

TOWN OF PINE RIDGE
Town Council Minutes
Special Called Council Meeting
June 20, 2023

1. **Call to order:** Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM with Mayor Davis, Mayor Pro-Tem Simms, Councilwoman Sturkie, Councilman Dinkins & Councilwoman Lewie present.

Staff present: Town Administrator, Mrs. Miller and Chief Neeley.

2. **Roll call and Determination of Quorum:** Mayor Davis stated for the record, that a quorum has been established.

3. **Invocation:** Councilwoman Lewie led those in attendance in prayer.

4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance for all in attendance.

5. **Freedom of Information Act Compliance:** Mayor Davis stated that for the record, the town had met all of the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act Compliance.

Old Business

1. Consideration of Ordinance 2023-06: Adoption of 2023/2024 fiscal budget *2nd reading.

Mayor Davis stated that this is the 2nd reading. The 1st reading was held in the meeting last week. Mayor Davis also stated that for the record, the anticipated revenue for this upcoming fiscal year is \$1,134,134.00 just under a 5% increase from last year. The projected expenses we anticipate is \$1,133,266.00. That too is just under a 5% increase.

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Mayor Davis said, that before we go any further, let me make a quick statement.

He stated that he had the opportunity to work on Council in some compacity for many years. I have found that this group of Council members are extremely thoughtful and how we should give back to the Pine Ridge Community through donations and events that serve to bring the community together for family oriented activities. With our limited resources this can be a delicate balancing act. Many times, perhaps at the expense of our employees. To that point, this budget does not include a raise for our employees. I know that the State is poised to give raises as well as some municipalities. In an effort to be good stewards of our limited resources, this Council elected not to. However, and the most important point, this in no way diminishes the hard work of our employees and the Councils' gratitude for their work. We are hopeful that the work environment that we've created and other non-monetary tokens are sufficient until such time we can, in a responsible manner, reward our staff financially.

Mayor Davis asked if there was any discussions pertaining to the budget. If not, the chair would entertain a motion pertaining to this matter.

Councilman Dinkins made the motion to accept ordinance 2023-06: Adoption of 2023/2024 fiscal budget *second reading. Councilwoman Sturkie seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

New Business

None

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Citizen's Comment Time

Mayor Davis stated that there were no citizens in attendance and per the Town Administrator there were no emails received.

Adjourn

Mayor Davis thanked the Council for their time.

With no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Sturkie made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilwoman Lewie. With Council's unanimously approval, Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Viki M. Miller
Town Administrator

APPROVED:



Daniel D. Davis, Mayor

Date