

Minutes for Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting
Pikeville Town Hall
6:00 pm, Monday, December 12, 2022

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: Tim Biggerstaff, Town Manager, Kathie Fields, Deputy Finance Officer, Eric Faust, Deputy Finance Director, Michael Milam, Deputy Finance Director, Harry Lorello, Town Attorney, Rodney Jarman, Police Chief, Wendy Holland, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

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 Katsenios made a motion to adopt the agenda with deletion of ARP Budget Amendment. Commissioner Hooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Johnston requested a motion to approve regular session minutes for November 14, 2022. Commissioner Galloway made a motion to approve the regular session minutes for November 14, 2022. Commissioner West seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Johnston requested a motion to approve closed session minutes for November 14, 2022. Commissioner Galloway made a motion to approve the closed session minutes for November 14, 2022. Commissioner Hooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Johnston requested a motion to approve special session minutes for November 30, 2022. Commissioner Galloway made a motion to approve the special session minutes for November 30, 2022. Commissioner Hooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments:

Lewis Sees, 505 W. Church Street, Pikeville, NC:
Mr. Sees requested consideration of the resurfacing of Church Street. Also, he would like to see the speed limit on Church Street reduced to 15mph to slow speeding traffic. He is concerned with the safety of children playing and animals.

Old Business:

Previously there had been a discussion of an open seat on the planning board. Reding Pittman, 205 Baker Drive, Pikeville addressed the board with his desire to serve as a member on the planning board.

Commissioner Galloway made a motion to approve Reding Pittman to serve on the planning board. Commissioner Thomas seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Town Manager:

● Just a quick thank you to everyone for the immense amount of support that everybody has provided for me during this past week. The entire team here in Pikeville has been incredibly welcoming and has offered to do anything they can to help me transition into the Town Manager position. I have met with various staff members and will continue to meet and learn more about how everyone contributes in the coming weeks which is a top priority for me. Obviously, I am more fortunate than most new town managers as I have Mrs. Kathie Fields to help catch me up and guide me while I am learning about all the moving parts it takes to operate Pikeville at the highest level possible. Again, thank you to the Mayor, the Commissioners, and the entire staff for welcoming me and offering their support.

● Holiday —Just a friendly reminder the Town Offices will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th to honor the Christmas holiday. It will also close on Monday, January 2nd for the New Year's holiday. If there are any problems, I will be in Town throughout those times.

● As referred to last month's meeting, 10% of the town lines must be cleaned out each year for the Collection System Permit. Just wanted to follow up by letting you know that was completed on Tuesday, Dec. 6th so we are good for another year.

● On Saturday, December 17th, the American Legion Post 541 from here in Pikeville will sponsor Wreaths Across America by remembering and honoring our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes at Pikeville Cemetery at 12pm. The Town has committed to having a presence at the ceremony to show our support and pay respects for this wonderful program.

● In looking ahead at the 2023 Holiday Schedule, I noticed that Town Hall isn't scheduled to be closed on Monday, January 16th for the Martin Luther King Jr Holiday. We checked in all of the surrounding local government entities and Town of Pikeville is the only one not closed on that day. Not sure if that is something we want to look at or consider moving forward so we are consistent amongst the municipalities in the area.

Eric Faust, Deputy Finance Director

A copy of the resolution returning control of the town was presented to the board. Eric Faust stated that it was not often that the LGC is able to return control of a town. A fiscal Accountability Agreement Draft was presented to the board for review. The LGC will continue to monitor the finances of the town and receive monthly which is standard for most towns. The LGC will continue to receive the agenda and monthly board packet to review. The available Fund Balance must be at 71%. Property taxes due the town should be received by the end of the month.

Police Report: Chief Rodney Jarman: See Attached

Committee Reports:

Events Committee:

The Cardinal Drop will take place on December 31, 2022. Catherine Longwell requested approval of a fire pit for the Cardinal Drop. If approved, the fire pit would be used for making smores.

Commissioner West made a motion to approve a fire pit for the Cardinal Drop. Commissioner Hooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business: None

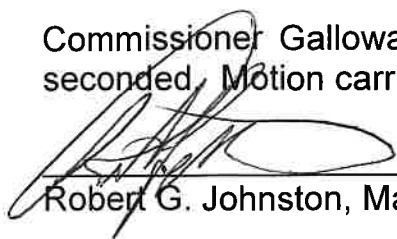
Commissioner Thomas made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner West seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners Comments:

Mayor Johnston expressed his appreciation to Eric Faust and Michael Milam with the LGC and town employees for their hard work in turning the town around.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Galloway made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Katsenios seconded. Motion carried 5-0.


Robert G. Johnston, Mayor


Wendy Holland, Town Clerk