

**Town of Pilot Mountain  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Monday, April 12, 2021  
Regular Meeting via Zoom 7:00 PM**

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

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

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Mayor Cockerham announced that there is currently a disruption of water service in the Dodson Mill Road, Northview Drive and Saddle Drive area. Crews are working as quickly as possible to get service restored. The water line was broken by an outside contractor.

**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 Collins made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented and it was unanimous.

**Public Comment**

No comments

**Consent Agenda**

- March 8, 2021 Meeting

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

**Board & Committee Reports**

February 2021 sales were \$150,924, an increase of 32.96% over February 2020 sales of \$113,732. On behalf of Billy Pell, Mr. Boaz commended the employees of the ABC Store for their hard work and especially store manager, Paula Jones.

**Unfinished Business**

**Landscaping/Brush/Leaves Contract**

Mr. Boaz stated that he had met with the landscaping contractor and they have agreed to pick up leaves and brush at no extra charge to the town. Commissioner Needham made a motion to approve the contract with Pilot Knob Landscaping and it was unanimous.

**AMP Final Report**

Mr. Boaz presented the final report for the Asset Inventory Assessment (AIA). It contains three different Capital Improvement Plans (CIP), minimal, moderate and full plans, for Board consideration. He explained the differences in each plan and suggested that the Board adopt the full CIP plan. Commissioner Kiger asked if anyone had expressed interest in tapping in with the inter-connect project.

Mr. Boaz stated that some people had requested the tap in lieu of payment for the easements and additional customers are expected. Commissioner Needham made a motion to adopt the AMP with Full CIP option and it was unanimous.

### **New Business**

#### **FY 2021-2022 Budget Presentation**

Mr. Boaz presented the proposed budget for FY 2021-2022. The Board will hold a budget workshop on April 22, 2021 at 6pm to review the General Fund proposed budget.

### **Administrative Reports**

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

- Budget Meeting on April 22, 2021 at 6pm for discussion on the proposed FY 2021-2022 budget
- Applications have been received for the Public Works Director's job and interviews will be scheduled. This process should be complete in advance for the May meeting
- The PW crew is currently repairing water lines that were broken and bulk item pick-up will be delayed
- No events scheduled for April and May. He addressed public comments that the town was discouraging people from coming downtown and shopping at businesses. He encouraged people to come downtown and patronize the businesses but, due to Governor Cooper's order that specifically states street festivals, no officially organized events can be held at this time.

#### **Mayor and Commissioners Comments**

**Commissioner Atkins:** Commended everyone involved for their forward thinking into the water/sewer infrastructure. Excited about the new businesses coming to town.

**Commissioner Kiger:** Thanked everyone for supporting local businesses. She reminded everyone that we have to abide by the Governors order. She is very disheartened by the political comments when it has nothing to do with politics. She noted all the new businesses that have opened up during the pandemic, while other cities and towns have lost businesses. The grand re-opening of The Pilot Diner will be on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Needham:** He commended everyone that helps bring events to town and all the work that goes into it. We have more events per capita than anyone. It is discouraging to all that volunteer not to be able to have the events but it is more discouraging that people say that we don't want them here. He encouraged people to come into the town and shop local and support the business and enjoy the small town charm and natural resources. He commended the PMPD for the recent arrests

**Commissioner Collins:** The grand opening of the playground at the Armfield Center was a success. She congratulated Paulette Lowe on her new business opening up, Active Wear on Main. On a personal note, she got to ring the bell today for her last treatment!

**Mayor Cockerham:** Mayor Cockerham reiterated what other Board members had said. He asked that everyone take a step back and think about what the town has invested in businesses and events over the last few years. He asked that people not punish the town or businesses. Covid has been an unknown for everyone and Pilot has stayed strong through the whole ordeal. There are tentative plans

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for a food truck festival in late June and hopefully a car show in July, all depending on the Executive orders from the Governor.

**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