

**Town of Pilot Mountain
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2020
Regular Meeting 7:00 PM**

Members Present: Mayor Evan Cockerham, Commissioner Kim Quinn, Commissioner Donna Kiger, Commissioner Hilda Willis and Commissioner Scott Needham.

Staff Present: Town Manager, Michael Boaz and Town Clerk, Holly Utt

Call to order/Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance – 7:00 PM

Mayor Cockerham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All in attendance observed a moment of silence. Charlie Speagle led the public in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Resolution Honoring State Champion East Surry High School Cardinals

Commissioner Needham made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019/20-05 and it was unanimous. Mayor Cockerham presented the Resolution to the East Surry High School Cardinal football players that were present. Michelle Fallin, President of the Pilot Mountain Civic Club, presented the Cardinal Foundation with a donation in honor of the ESHS Cardinal Football team in honor of their hard work and winning the state championship.

Public Comment

Anna Nichols was present to address the Board. She thanked them for the upkeep and care of the library property. She announced upcoming events to be held at the Charles H. Stone Memorial Library. There will be an advocacy meeting and soup supper on January 16th at 6:00 PM. Tax assistance is available by VITA at other library branches. A Matter of Balance, a free program that improves balance and flexibility, will be available from March 16th – May 11th at the Library.

Consent Agenda

- December 3, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Quinn made a motion to add the appointment of Sebrina Mabe to the Library Board to the consent agenda and it was unanimous.

Commissioner Kiger made a motion to approve and adopt the consent agenda and the items there upon and it was unanimous.

ABC Board Report

Elton Crutchfield reported that the ABC store had sales in December of \$164,853, compared to sales in December 2018 of \$159,632.

Surry County Tourism Partnership

Jessica Roberts with the Surry County Tourism Partnership presented advertising material that had been used to promote tourism in Surry County and Pilot Mountain. She noted that tourism had grown in the county by 43% over the last eight years in tourism expenditures.

Unfinished Business

Main Street Maintenance

Mr. Boaz explained that the NC DOT does not like the storm water solution that was proposed by Withers Ravenel. In order to move forward with the streetscape design the town would have to assume maintenance some portion of Main Street. The catch basins are in good shape and they do not need any maintenance. There are some lids that need replacing but the DOT will replace those when they do the resurfacing project. The current plan is to pave the portion of Main Street from Academy to 52 bypass in the summer, the portion of Main Street from Key Street to 52 bypass in 2021. The DOT has agreed to set aside funding that can be used for the paving on Main Street from Key to Academy once construction is completed. Commissioner Willis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019/20-06 and it was unanimous.

Main Street Power Lines

Mr. Boaz explained that there were two options for the power lines on Main Street. The first option is to leave the transmission mains and put them on decorative metal poles. The second option is to move the power lines completely off of Main Street onto Pine Street. The second option is approximately \$500K more than the first option. The upfront cost for engineering will be approximately \$17K. Commissioner Kiger asked if the Board would need to decide on which option before authorization. Mr. Boaz stated that it could delay the process but once the engineering project starts then that money is gone. Commissioner Needham made a motion to authorize the town manager to approve the power line design project and it was unanimous.

New Business

Landfill Rehabilitation Capital Project Ordinance Amendment

Mr. Boaz stated that the town had received grant funding to investigate and rehab the old town landfill site. The final report from the investigation has been completed. The DEQ will review the report and add it to the list for remediation at their expense. Commissioner Willis made a motion to adopt Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 4 and it was unanimous.

FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendment 3

Mr. Boaz explained that this budget amendment would appropriate fund balance to purchase the easements for the Stream Bank Restoration Project and finance the Duke Energy power line move design phase. Commissioner Needham made a motion to approve FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendment 3 and it was unanimous.

Administrative Reports

Town Manager's Report

- Copies of the audit report for FY 2018-2019 have been issued, it has been submitted for consideration by the GFOA for the annual award
- A local solar company met with staff about potential savings for the town by placing solar panels at the WTP to offset power purchased from the grid. He noted that the report looked promising and he has invited them to speak with the Board at the March work session.

- The Economic Development Partnership after hours social will be held on January 29th from 5-7PM at Hilda's Place.
- The next work session will be on January 21st at 6:00PM from 6-8 at the Pilot Center
- He asked the Board to think about dates for a budget session

Mayor and Commissioners Comments

Mayor Cockerham: There are a lot of infrastructure projects and Main Street project that are very exciting. With so many great plans he is really looking forward to getting shovels in the dirt this year.

Commissioner Quinn: No comments

Commissioner Needham: Congratulated the East Surry Cardinals football team.

Commissioner Kiger: No comments

Commissioner Willis: Announced that the Rising Talents Scholarships are now online for any student ages 13 - 25 in Surry or Stokes County. The first award will be given in March. The NC Touring Theatre is willing to partnership with Pilot Mountain. The first piece will be done in February.

Closed Session

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

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

Mr. Boaz announced that Robbie Jackson had been appointed as the new Police Chief effective immediately. He will be sworn in at a later date.

Other Business

Mr. Boaz announced that the town had been accepted in the NC Downtown program.

Adjourn or Recess

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Holly Utt
Town Clerk

Evan Cockerham
Mayor