

TOWN OF PINE RIDGE
Town Council Minutes
December 13, 2005

WORK SESSION - 4:30 P.M.

Mayor Busby called the work session to order at 4:35 P.M. with Councilmembers Davis, McMillan, and Simpson present. Councilmember Wells was absent due to illness.

Staff present: Town Administrator Sherry Brooks and Chief Wright

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Written Administrative, Financial, and Clerical reports were made available for Councilmembers in their council packets.

Ms. Brooks reported Mr. Player's proposed residential lot plats have been approved by the Lexington County Planning office. Ms. Brooks reported the auditors were reviewing the proposed end-of-the-year adjustments for 2004-05 and a considerable amount of work will be required on her part to catch up the monthly budget reports. Ms. Brooks reviewed the set back problems with the recent Spires-Player's land transaction. A second plat is to be received from Mr. Dooley stating all of the individual set backs for the septic tank, water well and garage.

Ms. Brooks noted she continues to assist Annie with questions concerning the Business License system. Council members e-mail will be operational by the January council meeting.

Councilmember Simpson noted that during the recent election there were several residents that did not know the location of the town election. He asked Ms. Brooks to obtain signs for future elections to help direct residents to the voting location.

REVIEW OF POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Written Police Department reports were made available for Councilmembers in their council packets.

Chief Wright responded to several site specific inquiries from councilmembers about incidents with the town, including the Pine Ridge school complex road project; the donut fund raising project by the PTO; and the upcoming Senior Soup Day.

Chief Wright was congratulated by councilmembers for being elected to serve as the Vice-president of the National Latino Police Officers Association.

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CITIZENS COMMENT TIME

No one want to speak.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 5:05 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Busby called the rescheduled town council meeting to order at approximately 5:05 P.M. with Councilmembers Davis, McMillan and Simpson present. Councilmember Wells was absent due to illness.

Staff present: Town Administrator Sherry Brooks and Chief Wright

INVOCATION

Councilmember McMillan led those assembled in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. ***November 15, 2005*** Regular Schedule Council meeting
2. ***December 6, 2005*** Special Schedule Council meeting

Councilmember Simpson made a motion that the minutes of November 15, 2005 and December 6, 2005 be approved as submitted. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. ***Election or Appointments of Officials for a Two Year term.***

Mayor Busby made a motion to reappoint Councilman McMillan as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion to reappoint and all councilmembers

unanimously approved. Mayor Busby requested councilmembers voice their preference for a particular committee, hearing none Mayor Busby proposed the following appointments:

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Reappointment the Finance Committee, Chairman Davis and member Simpson.
Appoint Councilman Wells as Administrative Liaison.
Appoint Councilman Simpson as Midlands Transit Authority Representative.
Appoint Councilman Simpson as Midlands Regional Council Representative.
Appoint Mayor Busby as Lexington Water & Sewer Commission Representative.
Appoint Mayor Busby as Pine Ridge Police Commissioner.

Mayor Busby moved the proposed appointments be approved by council. Councilman Davis seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Mayor Busby requested Ms. Brooks to notify the respective agencies as to the appointments.

2. *Economic Development Incentive Request from Sandhills Development*

After a discussion by council as to the possible impact of a business license fee on the newly annexed business, Councilman Davis moved to disapprove the request, and Councilman Wells seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to disapproved the Sandhills request.

3. *2nd Reading of an Amendment to Residential Business License Fees*

Mayor Busby read the proposed amendment to the Residential Business License fees for revenue earned outside Pine Ridge, not subject to any county or municipal business license fees to be set at \$.50 per \$1,000.00 and the One Job License fee for a \$1,000.- to \$2,000.00 be reduced from the current rate of \$50.00 to \$40.00. After a brief discussion by council, Council McMillan moved to approved the 2nd reading the amendment and Councilman Davis seconded the motion to approve 2nd reading of an amendment. All members voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Councilmember Simpson who abstained.

4. *Proposed Amendment to Procurement Policy*

Mayor Busby reviewed the proposed amendment, giving the Chief of Police additional

authority and discretion for the disposal of surplus property in addition to the authority set forth in the State Statutes for confiscated property. After some discussion, council concluded that to go beyond the authority outline in the State Statues for confiscated property is not something the council was prepared to do at this time. Mayor Busby withdrew the proposed amendment.

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5. *Discussion on Livestock and Fowl within the town limits*

Council McMillan led a discussion outlining his concern over the increase in the number of horses and different farm animals that were beginning to appear in town on the smaller tracts of land. After a wide ranging discussion, Mayor Busby request Councilman McMillan to draft a proposed amendment outlining the four major points for discussion and to e-mail each councilman to solicit the different opinions for discussion at the January council meeting. The four points are: minimum acreage required; number of allowed animals; location and required setbacks for pens or stables; and if grand fathering of animals would be permitted.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business items were schedule for this council meeting.

ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Simpson moved to adjourn, Councilman McMillan seconded the motion, and with council's unanimous approval, Mayor Busby adjourned the meeting at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Busby, Mayor