

**Town of Pilot Mountain  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Monday, March 8, 2021  
Regular Meeting via Zoom 7:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Mayor Evan Cockerham, Commissioner Rachel Gilley, Commissioner Donna Kiger, Commissioner Scott Needham and Commissioner Dwight Atkins

**Staff Present:** Town Manager, Michael Boaz, Town Clerk, Holly Utt and Police Chief Robbie Jackson

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**Call to order 7:00 PM**

Mayor Cockerham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. After a moment of silence, Commissioner Kiger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Commissioner Atkins made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented and it was unanimous.

**Public Hearing**

**1. Road Project Financing – Public Hearing**

Mayor Cockerham opened the public hearing for the Road Financing Project. No comments.  
Mayor Cockerham closed the public hearing.

**2. UDO Text Amendments – Public Hearing**

Mayor Cockerham opened the public hearing for the UDO Text Amendments. No comments.  
Mayor Cockerham closed the public hearing.

**Public Comment**

No comments

**Consent Agenda**

- January 11, 2021 Minutes
- February 18, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Needham made a motion to approve the consent agenda and it was unanimous.

**Board & Committee Reports**

January 2021 sales were \$171,447, an increase of 55.1% over January 2020 sales of \$108,305. On behalf of Billy Pell, Mr. Boaz commended the employees of the ABC Store for their hard work and especially store manager, Paula Jones.

**New Business**

**National Poetry Month Resolution 2021-5**

Diane Palmieri, Associate Librarian at Charles H. Stone Memorial Library, presented an update to the Board. She asked that the Board declare April as Poetry Month in Pilot Mountain. There will be several

activities in the downtown area to promote reading and poetry for the entire family. The library will be sponsoring a poetry contest for the businesses located in Pilot Mountain. Information for the contest will be available at the library and participating businesses. These activities will be available throughout the month of April. Commissioner Atkins made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-5 and it was unanimous.

### **FY 2021 Budget Amendment 2**

Mr. Boaz stated that this budget amendment would recognize some of the additional sales tax revenues that has been collected this year as well as an additional grant that was received from the State that was used to buy a security system for East Surry High School. This amendment will also remove the fund balance appropriated earlier in the year. Commissioner Needham made a motion to approve FY 2021 Budget Amendment 2 and it was unanimous.

### **Solid Waste Collection Proposals**

The contract with Waste Management expires June 30, 2021. Mr. Boaz sent out RFP's for solid waste collection and three proposals had been received from Waste Management, Foothill Waste Solutions and ABC Garbage. As part of the process, he gave the companies the option to include brush and bulky item pick up. This would eliminate the temporary workers for brush pick up and contract out the landscaping and save the town close to \$10K. The lowest bid was received from Waste Management. Discussion ensued about the brush pick up and the process to get that picked up. Commissioner Needham made a motion to have Mr. Boaz finalize the details on solid waste and recycling with Waste Management and work with staff on a brush pick up solution and it was unanimous.

### **Road Project Interim Financing**

#### **UDO Text Amendments**

Mr. Boaz stated that the Board would not be able to vote on these two items at this meeting. Since the meeting is held via Zoom, the residents have 24 hours to submit comment after the public hearing. It was the consensus of the Board to take action on these items at the March 18, 2021 work shop.

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Town Manager's Report**

- The finance report will be sent tomorrow
- The Streetscape Project is wrapping up. More information has been received from Duke Energy moving that process forward
- Staff are working on preliminary events for June and July
- The Comprehensive Plan Project is moving along. The first public involvement session will begin on March 15<sup>th</sup> and it will run through April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those interested can participate online and also in person at the Charles H. Stone Library during regular business hours.
- The grant has been received for the dual electric vehicle charging station. The charging station will be located in the town hall parking lot and should be completed in the next few months.
- Chemical Spill update – Police Chief, Robbie Jackson, and his team have been trying to track down the company responsible for the accidental spill. He thanked all the local departments for coming out and helping get that cleaned up.

**Mayor and Commissioners Comments**

**Commissioner Atkins:** Looking forward to events and heading back to some sense of normalcy. He commended the ABC Store employees and asked that other Board members go by and show their support. Commissioner Atkins also expressed his appreciation to Andy Goodall and staff for the work done on the UDO. He thanked Diane Palmieri for working on the events at the library to benefit the community.

**Commissioner Kiger:** Thanked everyone for doing the Pledge of Allegiance at the meeting. She also thanked Chief Jackson for training his whole department so well in dealing with the chemical spill. She thanked Diane Palmieri for everything that she does at the library which helps make Pilot Mountain a great place to live.

**Commissioner Needham:** Commended the PMPD, the VFD and Ultimate Towing for assisting with the chemical spill in such a short amount of time. What could have become a dangerous situation was avoided due to their quick response.

**Commissioner Collins:** Thanked Diane and the library with the work they do for the community. She also commended Chief Jackson and the PMPD for all the work that they do and having a relationship with the citizens. Commissioner Collins mentioned Savannah Denny, a business owner in the community that lost her home due to a fire. There is a Go Fund Me page set up for that cause and Grace and Sparrow are also taking donations for her.

**Mayor Cockerham:** Thanked the PMPD for their quick response and the first responders that came out and assisted with the chemical spill. He noted that the town had begun the program with the NC Main Street through the associate program. They are working with the Main Street Coordinator, Jenny Kindy, and things are going well. He welcomed the new businesses on Main Street. He also thanked everyone who coordinates events on Main Street for their work in preparing the events to take place this year if permitted.

**Closed Session: NCGS §143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel**

Commissioner Atkins made a motion to enter into closed session and it was unanimous.

Commissioner Needham made a motion to come out of closes session and it was unanimous.

**Other Business**

No other business to discuss.

**Adjourn or Recess**

Commissioner Atkins made a motion to adjourn and it was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

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Holly Utt  
Town Clerk

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Evan Cockerham  
Mayor