

**May 12, 2015**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Town Council Work Session**

- 6:30 P.M. - 6:45 P.M. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2015-05  
6:45 P.M. - 6:47 P.M. Review of Administrative Report  
6:47 P.M. - 6:49 P.M. Review of Police Department Report  
6:49 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Informational Council Discussion:  
    (1) Sandy/Spruce road paving update  
    (2) Pine Ridge, SC Facebook site update  
    (3) Congaree church car show, bar-b-que, sale on May 16  
    (4) SCPCA body camera study committee-Chief  
    (5) Clerk of Court MASC August training-15/16 budget

**7:00 P.M. - Town Council Meeting**

**Call to Order & Invocation**

**Freedom of Information Act Compliance**

**Approval of Minutes**

1. April 14, 2015 Regular Scheduled Meeting

**Old Business**

1. PA system quotes
2. Building Renovation
3. Ordinance 2015-04 Compensation of Mayor & Council

**New Business**

1. Ordinance 2015-05 2015/2016 Budget - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
2. Palmetto Pride - Road recommendations
3. Citizen Recognition

**Citizen's Comment Time**

**ADJOURN**

**TOWN OF PINE RIDGE  
Town Council Minutes  
Work Session  
May 12, 2015**

Council present: Mayor Busby, Mayor Pro-tem Davis, Councilman Wells & Councilman Price

Staff present: Chief Parker and Town Administrator, Viki Miller

**6:32 P.M. 6:39 P.M. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2015-05**

Mayor Busby read aloud Ordinance 2015-05. The public notice for Ordinance 2015-05 was placed in the Chronicle, posted with the agenda on the door and emailed to residents.

<u>Current Fiscal Year Revenues</u>	<u>Projected Revenue FY 2015-16</u>	<u>Percentage Change in Revenue</u>	<u>Current Fiscal Year Millage</u>
\$546,221	\$504,637	-7.61%	0

<u>Current Fiscal Year Expenses</u>	<u>Projected Expenses FY 2015-16</u>	<u>Percentage Change in Expenses</u>	<u>Estimated Millage for 2015-16</u>
\$531,113	\$502,225	-5.44%	0

Mayor Busby asked for anyone in opposition to speak: none did.  
Mayor Busby asked for anyone in support to speak: none did.

Ms. Fletcher read aloud April's minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2015-04: Compensation of Mayor & Council. Ms. Fletcher stated that she was in agreement with Councilman Price and asked if Council had any idea of how much the renovation of the building would cost. Ms. Fletcher also stated that she is not in favor of property taxes to pay for the purchase and renovation of the building.

Mayor Busby stated that Council unanimously approved the purchase of the building on April 9, 2013. The town has sufficient funds to cover the purchase and renovation of the building. Mayor Busby added that there are no property taxes in Pine Ridge.

Mayor Busby closed the public hearing for Ordinance 2015-05.

**TOWN OF PINE RIDGE**  
**Town Council Minutes**  
**Work Session**  
**May 12, 2015**

---

**6:39 P.M. 6:44 P.M. Review of Administrative Report**

Written Administrative reports were included in the Council packets. Council spoke about several budget line items, Indigo Place, LCMA meeting and potential CDBG grant submission.

**6:44 P.M. 6:46 P.M. Review of Police Department Report**

Written Administrative reports were included in the Council packets. Chief Parker spoke to Council regarding cases, fuel costs and the Chief's Association has asked him to be part of the board to discuss body cameras. Chief stated that the Association will pay all costs with the exception of the time off to go and use of a vehicle to get there. Council discussed and unanimously approved Chief Parker to attend the meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**6:46 P.M. - 6:52 P.M. Informational Council Discussion:**

Council discussed the following:

- (1) Sandy/Spruce road paving update
- (2) Pine Ridge, SC Facebook site update
- (3) Congaree church car show, bar-b-que, sale on May 16
- (4) SCPCA body camera study committee-Chief
- (5) Clerk of Court MASC August training-15/16 budget
- (6) Sons of American Legion, Post Six - event for Epworth  
Children's Home rescheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am-1pm

Mayor Busby closed this portion of the work session.

**TOWN OF PINE RIDGE**  
**Town Council Minutes**  
**May 12, 2015**

---

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 6:52 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Busby called the Town Council meeting to order at 6:52 P.M. with Mayor Pro-tem Davis, Councilman Wells and Councilman Price present.

Staff present: Chief Parker and Town Administrator, Viki Miller

**Freedom of Information Act Compliance** - Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. April 14, 2015 Regular Scheduled Meeting

Mayor Pro-tem Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2015 as submitted. Councilman Wells seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. PA System quotes

This item remained on the table from the February 11, 2014 meeting.

2. Building Renovation

Mayor Busby stated that he has contacted several Architectural firms to begin talks for proposals for the town to effectively utilize the space. Mayor Busby and Councilman Wells will plan a meeting with Lexington County Recreation & Aging to find out the status of the agreement.

