

April 8, 2025

NO. 1546

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pinehurst was held on April 8th, 2025, at 6:00pm at Pinehurst City Hall Council Room. The following council members were present: Mayor Sarah McClendon, Cynthia Adams, J. Michael Shahan, Joey Vance, Greg Willis and Troy Pierce. Mayor Sarah McClendon called the meeting to order and established a quorum. J. Michael Shahan 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 J. Michael Shahan and seconded by Councilwoman Cynthia Adams, council members unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Session held on March 11th, 2025.

Citizens comments for this meeting is as follows:

Rhonda Brown, 23 Harding, stated that she is concerned about the road at the end of 33rd Street were a waterpipe burst and the road has not been fixed.

Michael Stansbury, 4030 Whippoorwill, stated that he is concerned about the speed limit on Whippoorwill that cars do not adhere to the 25 mph speed limit.

Greg Smith, 7 Harding Circle, stated that he is also concerned about Harding Circle and the traffic speeding down the road. He also stated that the Police Department has done a good job of patrolling the area.

Lee Hayes, 4015 Whippoorwill, stated that he wants to say thank you to the Police Chief and the Police Department for all they do for the community. He also stated that he proposes to have a link sale for the Police Department and then use the funds for what they would like to use it for such as Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. Mr. Hayes stated that the Police Officers deserve everything they work for. Mr. Hayes says his next item is that we are looking at a water increase when the City has \$650,000 in grants. Mr. Hayes stated that the sales tax for the City of Pinehurst is higher than the City of Orange. Mr. Hayes next item was about the game rooms and why the City voted to have them. He stated he understands the revenue but with the best interest of the citizens these cause trouble. Mr. Hayes next item was about the City Ordinance and when we send out a certified letter of \$15.00 we are losing money. Mr. Hayes would like the ordinance rescinded and rewrite the ordinance. Mayor Sarah McClendon told Mr. Hayes he had reached his 3 minutes.

There were no other Citizen comments.

The City Administrator report went as follows:

Mr. Hood stated that the crews are out pipe bursting on Pheasant, Gunn Drive and West Park. The Street department has been out slope mowing the different sectors and they are maintaining all the ditches and parks. Mr. Hood stated he appreciated Ms. Brown for speaking on the roads. Mr. Hood stated the retirement of John Toney, Public Works Director, May 15, 2025 and Greg May will be taking that position. Mr. Hood stated that they had a discussion about the type of material that go on the roads and they call it a cold mix. The cold mix does not work well because of the mixture. They will need to get a hot mix which is something that we will need to get equipment to

roll over for it to stick. To get the correct equipment for the hot mix we are coordinating with another City for when they do their roads. Mr. Hood stated that the generator for the well yard at the O&M is working very well. We had a few issues at the well yard with the programming and it burned up the well pump. Mr. Hood stated he had a meeting today and we have a resolution between the engineer and the contractor. They will split the cost of \$16,000. Mr. Hood stated that he does agree with Mr. Hayes about the ordinances and that changes need to be made.

The Chief of Police report went as follows:

Chief Stroud stated we kicked off our fleet cameras system for our police units that will mirror the body cameras. He stated that we are finishing up the grant for the body cameras and this will provide a safeguard for the officers, when one camera comes on all cameras come on and it records all activity. Chief Stroud stated that March of 2023 court brought in \$13,000 and this March the court brought in \$32,449.00. Chief Stroud stated he will be in Galveston at a Police conference the next week.

On appointment of the 2025 Police Negotiation team members were picked and Councilman Greg Willis and Councilman Troy Pierce were appointed.

On discussion and possible action by resolution authorizing the submission of the body-worn camera grant program FY2025 to the Office of the Governor's public safety office. City Attorney Tommy Gunn read the Resolution. Mr. Hood stated that this grant is for 10 body cameras. Councilwoman Cynthia Adams made a motion to authorize the submission of the body-worn camera grant, Joey Vance seconded the motion and the motion carried.

On discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance adopting a policy for the towing of vehicles for failure to maintain financial responsibility. City Attorney Tommy Gunn read the Ordinance. Mr. Hood stated that this will hold people without Insurance accountable. Councilman Troy Pierce made a motion to approve a policy for the towing of vehicles for failure to maintain financial responsibility, J. Michael Shahan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

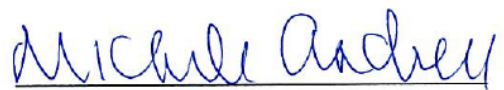
On discussion and approval to solicit sealed proposals for residential and commercial solid waste collection and disposal services. Mr. Hood stated that we should go out for proposals and give a 90 day notice. Councilman Greg Willis made a motion to solicit sealed proposals for waste collection and disposal services, Joey Vance seconded the motion and the motion carried.

On discussion and possible action of approving an Ordinance to increase the per gallon rate for sewer services, Mr. Hood stated that the increase would be \$1.00 per thousand gallons. This increase is necessary because of the prices of the Sludge removal going up. City Attorney Tommy Gunn read the Ordinance. Councilman J. Michael Shahan made a motion to approve the ordinance, Greg Willis seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Announcements, Comments, and Requests Councilman Greg Willis wanted to say Thank You to the Police Department for their hard work.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sarah McClendon adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.


Mayor


City Secretary