

**Town of White Pine Special Called Meeting**

**June 24, 2025**

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order with all council members present except Mr. Marshall. Attorney Drinnon was not present either.

Mayor Warren asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience.

On a motion from Mr. Sinard, second from Mr. Woods, Ordinance #4-25, 2025-26 fiscal year budget, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second and final reading.

On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mrs. Arwood, Ordinance #5-25, amending the 2024-25 fiscal year budget, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second and final reading.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Sinard, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:10 pm.



Glen Warren, Mayor



Alyson P. Susong, Recorder

## **Town of White Pine Council Meeting June 3, 2025**

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

Under communications from citizens and property owners, Mr. James Carr from Witt Road approached the board. He asked if he could hook up to the town's sewer. He mentioned that he had come to pay the tap fee and had gotten information about the tap and he assumed all was well until the public works department called. He was told that only inside the town limits could get sewer taps. Mr. Carr explained he had been to the state and they would not allow a septic system because the towns line runs by his house. Note was taken that the item would be discussed under new business.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025 council meeting.

On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mrs. Arwood, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025 special called council meeting.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to approve Ordinance #4-25, 2025-26 fiscal year budget, passed on first reading in a roll call vote.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Walker, Ordinance #5-25, amending the 2024-25 fiscal year budget, passed on first reading in a roll call vote.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to choose the

Police Chief was on vacation and reports were given to the board.

Under the fire department news, Chief Layman reported the brush truck pump is out of service with a broken impeller. The pump is twenty years old and trying to get parts is difficult. New pumps run between \$15K and \$17K.

Planning Commission met and reviewed a site plan for Roy Messer Plaza which was tabled for more information. A variance request for Randy Allen was also approved.

Adam Wilson reported on recreation. The mounds have been set and anchors donated by Fiber Tech. The bases are set and mulch has been spread. The White Pine School principal has approved the town to use the gym for basketball. A meeting will be held to discuss the football teams using the soccer fields as well. The Legion field will host a triple AAA tournament and use one field. Parking will be a concern but hopefully there will be room with six teams coming. The charge is \$100 per day for the field and \$50 for concession stand. The Lions field should be done by July 14. TPM is asking about the responsibility of the goal posts and the council confirmed it is their responsibility, not the towns. Plans are underway for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Bingo night was a huge success with no seats left. The splash pad is running but needs some improvements. Pine Fest has already gotten \$2750 in sponsorships.

Jeramy Stewart informed the board of the surprise inspection from TDEC at the sewer plant. They went over labs in depth and Tristin Bourne has replaced Richard Harnage as operator since he was let go. They are cleaning things up and got the press running daily again. Both of the digesters have been cleaned and the walls cleaned. TDEC will come back and see the progress made and it should not affect the moratorium placed on the sewer connections.

High Street was paved and Newport Paving did a great job. Large item pick up went ok as well.

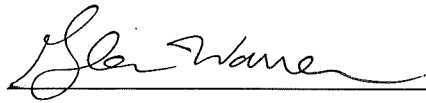
Under unfinished business, Mrs. Walker made a motion to proceed with funding for the White Pine Industrial Board to purchase 127 acres of the Stuart Nelson property and to purchase two-thirds interest of the right-of-way and easement that goes with the property. Property will cost \$2.8 million dollars. Mr. Woods made a second to the motion and all were in favor.

Under new business, Mrs. Walker made a motion, with a second from Mrs. Arwood, to approve a sewer tap at 1830 Witt Road, because the sewer line runs on the property and other property owners are already hooked on to the sewer. This would be allowed for this line only. The motion passed unanimously.

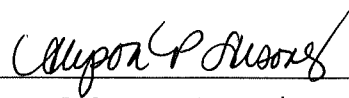
For announcements, the mayor reminded everyone of Bingo played on the last Friday night of the month. The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce will also host an open house at their new office on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm – 6 pm.

On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mr. Wood, it was unanimously voted to pay bills.

On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mrs. Arwood, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

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Glen Warren, Mayor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alyson P. Susong", positioned above a horizontal line.

Alyson P. Susong, Recorder