

APPROVED

October 11, 2013

**SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING ON BALLOT  
REFERENDUM**

**7:00 P.M. – Introduction and welcome.**

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**Part One – American Engineering – Power Point presentation**

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**Part Two – Mayor Pro-tem Daniel Davis**

The proposed referendum was read and explained in detail to make attendees aware the 1% tax is based on the assessed value of their property, not the actual taxes paid or taxable amount. The exemption of homestead & disability was explained as well as an example of how to figure out what the tax would be.

Mayor Pro-tem Davis highlighted the fact that this proposed 1% tax will be abolished if we have another source of revenue such as the proposed 1% sales tax for infrastructure for Lexington County in the 2014 election, CDBG grant or the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority grant. The tax will not begin until the 2014 December real property taxes are due, if approved. Mayor Pro-tem Davis answered questions on the financial aspects of the referendum.

**Part Three – Mayor Busby**

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Implementation of Phase One is the primary objective, which is to provide fire hydrants in the most densely populated sections of Pine Ridge and then move outwardly to the areas that may grow denser as time passes.

**Part Four – Lexington County Fire Service, Captain Van Troost & Battalion Chief Amick**

Battalion Chief Amick and Captain Van Troost described our current fire hydrant system capacity and any limitations with any projections about fire losses or evaluations of fire fighting capabilities in the Pine Ridge Area. They also spoke about the testing on the system located on Bachman Road to Charwood Country Club on Clubhouse Drive in 2007.

Mayor Busby explained the need for the fire hydrant system is to reduce the amount of expected loss of life and property from a residential fire or fire spreading from an adjoining house. Town Council views the need to supplement Lexington County Fire Department's water supply and availability as critical to the safety of our town. Our early estimate of revenue from the proposed 1% referendum tax to be less than \$50,000 per year, which means water hydrant lines will be very, very slow in coming, but this is a step that is possible and should not impact any Pine Ridge family in a manner that would be detrimental to their family economy. Council worked on a grant in 2006 that would have supplied lines in the Adkins Road area, but was unsuccessful in getting enough information from the area residents to be able to submit the grant through the CDBG funding. Council will again be looking for potential grants to include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority. The City of Cayce was not interested in helping to fund any part of the installation of lines with this project, with which the Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission has mandated the Town of Pine Ridge to use should we expand our current system. Since our goal is to have a fire hydrant within 500 feet of every residence, this will be an estimated 20 year project at best depending on what direction the citizens would like to go, but the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Town Council has put forth a plan, but only Pine Ridge voters will decide if they will take a step forward, not Town Council. If the referendum is passed, Council will come back to the citizens for a decision on which option they would like to proceed with: (1) issue a bond referendum, which will start construction immediately (2) start each section of the phase as the money becomes available (3) save the money until fully funded for installation.

Council answered numerous questions from residents.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Busby thanked the Residents for coming out and reminded them to get out and vote November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Mayor Busby adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Viki M. Moak, Town Clerk

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David L. Busby, Mayor  
Date:\_\_\_\_\_

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October 12, 2013

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**ADJOURN**

Mayor Busby thanked the Residents for coming out and reminded them to get out and vote November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Mayor Busby adjourned the meeting at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Viki M. Moak, Town Clerk

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David L. Busby, Mayor  
Date:\_\_\_\_\_

**November 2, 2013**

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**10:00 P.M. – Introduction and welcome.**

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**Part One – Proposed Fire Hydrant System, Mayor Busby**

Mayor Busby explained that American Engineering developed a preliminary plan at no charge to the town for the proposed fire hydrant system. American Engineering developed this plan with the concept of no dead lines, where continual maintenance flushing would need to occur. Phase I is throughout the center of town, with Phase II beginning at the pond on Bachman Road continuing down Bachman to Glenn and the Cayce connection located on Highway 321. If the referendum is approved, Council will begin looking at future phases to reach those that were not included in the first two phases.

**Part Two – Financial, Mayor Pro-tem Daniel Davis**

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**Part Four – Current Fire Hydrant System, Mayor Busby**

Our current fire hydrant system is made of various types of fire hydrants depending on the water companies color coding system. Mayor Busby pointed out a map of all current fire hydrants within town limits although it does not state at what capacity they are. Currently the Town of Pine Ridge requires all new construction to hook up to any available water and sewer; this does not include existing homes. The homeowner of an existing home will have the option of whether they would like to hook up to new fire hydrant lines.

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**ADJOURN**

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Viki M. Moak, Town Clerk

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