposed. Councilman Joey Vance made a motion to approve the disposal of surplus property. Mayor Pro-Tem Troy Pierce seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

On discussion and possible action to adopt an Ordinance to rescind Ordinance 119 Section 2: Reserve Officers, Chief of Police Jason Hollyfield stated that after a TCOLE audit there are new regulations for Reserve Officers. Chief Hollyfield stated that TCOLE used to be an audit of going through each officer's file but now it is a three-page process. Chief Hollyfield stated that TCOLE goes through the Police Department Policies but since the council chose to allow the Police Department to use Lexipol that TCOLE said our policies were up to standard. According to TCOLE there is a requirement that if you have a reserve ordinance which allows you to have reserve officers, we only had one and we let him go due to non-compliance. Chief Hollyfield stated the problem with reserve officers are when the agency carried that commission the reserve is at a non-pay commission and this can help an agency at times. Chief Hollyfield stated that with other agencies officers get reserve status and then work road jobs without proper training or giving back to the community that is carrying your commission. Chief Hollyfield asked the council to rescind the reserve officers. City Attorney Tommy Gunn read the ordinance in its entirety. Councilwoman Cynthia Adams made a motion to adopt an ordinance to rescind Section 2: Reserve Officers. Councilman J. Michael Shahan seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

On discussion and possible action to create a name for the comprehensive plan City Administrator Robbie Hood stated that the comprehensive plan and a citizen's survey will be on our website. Mr. Hood stated there are QR codes and information for the public. Mr. Hood stated that the plan is named the Pinehurst Plan right now but would like to rename it to something exciting to promote our growth. Councilman Joey Vance asked to make it a community contest and ask the citizens what they would like to name the plan.

Councilman Vance stated to place it on the city Facebook page. Councilman J. Michael Shahan made a motion to table the naming of the comprehensive plan. Councilman Greg Willis seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

At 6:50 p.m., council members convened in a closed session pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters to conduct

- a. Interview Human Resources/Special Projects Director

At 7:24 p.m., council members reconvened in an open session.

Regarding the Interview of Human Resources/Special Projects Director, Councilman J. Michael Shahan made a motion to hire Pebbles Eckhoff as Human Resources/Special Projects Director with a salary of \$70,000 with benefits. Councilman Joey Vance seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to transact, Councilwoman Cynthia Adams made a motion to adjourn, and Councilman Joey Vance seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor Lee Hayes adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



Mayor



City Secretary