

July 22, 2025

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A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pinehurst was held on July 22, 2025, at 6:00pm at Pinehurst City Hall Council Room. The following council members were present: Mayor Sarah McClendon, Cynthia Adams, J. Michael Shahan, Greg Willis and Troy Pierce. Councilman Joey Vance was absent. Mayor Sarah McClendon called the meeting to order and established a quorum. Cynthia Adams gave the invocation followed by the reciting of the United States and Texas Pledges of Allegiance. The following business was transacted.


On the discussion and possible action to approve a resolution of the City of Pinehurst, Texas supporting the creation of Emergency Services District No. 5 to provide enhanced emergency services within portions of Orange County; finding that the creation of the district is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and providing an effective date, City Attorney Tommy Gunn read the Resolution in its entirety. Councilman Troy Pierce asked if the ESD would have paid Fireman or would they be Volunteers and if other avenues were explored like partnering with the City of Orange? Stephen Stroud stated he did not have all of that information and would like to call Jerry Hood to get a better explanation. The council allowed Mr. Stroud to call Mr. Hood and Mr. Hood stated that the State of Texas allows up to .10 cents per 100 values on property tax. Mr. Hood stated he had talked to the City of Orange City Manager, and they were not interested in any agreement. He also stated that Pinehurst and West Orange were left out of any of the negotiations with any of the other ESD's which are Vidor, Bridge City, Mauriceville and Little Cypress. Mr. Hood stated that it would be voted on in November and if it passed a board would be appointed to govern the ESD. Councilman Greg Willis asked who appoints the governing body for the ESD? Mr. Hood stated that they would be elected officials for a two-year term. Stephen Stroud stated that Pinehurst Fire Department only has three (3) volunteers at this time. The ESD would have better training and better equipment to better serve the citizens of Pinehurst. Mayor Sarah McLendon suggested that the matter be tabled until the answers to many questions could be answered. Mayor Sarah McLendon stated that we would have another special meeting July 28th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m..

At 6:41 p.m., council members convened in a closed session pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to discuss the termination of Officer, Josh Nash.

At 7:12 p.m., council members reconvened in open session. Regarding the termination of Officer, Josh Nash, Councilman Greg Willis made a motion to allow City Attorney Tommy Gunn to negotiate with TMPA attorney, Mayor Pro-Tem J. Michael Shahan seconded the motion and the motion passed. Councilman Troy Pierce abstained from voting.

There being no further business to transact, Councilman Greg Willis made a motion to adjourn. Mayor-Pro Tem J. Michael Shahan seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. Mayor Sarah McClendon adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.


Mayor


City Secretary