

Minutes for Special Meeting
Pikeville Town Hall
6:00 pm, Monday, January 18, 2024

Present: Mayor Johnston, Commissioner Hooks, Commissioner West, Commissioner Wallace, Commissioner Thomas

Absent: None

Staff Present: Tim Biggerstaff, Town Manager, Harry Lorello, Town Attorney, Wendy Holland, Town Clerk

Staff Absent: Rodney Jarman, Chief

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

Mayor Johnston gave the invocation.

Mayor Johnston led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Candidates Presentations

Todd Smith – Parks Drive

Mr. Smith has been a resident of Pikeville since 1991 and served as a board member in 1994. Mr. Smith was unable to complete his previous term due to his work schedule at that time. Mr. Smith would like to see the Town Hall relocated downtown, the sewer system moved to Goldsboro, a decrease in utility bills, and the tax base grow. In the future, he would like to see charging stations in the park for electric vehicles.

McKayla Alves – Railroad Street

Mrs. Alves and family moved to Pikeville in October 2022. Mrs. Alves is employed by the Wayne County Chamber. She is highly experienced in funding and would like the opportunity to serve on a local level. A few of Mrs. Alves' future visions are updating the park, a community pool, lowering utility bills, bringing business and beauty to downtown. Mrs. Alves feels, if given a chance to serve, bringing her connections and relationships to the town would be a great asset.

Yolanda Davis – Collingwood

Mrs. Davis moved to Pikeville over 21/2 years ago. Mrs. Davis serves in the health care field, and it is her passion and desire to help people. She would like to become more active in town and use her business management and budget experience to help the town grow. Mrs. Davis would like to focus on ways the town could create continuous revenue. She would like to see water outsourced if there are enough resources, park updated, the middleman removed from the Electric supply, offer incentives to people owning buildings downtown and find ways to bring money into the town.

Land Use Ordinance Discussion

The Land Use Ordinance defines how the town is built going forward, where and what size structures are permitted. The Eastern Carolina Council is working on the towns' Land Use Ordinance and thus far has no concerns but has requested to be provided with all changes or updates. Currently, zoning permits are issued if the request complies with the town's zoning ordinances. Harry Lorello, Town Attorney recommended requiring electrical capacity needs and drainage plans to be provided when issuing permits. Commissioner Thomas inquired on land fees which will be reassessed and added to the fee schedule. Garrett Johnston, Mayor inquired on restrictions for opening an internet café. Tim Biggerstaff, Town Manager stated other towns have tougher restrictions for these types of businesses. Harry Lorello, Town Attorney will research whether this type of business can be banned altogether.

Joanna Johnston, a member of the planning board, emphasized the need for a comprehensive land use study. She stated the zoning map needs to be studied and determination made to whether the zones should be changed.

A meeting will be scheduled to determine how to proceed with future growth.

Garrett Johnston, Mayor inquired about suspending all building permits temporarily. Harry Lorello, Town Attorney will investigate the procedure for implementing a temporary suspension for building permits.

Joshua Wallace, Commissioner inquired on the voting status for the open commissioner seat. Garrett Johnston, Mayor stated a discussion will be held at the February Board meeting to decide which candidate will be the best fit.

Public Comments:

Tery Wallace – 105 N Fort Street

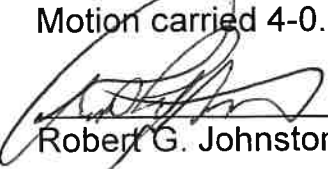
Mr. Wallace expressed his concern of flooding on his property and nearby apartments due to the overgrown ditch located behind his property. Tim Biggerstaff, Town Manager will research ownership and cleaning of the ditch.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Thomas expressed his appreciation to the candidates vying for the open commissioner seat.

Adjournment:

Commissioner west made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hooks seconded. Motion carried 4-0.


Robert G. Johnston, Mayor


Wendy Holland, Town Clerk