November 12, 2013

7:00 P.M.

The Town of Pink Hill held its monthly board meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall board room. Present for the meeting were Mayor Carol Sykes, Commissioners Mike Hill, Donald King and Marion Mitchell, Town Attorney George Jenkins, Public Works Director Timmy Kennedy, Chief Joey Thigpen, and Town Clerk Kimberly Mitchell.

Visitors present were Allen Brown, Sue Farrior, Sue Hamilton, Kenneth Hamilton, Debra Grady and Dora Evans.

Mayor Sykes called the meeting to order. Mayor Sykes welcomed everyone to the meeting. Commissioner King then led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the regular board minutes from October 8, 2013. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with amendments if needed. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was to discuss putting speed bumps on College Street and Old Beulaville Rd. Mr. Alan Brown came to discuss with the board about people using part of his property as a derby spin out area. He said they are afraid that the kids that play there are going to get hurt or get hit by one of the vehicles going through there. He also stated over the years it seems like it is getting where more vehicles and out of town vehicles, that they do not recognize are going through there at a higher speed than what they feel is a safe speed for the children when they are playing out on the basketball court. Mr. Brown stated his son, Ricky, also goes across to the basketball court. He said they do not feel there is anything there that will slow them down unless someone gets hurt. He stated they feel if the speed bumps are put in then that would at least help slow them down some. Mr. Brown stated that Sue who lives at Ridgewood Apartments is also having problems when she and the others stand outside by the curb to smoke because they aren’t allowed to smoke on the property. She told him that she and someone else was almost hit the other night by somebody coming through there too fast through the curve. Mr. Brown was wanting to know if a couple of speed bumps could be put through there to slow people down. Mayor Sykes asked the commissioners if anyone had been by there to see what Mr. Brown was talking about. Commissioner Hill and Mr. Brown discussed where the current stop signs and speed bumps are located on Old Beulaville Rd and College St. Commissioner Hill suggested putting a stop sign at the corner of College Street and Old Beulaville Road and putting a four way stop sign at the intersection of Macon Street and Old Beulaville Road. Mayor Sykes said her opinion would be that you would rather have a stop sign instead of a speed bump. Commissioner Hill suggested putting a four way stop sign on Macon Street right across from the apartments and see how that works first before proceeding further with speed bumps. Mr. Brown stated he was open for any options. Mayor Sykes and Commissioner King stated that Sue and whoever else smokes from the apartments needs to find a safer place to smoke due to the lack of space on the shoulder of the road to stand, unless they are willing to make sure they move out of the way when cars are coming through. Commissioner King made a motion to have a public hearing at next board meeting at 6:55 p.m. concerning putting a four way stop sign at the intersection of Macon Street and Old Beulaville Road and a stop sign at the end of Old Beulaville Road and College Street. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to adopt a new Leak Policy and a SOP Policy. Commissioner Hill said it has been for years that they have had a verbal leak adjustment policy. Commissioner Hill said he wrote up a policy to cover our leak cutoff policy and also our water customer cut off valve where a new residence is put in and a customer can have a cut off valve put in on his side of the meter. Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the Water/Wastewater Leak Adjustment Policy and the Water Customer Cut Off Valve Policy. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Hill said the state wanted Timmy to do an Operation and Maintenance Plan and Emergency Plan. He said it basically is the Emergency Plan and who Timmy has to notify and the process of doing things. It also has a list of items that Timmy has to do if anything goes wrong. Commissioner Hill said the SOP’s are for anybody working for the town to get a copy to look at it.

The next item on the agenda was paying for Easements. Town Attorney George Jenkins said in looking back over this he does not have enough information to talk to them tonight. He said he needs to talk with Timmy and the engineers. He said he might also need to talk with Commissioner Hill before the next meeting also. Kim stated she has had some calls from people wanting to know where there money is. Commissioner Hill made a motion to table Paying Easements until the next board meeting. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was cars, trucks, etc. in right of ways. Timmy stated that he has had this problem come up before. He said the construction crew has had more than one incidence of trying to do their job and there would be a car or truck in the right of way. He said it could take up to two or three days to get in touch with the individual who actually owns the vehicle or land. Timmy wanted to know what he needs to do in such a case when it is stopping the project. Town Attorney George Jenkins said that he would need to give the homeowners notice in advance and maybe put up a temporary No Parking Sign. Timmy said the contractor has been staying a week ahead of schedule letting him know if a vehicle needs to be moved.

The next item on the agenda was the Fire Department Report. Timmy stated since the last meeting they have had 1 vehicle fire, 4 automatic alarms, 9 vehicle accidents, 5 EMS calls, 2 structure fires, and 1 explosion. Timmy said the fire department voted the other night and decided to keep Timmy as Chief and to keep Kenny as Assistant Chief. They will be in these positions for another twelve months. Timmy stated the gun raffle and spook trail both went very well.

The next item on the agenda was the Voluntary Annexation. Mayor Sykes asked George if everything has been completed with the voluntary annexation and has everybody been notified. George stated that he would have to follow up on. He said if not, he would see about it first thing Monday morning.

The next item on the agenda was Police Updates. Chief Joey stated since the last meeting on October 8, 2013 they have had a total of 8 incidents with a total of 11 offenses, 2 arrests with a total of 4 charges, 12 citations with a total of 14 charges, and issued 14 warning citations. Joey said they had to get one of the cars worked on. The Dodge Charger radiator was messed up and had to be fixed. He said everything else is going pretty good.

The next item on the agenda was Water/Sewer Updates. Timmy said the progress of the water construction is going really well. He said they have got a lot of small jobs like going back and tying in and little jobs like that that are time consuming. Timmy said out of the 15 pages of the blueprints of pipe the construction crew is down to the last 3 or 4 pages as far as laying pipe. Mayor Sykes asked Timmy when they are supposed to be completed with that. Timmy said they have six months to complete it. Timmy said they are ahead of schedule as of right now. Timmy stated the Christmas lights would be going up hopefully the week of Thanksgiving.

Budget Amendments if needed was next on the agenda. There were no budget amendments at this time.

The next item on the agenda was Remarks by Town Attorney. George said he appreciated the board allowing him to be here. George also stated that he was going to miss seeing Mr. Marion on the second Tuesday of each month.

The next item on the agenda was Comments by the Board. Mayor Sykes reminded everyone about the Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. She also said the opening bid day for the water meter project is on November 19, 2013 at 2:00p.m. The next construction meeting will be on November 20, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Sykes reminded everyone about the town Christmas party for the board and employees that will be held at the Country Squire. Kim asked the board to give her two dates of when to book the party in case one of the dates was not available. Everybody decided on December 6th or 12th. Kim informed everyone she would let them know the date and time next week. Timmy wanted to remind everyone about the Christmas party at the Fire Department which is going to be held on November 30, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Department.

The next item on the agenda was Public Comment Period. There were no public comments at this time.

The next item on the agenda was Closed Session. Commissioner Hill made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioner King made a motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

With there being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned.