

MINUTES

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pinehurst was held on May 19, 2026, at 6:00pm at Pinehurst City Hall Council Room. The following council members were present: Cynthia Adams, J. Michael Shahan, Joey Vance, Troy Pierce and Greg Willis. Mayor Sarah McClendon was absent. Mayor Pro-Tem Troy Pierce 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. The following business was transacted.

At this time, City Attorney Tommy Gunn presented the elected official with a Certificate of Election. He then had the elected official execute the Statement of Officers, followed by the execution of the Oath of Office. Subsequently, the newly elected Mayor was seated on the Council.

City Attorney Tommy Gunn presented the annual speech regarding the duties and responsibilities of Council members. Mr. Gunn began by advising that the City of Pinehurst was a Type-A General Law City, not a home-ruled or chartered city. As such, he noted that Pinehurst was governed by legislative statutes. He stated that Pinehurst had no zoning. Mr. Gunn suggested that council members familiarize themselves with the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Records Act. He noted that most meetings were subject to the Open Meetings act but there were exceptions called Closed or Executive Sessions. He stated that council members could discuss things in closed sessions but could not make decisions behind closed doors. He commented that agendas must note what will be discussed in closed session. Mr. Gunn advised council members to be cognizant of "walking quorums." He noted that these were illegal. He stated that council members were allowed to socialize but they were not allowed to discuss city business unless a notice was posted 3 business days prior to the actual meeting. Mr. Gunn told council members not to get actively involved in day-to-day operations. He told them to go through the chain of command. He advised council members to shut down people who want to air their complaints. He suggested that they advise those people to speak to the City Administrator or appropriate department head. He stated that council members with insider information could not vote on those issues. Mr. Gunn advised council members not to micro-manage the employees

Presentation by Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor – Collector, Ms. Guzman explained the process of how Property Tax is calculated.

Discussion and possible action to rescind resolution 881-26 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority, Chief of Police Jason Hollyfield explained that this resolution was the wrong one for the grant we were trying to procure. Councilman Greg Willis made a motion to rescind the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Troy Pierce seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Discussion and possible action to approve resolution for the SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program, Tommy Gunn, City Attorney read the resolution in its entirety. Councilwoman Cynthia Adams made a motion to approve the resolution. 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 Mayor Pro Tem Troy Pierce seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried. Mayor Lee Hayes adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.



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Mayor



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City Secretary