

July 28, 2025

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A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pinehurst was held on July 28, 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, Joey Vance 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 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 stated he read the Resolution the week before and nothing had changed in the wording. Stephen Stroud stated he had reached out and left a message for Mike Kuntz the City of Orange City Manager but had no response. Mr. Stroud stated that he spoke to Mike Stelly and he was told when West Orange reached out to the City of Orange several years ago it was going to cost them approximately \$400,000 to have City of Orange help with mutual aid.


The Mayor of West Orange Randy Branch was present at the meeting and stated that West Orange is running about 90% of Pinehurst Fire calls right now. Mr. Branch also stated that at the commissioner's court there was a consent to move forward and to let the voters decide. Mr. Branch stated that the board could go up to .10 cents per \$100 value which would mean on a \$200,000 home value that it would add \$200.00 to their property taxes.

Councilman Greg Willis asked if the ESD would be paid Fireman or Volunteers and Mayor Branch stated that it could be paid or it could be complete volunteers. City Attorney Tommy Gunn stated that he believes that the Pinehurst Council Members needs to reach out to the other ESD's and ask how do you operate and who is paid and who is volunteer in their district. Mayor Randy Branch stated that the City of West Orange would support their volunteer Fire Department until the ESD is formed to make sure all citizens are taken care of.

On a motion by Councilman Troy Pierce and seconded by Councilman Joey Vance to adopt 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; council members unanimously voted to approve the resolution.

There being no further business to transact, Mayor Pro-Tem J. Michael Shahan made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Greg Willis seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. Mayor Sarah McClendon adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

  
Mayor

  
City Secretary