



**Town of Pikeville Board Meeting – Minutes
July 12, 2021 – 6:00 PM**

Mayor Hooks opened the meeting. Commissioner Gardner opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present as well as Harry Lorello (Town Attorney), Jon Barlow (Interim Town Manager), Craig Edwins (Chief of Police), Susan McCullen (State Treasurer's Office), Eric Faust (State Treasurer's Office), and Michael Milam (State Treasurer's Office).

June 14, 2021 minutes were approved by a 5 – 0 vote.

The Board discussed old business, including:

- pothole on Harvey St (Public Works is aware, and it will be repaired when weather permits)
- amending the limb pick-up ordinances (agreed on workshop scheduled for July 26th to discuss in more detail)
- abandoned cars and condemned houses (tabled for now).

The Board discussed new business including:

- introduction of new Interim Town Manager Jon Barlow; Mr. Barlow discussed reviewing/updating Town ordinances and defining clearer job descriptions for all current employees as well as open positions. He will be working part-time for the Town, working two days one week and three days the next.
- changing Board meetings from the 2nd Monday of the month to the 1st (no decision made, tabled for now)
- Mr. Lorello discussed the Town switching to a Council-Manager form of government (Commissioner West made a motion, Commissioner Gardner 2nd, motion passed unanimously)
- Chief Edwins discussed possibility of punitive fees as opposed to misdemeanor charge for certain ordinance violations (tabled for now, needs further discussion, Mr. Lorello to look into)
- Commissioner Galloway discussed Gateway Community Church wanting to increase the size and lighting of their sign (no decision made, Mr. Barlow will look at ordinances and church application to determine appropriateness of request.)
- discussed possible problem with an electrically charged water line at 102 Vale St. (Mr. Barlow will contact representative Kenny Moore to resolve.)

- Mr. Barlow proposed making Eric Faust the administrator on the Town's QuickBooks account as well as making Sherrie Varney from Anthony & Tabb the primary user (Commissioner Gardner made a motion, Commissioner West 2nd, motion passed unanimously)
- Chief Edwins discussed restructuring of Police Department (no vote needed)
- Chief Edwins and the Board discussed the costs associated with the Town accepting the donation of a condemned piece of property near the Hardee's (no decision made, more information, including a hard quote for costs associated with procuring and tearing down the home, is needed. What the Town hopes to accomplish with this purchase was not clear to the LGC staff and funds for this purchase are not budgeted in the current fiscal year.)

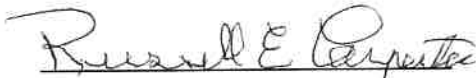
Public Forum:

- Citizen discussed the playground needing attention/maintenance including mulch, swing repair, and screening for the walking trail (Mr. Barlow to look into cost of these repairs. There are recreation amounts budgeted in the 2022 budget, but we need to confirm that funds are available for this.)
- Citizen discussed successful July 4th celebration hosted by the Greater Pikeville Improvement Commission with approximately 6,000 people in attendance and reiterated the need for park maintenance

Closed session, vote on topic of closed session for a personnel matter G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Motion was made by Commissioner West and seconded by Commissioner Gardner. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned after closed session vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Russell Carpenter



Interim Town Administrator

Jon Barlow

