

**Minutes for Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting
Pikeville Town Hall
6:00 pm, Monday, April 11, 2022**

Present: Mayor, Johnston, Commissioner Galloway, Commissioner Hooks, Commissioner West, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Katsenios

Absent: None

Staff Present: James Sullivan, Town Manager, Eric Faust, Finance Director, Michael Milam, Deputy Finance Director, Harry Lorello, Town Attorney, Wendy Holland, Town Clerk

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Mayor Johnston gave the invocation.

Mayor Johnston led all in attendance in Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Adoption: Commissioner Galloway made the motion. Commissioner West seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Johnston requested a motion to approve Regular Meeting minutes for March 14th and Budget Workshop Meeting for March 24th, 2022. A motion was made by Commissioner Galloway. Commissioner Katsenios seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business: None

Reports:

A. Town Manager

The town is in the process of removing three trees located at Town Hall. In addition, work has begun on replacing the roof on the old town hall building. Both projects should be complete in the next few days.

- 1. Spring Clean-up — On Monday, April 4th, the Town conducted its Spring cleanup. The process went well and even spilled over to Tuesday morning. The truck made 5 trips to the dump.**
- 2. Water Leaks — The Town has completed work on two separate water leaks that were identified.**
- 3. Police Chief — Chief Edwins last working day with the Town was April 7th, and he is on vacation until his official retirement on May 1st. The job posting will close on April 15th, and I will begin the resume review process and interviews. Sgt. Jarman attended the Police Institute in Salemburg, NC. A letter was received from Police Chief, Robert Walls, Dallas, NC commending Sgt Jarman.**
- 4. Habitat for Humanity Dedication — On April 7th, the home was dedicated at 107 Stewart Ave. Commissioner West, Commissioner Thomas, and I were in attendance.**
- 5. Good Friday —As a reminder, Town Hall will be closed for Good Friday.**

B. Finance

Eric Faust, Finance Director presented the finance report. The General Fund Balance is in good shape. Due to repair of two water leaks, there will be a budget amendment next month for water operations and additional testing will be done. The Electric admin is over budget but will be in good standing once an amendment has been adopted to correct. A date has not been established for public hearing comments on the budget. Once the date is set, citizens can sign up in advance or submit written comments. The LGC will take all comments in account before finalizing the budget. A meeting was held with Gary Pittman to review the proposed budget and a draft should be presented next month.

C. Police Report

Sgt. Jarman presented the police report. There were forty-two calls for service, thirty-nine traffic stops, and one checkpoint which resulted in eight charges. There will be an active shooter training on April 14, 2022, at CBA High School.

New Business —

- 1. Envirolink — A new contract was presented to the Town for review based on the changes we recommended. The Mayor, LGC Staff, and I meet with the Envirolink President, Area Supervisor, and their attorney to discuss the preliminary contract. I plan to finalize the contract soon and will need a motion to allow me to close on the negotiated price.**
- 2. Electricities — Working with Electricites to gather quotes on AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) water and electric meters. Intent is to work these into the grants.**
- 3. Logics — On April 21st, Wendy, Kathy, Eric, Michael, and I will be presented a demonstration on the updates to the Logics billing software we currently utilize. We will also be including the Finance and Personnel modules to further expand our system.**
- 4. American Rescue Plan Act — Attached are the Applications for Sewer, Water, Asset Assessment and Rate Study. Commissioner Galloway made a motion and Commissioner West 2nd. Motion Carried 5-0.**
- 5. Rural Transformation Grant — Grant to assist with Downtown revitalization, which could allow for abandoned properties/buildings. I will need a motion to allow me to apply for this grant. Commissioner Galloway made a motion and Commissioner West 2nd. Motion Carried 5-0.**
- 6. Vehicle GPS — Moving forward with placing GPS units on the 9 town vehicles.**
- 7. The old water tower has become unsafe. McDavid & Associates will try to add removal of the water tower to the grant.**

Committee Reports:

Beautification Committee – A total of six planters have been sold. The alleyways and murals are still in the planning stages.

Events Committee – On July 2, 2022, there will be fireworks and live music in the park from 6pm-9pm.

Athletic Committee – T-Ball practice is held on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the park. Games are played on Saturdays at 10:00am.

Historical Committee – The Historical Committee has decided to deed the Cotton Museum to the town.

Public Forum:

Joanna Johnston expressed she would like to see the old water tower repaired.

Jimmy Gardner inquired on the spraying for fire ants. James Sullivan, Town Manager reported that both the park and cemetery would be treated for fire ants in the next few weeks.

Kellie West stated there are fire ants at the playground and inquired on when the restrooms in the park would be open. Mrs. West mentioned that there will be a new Library in Northern Wayne County. Mrs. West felt attendance of the town commissioners at the Wayne County Board meetings would be beneficial.

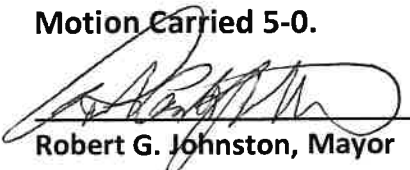
Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Thomas inquired on candidates for the planning board.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Galloway made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Katsenios 2nd.

Motion Carried 5-0.


Robert G. Johnston, Mayor


Wendy Holland, Town Clerk