

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pinehurst was held on August 8, 2023, at 6:00p.m. at Pinehurst City Hall Council Room. The following council members were present: Cynthia Adams, Sarah McClendon, J. Michael Shahan, Joey Vance, Troy Pierce, and Greg Willis. Mayor Sarah McClendon called the meeting to order and established a quorum. Councilwoman Cynthia Adams gave the invocation followed by the reciting of the United States and Texas Pledges of Allegiance, led by Councilman Greg Willis. The following business was transacted.

On a motion made by Councilman Greg Willis and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem J. Michael Shahan, council members unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of July 18, 2023 and the Special Session of August 1, 2023.

Council members reviewed the budgeted expenditures for June 2023. City Secretary Debbie Cormier began the financial report by saying that there were no new capital outlays in the month of June 2023. Ms. Cormier noted that the General Fund 2023 YTD revenues appeared to be behind the prior year by more than \$2 million. However, she informed council members that it was actually ahead of the previous year by almost \$85,000 with all one-time events and grants funds removed from the equation. She advised that the Garbage Fund 2023 YTD revenues exceeded 2022 YTD revenues by slightly more than \$52,000. She stated that the Water/Sewer Fund appeared to be behind the prior year by \$1.7 million but was actually behind by only \$1,300 when grant funds were removed from the calculation. She noted that the Debt Service Fund was behind the previous year by \$14,705. Overall, she indicated that the apparent \$3.7 million deficit was actually a surplus of \$121,000 after the removal of all one-time events and grant funds.

Ms. Cormier continued the financial report by saying that YTD revenues exceeded YTD expenditures in the General Fund by \$181,000 and in the Garbage Fund by slightly more than \$52,000. She noted that YTD expenses exceeded YTD revenues in the Water/Sewer Fund by almost \$22,000 and in the Debt Service Fund by approximately \$3,800. Overall, she advised that YTD revenues exceeded YTD expenditures by about \$207,000.

Lastly, Ms. Cormier explained that the city had 7.25 months of cash reserves in April 2023. She stated that cash reserves increased to 7.30 months in May 2023. In June 2023, she noted that each fund had decreased slightly leaving the city with 7.25 months of cash reserves or the same amount as April 2023. She explained that the -0.05 difference was equivalent to less than one day. There were no questions or comments regarding this financial report.

No one signed up to address the Council under the Citizen Comments section of this agenda.

Under the City Administrator Report section of this agenda, Jerry Hood advised that all current grant applications/contracts were moving forward. Mr. Hood reported that delivery of the new slope mower had been delayed until the end of August. He stated, at this point, crews were trying to wait for the arrival of the new mower unless there was an emergency situation. He noted that the Drainage District had been very helpful by bringing over their mowers. He explained that most of the interior ditches along Enchanted Oaks had been dug. He stated that the Drainage District had assisted city crews once again with the clearing of the outfall ditches. Mr. Hood reported that Code Enforcement Official Leonard Roff was continuing to review properties in Pinehurst that were behind on property taxes. He noted that Mr. Roff had recently identified a property that was in Pinehurst city limits but property taxes were being paid to the City of Orange. Mr. Hood stated

that he and Mr. Roff had met with the Orange County Appraisal District earlier that day and the OCAD was going to correct that issue. Lastly, Mr. Hood advised that the City of Pinehurst was under a burn ban and encouraged everyone to stop or report any burning.

Mr. Hood requested that Item 6 on this agenda, discussion and possible approval of a contract with the Pinehurst Police Officers Association, be tabled until the September 2023 meeting.

On consideration of approving an Ordinance authorizing the settlement of the Proposed Fuel Reconciliation of Entergy Texas, Inc., City Attorney Tommy Gunn reminded council members that the Lawton Law Firm represented the Coalition of Cities in utility matters before the Public Utilities Commission. He explained that the Ordinance and accompanying letter indicated that an agreement had been reached between all parties. He stated that the Lawton Law Firm was asking the members of the coalition to approve the agreement. On a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem J. Michael Shahan and seconded by Councilman Joey Vance, council members unanimously voted to approve the Ordinance.

Under the Announcements, Comments, and Requests from Council section of this agenda, City Administrator Jerry Hood advised that five (5) supervisors would be attending a Supervisory Academy, presented by Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. He noted this would be a two-day academy that would be held in Vidor. Mr. Hood informed council members that he had received a letter from the Orange County Appraisal District regarding the nomination of OCAD board members. He stated that the Council could nominate someone but noted that the City of Pinehurst was only allotted 23 votes out of 5,000. Council members did not wish to nominate anyone.

Under the Announcements, Comments, and Requests from Council section of this agenda, City Secretary Debbie Cormier advised that the City was required to make announcements at all Council meetings prior to the budget and property tax votes regarding the date and time of those votes. Ms. Cormier announced that the public hearing on the proposed budget would be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00p.m. in the City of Pinehurst Council Chambers located at 2497 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Orange, TX. She stated that council members would be discussing and then voting on that proposed budget. In addition, she announced that there would be a public hearing on the proposed property tax rate on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00p.m. in the City of Pinehurst Council Chambers located at 2497 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Orange, TX. She indicated that the vote on the budget would occur first, followed by the vote on the property tax rate.

There being no further business to transact, Mayor Sarah McClendon adjourned the meeting at 6:13p.m.

/s/ Sarah McClendon

Mayor

/s/ Debbie Cormier

City Secretary