**TOWN OF PINE RIDGE**

**Town Council Minutes**  
**May 12, 2015**

---

3. Ordinance 2015-04 Compensation of Mayor & Council

Mayor Busby read aloud Ordinance 2015-04. Mayor Busby stated that Ordinance 2015-04 has been through the Town Attorney and the Municipal Association. The second reading has been amended to reflect SC Code of Laws 5-7-170. Mayor Busby referenced the MASC Compensation survey that shows the Mayor and Council of Pine Ridge is the lowest out of twenty one towns similar in population.

Mayor Pro-tem David made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-04 for second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion.

Council discussion:

Councilman Wells apologized for not being able to attend the April meeting. He stated that the town has been continually growing over the years and we can no longer depend on the County to provide a reasonable response time. The majority of incidents that have occurred in the last year are from people that are not residents. Councilman Wells stated that Chief Parker has done an outstanding job but believes it is time for Pine Ridge to add another full time officer in addition to the current part time. Councilman Wells stated that the proposed compensation would be better spent to provide residents with more coverage. Councilman Wells volunteered to supervise contractors on the upcoming building renovation as this will save the town money on a service the architectural firm would have charged for. Councilman Wells stated the Town should compensate those who are doing the town's business.

Councilman Price stated that he agreed with Councilman Wells.

Mayor Pro-tem Davis stated that he believed these were two separate issues.

Mayor Busby stated that proposed compensation increase will be approximately \$1,930.00 for the 2015/2016 budget since it will not go into effect until after the winners of this year's election are sworn in. Mayor Busby gave an example that if a full time officer is paid \$36,000.00, you will need to add about 35% to that figure for fringe benefits (payroll taxes, workman's compensation, etc.) which would total about \$48,600.00.

**TOWN OF PINE RIDGE**  
**Town Council Minutes**

May 12, 2015

---

Mayor Busby reminded Council of legislation proposed to reduce the amount municipalities can collect on business licenses. If the change is approved, the town's budget will have a huge impact that may lead to laying of some town employees. Mayor Busby stated that he asked Councilman Wells to be Chair on the Property and Recreation Committee, as he is the most qualified to over see the building renovation. Mayor Busby added that he currently deducts mileage for travel of town business on his personal income tax.

Mayor Busby called for a vote with two (Busby/Davis) in favor and two (Price/Wells) opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance 2015-05 2015/2016 Budget - 1<sup>st</sup> reading

Mayor Busby read aloud the title to Ordinance 2015-05.

Councilman Wells made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-05. Councilman Price seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Mayor Pro-tem Davis stated that the upcoming renovations are not included in the 2015/2016 budget at this time. He added at this time, the agreement has not been signed and since the new Senior Center will not be ready until later this year there was no reason to inflate the budget. Once the agreement has been signed and the town has actual costs to base the renovation budget on, the 2015/2016 budget will be amended and public hearing held. Mayor Pro-tem Davis stated that the capital improvement fund would be set aside at the end of the year out of the general fund. The funds would still require a majority approval from Council to be used for a proposed project.

Councilman Price agreed that the town should not put the cart before the horse. He added that he was in agreement with the Mayor's idea to create a capital improvement fund set aside each year for unexpected issues.

Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2015-05.

**TOWN OF PINE RIDGE**  
**Town Council Minutes**  
**May 12, 2015**

---

## 2. Palmetto Pride – Road recommendations

Palmetto Pride "Adopt-A-Highway" program. Per their website, volunteers have been cleaning up litter along South Carolina highways since 1988. Our communities are surrounded by lakes, rivers, mountains, farmlands, national forests and state parks. Litter has been reduced by 62% over the past ten years. Unfortunately, there are still people who insist on littering. Our state and local governments do not have the resources available to clean up the litter on our roadways. Wonderful volunteers are invaluable to keep our state clean. Clean communities are a source of pride for all of us who call South Carolina home.

Palmetto Pride will donate safety vest, work gloves, trash bags and pick up sticks to the Town of Pine Ridge to offer an alternative to litter tickets.

Councilman Wells made a motion to participate in the Palmetto Pride program. Councilman Price seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

## 3. Citizen Recognition

Mayor Busby stated that Chief Parker was involved in an incident last week where a Citizen assisted in the apprehension of a suspect. Mayor Busby stated that the Town of Pine Ridge would like to recognize the willingness of this Citizen to stop and assist an officer in need.

Councilman Price suggested a Visa gift card so the Citizen could use as they see fit.

Councilman Wells made a motion to send this item to the Finance Committee for a donation amount. Councilman Price seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**TOWN OF PINE RIDGE  
Town Council Minutes  
May 12, 2015**

---

**Citizen's Comment Time**

No one in attendance spoke.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Wells moved to adjourn, with a second by Councilman Price. With the Council's unanimous approval, Mayor Busby adjourned the meeting at 7:38P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Viki M. Miller, Town Administrator

APPROVED:

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_