

Town of White Pine Council Meeting Minutes March 1, 2022

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order with all council members present except Mrs. Strom. Attorney Jeremy Churchwell was present too.

Under communications from citizens and property owners, Jeremy Sellars asked to speak to the board concerning a piece of property in the Stuart Heights subdivision. The recent heavy rains with parking in the yard of the home, has caused excessive mud on the road, as well as a camper parked in the driveway with someone living there. The noise from a motorcycle is also a complaint that can go on for up to six hours per day. He said this one property is destroying the property values on the neighborhood that they so proudly call home. Mayor Taylor asked Chief Cotter to fill in the group on the latest contact with the property owner. Chief Cotter explained that he had written a citation for the camper and had asked the property owner about the motorcycle. He was told that a muffler would be put on the bike to take down the noise. The camper tenant did not show up to court and a letter has been sent to give them warning until March 10, 2022. Attorney Churchwell said if cooperation is not done that the town would have to file an injunction to remove the camper.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mr. Marshall, the minutes of the February meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted in a roll call vote to table Ordinance #1-22, amending the water and sewer tap fees, until next month when a better decision can be made on the fee schedule with the upcoming meter upgrade.

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mrs. Voiles, it was unanimously voted to table the hiring of a new wastewater treatment plant operator until interviews can be conducted.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mr. Marshall it was unanimously voted to hold Pine Fest on September 17, 2022 from 10 am until 4 pm.

Police and fire gave written reports to the board.

No meeting was held with the Planning Commission.

Under Recreation news, Mayor Taylor informed the board that he is still waiting on some options and prices for the playground ground cover. He also had a report that the fake rock is falling off of the sides of the concession stand. It was decided to take a better look and see if it is salvageable or if another option will have to be done.

Mr. Hardy reported the sewer department has had several issues at the plant and in the field. Several members of the board asked about the date of completion for the plant. Mr. Dukes asked that an estimated completion date be found out and to discuss at next months meeting. Mr. Stump also wondered about the extra sixty days and where that put us for a date. The mayor said he will get all the dates together and would get back with the board.

Street and Sanitation departments are going well. Had a lot of flooding with the recent rainfall and the large item pick up went well too.

Under financial news, the recorder told the board that the budget planning would soon start and some dates for April will need to be planned for an all-day work session. Property taxes have come in great too.

Mr. Dukes reported on the recent Pine Fest meeting. The date has been sitting for September 17 from 10 am until 4 pm. The cost for booths will remain the same at \$25 and \$35 for booth with electricity. The dance held normally the night before has been canceled and a possible dance after the Pine Fest with food vendors might be in the plans. Looking at doing an Antique Tractor show as well.

The mayor added that a site was being prepared to put another building on town property to house equipment and the steam engine too.

Under new business, Mr. Marshall made a motion to switch to Trilight for all the towns needs for internet and phone system. Mr. Dukes made a second to the motion and it was unanimously voted to approve.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mr. Stump, it was unanimously voted to pay bills.

Under announcements, Mayor Taylor commended Jennifer Winkler on the good job she did with taking his picture for the wall of Mayors.

On a motion from Mr. Dukes, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Fred Taylor, Mayor

Alyson P. Susong, Recorder