

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

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

Staff Present: Town Manager, Michael Boaz, Town Attorney, Ed Woltz and Town Clerk, Holly Utt via web meeting

Call to order 7:00 PM

Mayor Cockerham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Cockerham asked for a moment of silence for those working the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Public Comment

The following public comments were read by Mr. Boaz:

John Bullington

Physical Address

107 Bullington Lane, Pilot Mountain, North Carolina 27041

Please type your comment here.

These Trucks come thru here 24/7.. At times cars have to run into our yard or neighbors because the road is not wide enough.. I am concerned with the pipe crossing underneath with the weight and what its doing to our House foundation. This road with it being just paved is being tore up on the sides..People do not care...This is like a drag strip with tractor trailers turning in cars can't get stopped in time because they take up the whole road. They can make the turn both ways off main... If West Main can have a no thru truck I hope you will vote yes for our street... Thank you...

SHARON SULLIVAN

Physical Address

801 Gordon Ct, Pilot Mountain, North Carolina 27041

Please type your comment here.

Since we are all staying at home more, I'd like to ask the town to reconsider the ban of farm animals within the city limits...specifically..... Backyard chickens! Pilot Mountain is the only local area that does not allow a small number of birds. Chapter 6, Article 1, of Pilot Mountain Code of Ordinances bans the keeping of any fowl within the city limits. I would love to have a VERY small flock and don't want to run afoul of the town ordinances.

Consent Agenda

- March 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Strategic Plan Update
- Stream Bank Restoration Project Easements
- Stream Bank Restoration Condemnations
- Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy
- Hanging Rock Scenic Byway Extension & Renaming

ABC Board Report

Mr. Boaz stated that sales for the month of March 2020 were \$152,961. This is a 41.5% increase over March 2019 sales of \$107,326.

Unfinished Business

Comprehensive Plan Consultant Selection

Mr. Boaz presented the proposals for the comprehensive plan from Benchmark and Mosaic Civic Studio. Discussion ensued about the projected revenues and the cost of the plan. Mr. Boaz stated that the plan did not have to be complete until June 2022. It was the consensus of the Board to table the decision until a later date due to the COVID-19 crisis to see how the revenues would be affected.

New Business

Bullington Lane – No through trucks

Mr. Boaz stated that complaints had been received about heavy trucks using Bullington Lane and causing damage to the street. The street is not wide enough to accommodate large trucks so the proposed ordinance would add Bullington Lane to the list of streets where thru-trucks are prohibited. Commissioner Quinn mentioned that the road had been repaired and power lines moved a few years back to accommodate the trucks turning into and out of Hamlin Street. Commissioner Willis asked that the Public Works Department look at the street if there was concern of it collapsing. Mayor Cockerham stated that it was his recommendation to have the Public Works Department evaluate the culvert and come up with a more clear recommendation, all Board members agreed.

Utility Donation Agency Fund Creation

Mr. Boaz presented a draft creating the Utility Donation Agency Fund. He explained that this was not part of the actual budget and would not be managed in house. The Salvation Army has agreed to assist with determining with screening and decision making regarding application for utility assistance. Donations can be made from other customers, organizations and businesses to fund the account by a one-time donation or any amount they desire added to their monthly bill. Commissioner Needham made a motion to approve the Utility Donation Agency Fund and it was unanimous.

Administrative Reports

Town Manager's Report

- Town Hall is still closed due to COVID-19. It may take longer for staff to respond, but they will be called back.
- Late fees, delinquent fees and utility shut-offs are still suspended
- Bulk-item pick-up will continue as planned, April 20th – 24th

- All events have been cancelled until further notice

Mayor and Commissioners Comments

Mayor Cockerham: Stated that prioritizing citizens' health and well-being of the community was most important. The town is taking the precautions so we can rebound quickly when everything is up and running. He is proud of the way the community has come together to be "Pilot Strong".

Commissioner Quinn: Asked that everyone please comply with orders and stay safe.

Commissioner Needham: Thanked the Mayor, town staff and everyone that has pitched in to help during the crisis. He also thanked all the essential workers that are dealing with this on the front lines and the ones working in the grocery stores in order for people to have food. These are hard times and it is hard to stay at home, encouraged everyone to use this time for family.

Commissioner Kiger: Asked that everyone comply with social distancing requirements and she is looking forward to getting back to work.

Commissioner Willis: Acknowledged that these were trying times and she asked that everyone check on the helpful resources available to small businesses.

Adjourn or Recess

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Holly Utt
Town Clerk

Evan Cockerham
Mayor