## Town of White Pine Council Meeting February 4, 2025

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order with all council members present. Attorney Drinnon was present as well.

On a motion from Mr. Sinard, second from Mrs. Walker, the minutes of the January 7, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Sinard, second from Mrs. Arwood, it was unanimously approved in a roll call vote to approve Ordinance #1-25 on first reading with the following changes: to set a time limit of six months to have the applicant to be in operation and to change the application fee to say "non-refundable" after the fee.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, Ordinance #2-25, increasing the impoundment fee for police department, passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Sinard, it was unanimously voted to approve the placement of a traffic light on Highway 25e at the new location of the Quick T and to accept the maintenance of the traffic light after completion.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Arwood, it was unanimously voted to renew terms and appoint new citizens to serve on the Industrial board. The following members were renewed: Bill Walker, LE Jones, Robin Mantooth, and two new members appointed, David Richey and David Pedigo. The mayor notified the board of the next meeting, which is February 11, 2025 at 6pm.

Chief Cotter gave reports on the police department. Two of the new Durango's should be ready this week and the remainder by next week.

Chief Brad Brady reported on the fire department. A state fire marshal's grant for \$25, 470 was awarded for buying turn out gear. A busy month with details on the fire report.

Mr. Woods reported on the planning commission meeting. A site plan was approved by Casey's to go on Highway 25E across from the Sonic. Mr. Sinard asked that fire chief Layman sees the plans of the developments as well.

Under recreation news, a community bingo night will start on February 28 at 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be for sell. Admittance will be a canned good or a candy bar, which will also serve as the prizes. March 7 at 5:30 will start Game night. Participants can bring their own games or there will be board games to play as well. A new recreation director is being sought and applications are available.

Mr. Stewart reported electric problems at the Old Dominion pump station. Interviews have also been going on for two open spots. Two employees had training for WWT operating license. A plan for Cross-Connection is being worked on as well. Compliance with TDEC, and addressing overflows is being discussed. The MOR reports can now be done on computer, instead of mailing in the paper reports. A letter has been sent to see if we meet requirements for the moratorium on sewer taps. A notice of violation for gray water has been sent to a home owner the end of February. The sewer department owns a 2001 F-650 tanker truck with only 7000 miles, and the tank has been taken off, so they would like to have a flat bed put on the truck to carry the sewer vac and other equipment needed to help with problem areas. The quote is from Tri-Star Welding and is \$9950. Mr. Marshall asked if there were funds in this year's budget to handle this expense.

Mr. Rednour gave an update on the clean up day. A total of 5 ½ tons were picked up. There were a few mattresses that got left behind. At the end of February, the leaf machine will be put up for the year.

Mrs. Susong gave an update on the funding of water and sewer line relocation at the intersection of Highway 113 and 341. A bill from TDOT for over \$294K was unexpected and Mayor Warren is planning to call TDOT to get more information concerning this cost.

Under unfinished business, the mayor said citizens were tickled with the clean up of the side of the road at the Sonic. The property behind the recent building torn down was also addressed.

Under new business, Chief Cotter informed the board of a new retirement for police officers. He will be in touch with TCRS representative to get details. The board decided to discuss this at the new work session next month.

On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mrs. Arwood, it was unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Under announcements, the mayor reminded everyone about the ground breaking for the new homes off of Parkertown road, the industrial board meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm and the chamber banquet on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:35 pm

Glen E. Warren, Mayor

Alyson P. Susong, Recorder