



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION OF APRIL 23, 2019
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session at 5:04 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2019, in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following were in attendance:

Ms. Nancy Roy Fiorillo, Mayor
Mr. John Bouldry, Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Judy Davis, Treasurer
Mr. Kevin Drum, Councilmember
Mr. Jack Farrell, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Beth Dunn, Village Clerk

And approximately 16 attendees, including 5 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Nancy Roy Fiorillo, called the Council work session to order.

2. Discuss East Moore Water District with Moore Co. Utilities Representatives.

Randy Gould, Moore County Utilities Director, stated the East Moore Water District project is at the end of the design phase and should be ready for permitting by next month. The project will cost around 2.5 million dollars and will serve 111 customers. The lines will run along 73 and Murdocksville Road and will tie back in at Hwy 15-501. Mayor Nancy Fiorillo asked if this was the rural area of Murdocksville Road. Mr. Gould stated that was correct. Councilmember Farrell asked if all the lines were for water only. Mr. Gould stated that was correct, water lines only. Councilmember Farrell asked if there were any potential plans for sewer in that area. Mr. Gould stated they are pretty much development driven and this current petition was only for water. Mayor Nancy Fiorillo asked if the 6 inch lines were intended to serve commercial development. Mr. Gould stated that a 6 inch line is needed to provide fire protection so they could install fire hydrants. Although this line is not really rated for fire protection as the Village requires, which is 1,500 gallons a minute. Mr. Gould explained this system is not intended to provide a high fire rating, although its adequate fire protection, it's intended to provide rural America with clean drinking water.

3. Discuss Proposed Blake Village Development on Highway 5 in Accordance with the Tri-Cities Interlocal Agreement.

Village Manager, Jeff Sanborn explained the Interlocal Agreement with Southern Pines and Aberdeen doesn't specify a mechanism for notifying other municipalities of future projects, the agreement only states that staff will coordinate projects. Mr. Sanborn explained when staff received the project, it was the first of its kind and was a pretty big deal, and he asked that it be placed on the work session agenda for Council to give comments for the Town of Aberdeen to consider. Mr. Sanborn stated the proposed project didn't fare well with the Aberdeen Planning and Zoning Board but the project still has to go before the Town of Aberdeen Commissioners.

Councilmember Drum stated he would like to have input from the Village of Pinehurst Planning Board and staff before Council reviews proposed projects from other municipalities, just like the process would be in our jurisdiction. Mr. Sanborn stated that would have been ideal, however, time didn't allow for that to happen with this project. Alex Cameron, Senior Planner, agreed that ideally that process would have been great, especially with a project of this magnitude. Mr. Cameron explained when Village staff received the completed documents for the project there were still some deficiencies from when it was submitted to Aberdeen and schedules didn't allow for that process. Mr. Cameron stated that once an applicant submits to another municipality they don't have

to wait on other municipalities to move the application thru their process. Mayor Pro Tem Bouldry stated that there should be a courtesy call from adjoining communities to inform us of potential developments. Mayor Nancy Fiorillo suggested that maybe municipalities should reach out when a project is scheduled to go before their Planning and Zoning Boards to allow others to comment on the proposed projects. Mayor Fiorillo also stated that in her opinion she was glad that the Aberdeen Planning and Zoning Board turned this particular project down, she doesn't see how our infrastructure could handle this development.

Mr. Sanborn suggested to let staff go back and review the process, as this was the 1st case and everyone is learning. Councilmember Davis stated we need to find the right vehicle for Council's input, be it before or during a Planning and Zoning Board meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Bouldry stated that a NCDOT representative told him this development would have an impact on the proposed HWY 5 improvements as construction is not scheduled to begin until 2022, at the earliest. Councilmember Davis stated this project is scheduled to go before the Aberdeen Commissioners on May 14th. Mayor Nancy Fiorillo stated there is a consensus among Council that they agree with the Aberdeen Planning Board's decision not to recommend the project. Mr. Sanborn stated staff would draft a letter and have Council sign and send to the Aberdeen Commissioners.

4. Discuss Perceived Parking Challenges in the Downtown Area.

Councilmember Farrell stated that the parking issues seem to be bubbling and it may be time to formally get a committee together and discuss the issues and he would be happy to start the committee. Mayor Nancy Fiorillo stated he would be the perfect person to start this and agrees the parking issues need to be looked at. Councilmember Davis shared some photos of illegal parking in the Village that was sent to her before the meeting.

5. Discuss Senate and House Bills Being Considered by the General Assembly During the 2019-2020 Session and Consider Resolution 19-12.

Council discussed several Senate and House bills being considered by the General Assembly during the 2019-2020 session. Councilmember Farrell stated the County became involved at the last Moore County transportation meeting when all municipalities were together along with Frank Quis, Moore County Chairman. Which then led Moore County Board of Commissioners to draft a resolution which states all of the municipalities in Moore County are opposed to the usurping of local government authority by the North Carolina General Assembly. Councilmember Drum asked was it necessary for the Village to adopt its own resolution. Councilmember Farrell stated it's not inappropriate for the Village to have its own resolution pointing out that these bills are not conducive to local control.

Mayor Pro Tem Bouldry explained that Senator McInnis asked local municipalities, in December 2018, to submit what their top needs and wants were before going into the 2019-2020 legislative session. He stated one of the main points all the municipalities submitted to the Senator referred back to Senate Bill 25, when they stripped local control for regulating design standards. The municipalities all agreed that there was too much control in Raleigh and that local issues needed to be handled locally. Mayor Pro Tem Bouldry stated he was disappointed to see these bills, as this wasn't what the municipalities wanted.

Councilmember Farrell reviewed some of the major points on some of the bills introduced which included the inability to control clear cutting, allows someone wanting to appeal a staff decision to bypass the local Board of Adjustment, would extend the tax free period for developers selling specs., would restrict the ability to control deteriorating buildings and wouldn't allow municipalities to set a minimum square footage for residential homes or units.

Mayor Fiorillo stated that Foxfire was planning to have a telephone campaign against the proposed bills and suggested the Village post the information on their website along with the State elected officials contact information so citizens can voice their concerns. Mayor Pro Tem Bouldry suggested sending the information to the neighborhood advisory committee to help get the word out.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bouldry, Council unanimously approved Resolution 19-12 opposing the usurping of Local Government authority by the North Carolina General Assembly by a vote of 5-0.

6. Work Session Business

Councilmember Drum stated that he and Councilmember Davis had a meeting with a couple of business owners about Village walkways and would like a holistic approach to beautification. Councilmember Davis stated that they are in the process of collecting data for this project and will bring others in the process.

Councilmember Farrell stated that since the tree bill has been pulled from the General Assembly maybe the Planning and Zoning Board can get started back on the guidelines for landscaping and trees. Possibly move their efforts from the minimum square footage subcommittee back to the trees. Mr. Sanborn stated that they have decided to move the minimum square footage effort to staff and ask volunteers to assist.

Jeff Batton, Assistant Village Manager, stated that Triangle J is bringing in the State on Monday to give a presentation on recycling to local officials.

7. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Mayor Tem Bouldry, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Work Session by a vote of 5-0 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Dunn,
Village Clerk

Vision: The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community which reflects our rich history and traditions.

Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement