

**PENDLETON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 7, 2006
7:00PM**

MINUTES:

After due notice to the press, Mayor and Town Council met in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. Mayor and all Council were present.

Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order.

1) Council Updates:

Mayor Burdette asked the Administrator if she had any updates for Council. The Administrator stated she had included all updates in their packet.

2) Review of Agenda Items:

Mayor Burdette gave a brief overview of agenda items.

Add the following items on the agenda:

Request for use of Veteran's Park – Missy Nail, Friends of the Park.

Bruce Kalley made a motion to add the above item to the agenda.

Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

3) Approval of Minutes:

~ July 10, 2006 Called Meeting 6:00pm

~ July 10, 2006 Regular Session 7:00pm

~ July 20, 2006 Called Meeting 7:00pm

Frank Crenshaw made a motion to accept the above minutes. Bruce Kalley seconded. Unanimous.

4) ACSO Police Report:

Sheriff David Crenshaw gave a police report for the month of July. Mayor Burdette stated she has received many complements from the Ward 3 area since ACSO began law enforcement in the town. Sandra Gantt stated she has received comments that the visibility of officers is great. Bruce Kalley stated he has also received positive comments.

5) Public Comments:

Joann Allen asked how long the water/sewer rate increase would be in effect and what is the justification for the increase. She also stated her water consumption had increased from 2400 to 4200 with no leaks. Mayor Burdette addressed Ms. Allen stating the water/sewer rate increase would

be indefinite and explained the reasoning for this increase. She also stated her meter would be checked again tomorrow.

Suzanne Harney addressed Council regarding the cost the town charges for copies and feels .20 cents is too much and would like Town Council to consider looking at the actual cost of copying. She also suggested the Town hire a full time grant writer. She further stated she had received a summons to appear for Jury Duty. The summons she received gave her a 13 day notice. She stated she found a state law requiring a 15 day notice. Bruce Kalley stated the law she was quoting pertains to circuit court and not municipal court. Mayor Burdette stated the town would follow up with Amyee Hammonds, Clerk of Court, and see what the law is for sending jury summons for municipal court. Next Ms. Harney addressed the organizational chart she found on the town's website. She stated she was told that Mr. Bork was the Code Enforcement Officer for the town. According to the organizational chart Mr. Bork works for Mr. Bork. She asked if the employees having multiple rolls in the town were receiving separate salaries for these rolls. Mayor Burdette stated no they did not. .

Scott Ward asked if it was possible to open the town up to the option of another cable company. He stated Northland Cable was not servicing any new subdivisions in town. Mayor Burdette stated the town has a franchise agreement with Northland Cable and will look into it.

Chris Harney stated he was horrified to hear at the last meeting that no one knew the general fund balance. He stated if the town truly did not know the balance of the general fund then the town truly does not know if it is bankrupt or wealthy. Mayor Burdette stated the question at the last meeting was regarding fund balance not the account balance. The Administrator stated the fund balance changes daily and/or hourly the question should have been what was the account balance of the General Fund. Mr. Harney also asked how long the present auditor has been with the town and when was the last time the town sent out bids for a new auditor. Mayor Burdette stated for 6 years and the audit was out for bid 6 years ago.

Bill Kester thanked the Administrator for clarifying his question regarding fund balance and account balance. Mr. Kester then asked what was the account fund balance. The Administrator stated the General Fund Account Balance was approximately \$223,000. The fund balance was approximately \$418,000. He also stated he missed the chief telling about the incidents in town. He also stated for the benefit of the town's people there is an incident report available on a monthly basis.

Timothy Hume stated he left the July 20th meeting and when he got home he felt really confused regarding the general fund. He does not understand how the general fund operates that no one noticed it was losing money. Mayor Burdette reiterated the ISOLA lost. Frank Crenshaw stated they did know the lost but were in the process of trying to find out why, so to say council didn't notice the loss is not a correct statement. Mayor Burdette stated with the last billing cycle the water that is unaccounted is under the normal 20% which is excellent. Mr. Hume stated he was referring to the under funding. Mayor Burdette stated that was what the town is trying to do right now; not gouge the citizens but cover the cost to provide water and sewer service.

Grace McCall stated hundreds and hundreds of gallons of water were lost when the water crew was putting in the new lines. Mayor Burdette stated that this had to be done to test the lines to make sure they could hold the water coming through them. Ms. McCall asked if the company reimbursed the town for all the water wasted testing the lines. Mayor Burdette stated no.

Suzanne Harney stated, on the subject of the police, she was told by a friend of hers that he witnessed drug activity on the town square. She stated if things were copasetic that did not sound copasetic to her.

6) REQUEST FROM 2006 LEADERSHIP PENDLETON CLASS TO USE VILLAGE GREEN AND CLOSE EXCHANGE STREET:

Bruce Kalley made a motion to grant this request. Sandra Gantt seconded. Unanimous. This request is a poker run to raise money for the Community Center. This event will take place on October 14, 2006.

7) REQUESTS FROM PENDLETON FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL COMMITTEE TO USE VILLAGE GREEN, WAIVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND CLOSE EXCHANGE STREET:

Sandra Gantt made a motion to grant this request. Bruce Kalley seconded. Unanimous. The fall festival will be held October, 7, 2006.

8) REQUEST FROM FRIENDS OF THE PARK TO USE VETERAN'S PARK – MISSY NAIL:

Missy Nail, representing Friends of the Park, made a request to hold a circus at Veteran's Park on October 6, 2006, to continue to raise money for the park. There will be two shows on Friday. Times for the shows are 5pm and 7pm. The circus will leave the park by 7am on Saturday, October 7, 2006. Frank Crenshaw made a motion to grant this request. Sandra Gantt seconded. Unanimous.

9) RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PENDLETON PLANNING COMMISSION:

A) REZONING RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL – WOODY RD.

Jeremy Gillespie gave a brief explanation of the request. He stated he has been waiting for almost 2 years for the comprehensive plan to be adopted before he could request a zoning application. He further stated the comprehensive land use plan future land use map shows this area zoned as R-3, Medium Density. He also stated the Planning Commission has asked him to come back with a PDR – Planned Development Residential request. He stated if the Planning Commission was not going to zone property as R-3, Medium Density then maybe Council should consider doing away with that zone. The Administrator stated the future land use of this area is R-3, Medium Density and feels clarification is needed from the Planning Commission as to why this request was denied. Mayor Burdette stated that this item will be tabled until clarification from the Planning Commission can be obtained.

B) REZONING RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL – E. QUEEN ST., RENAISSANCE PLACE.

All Council was in agreement to table this item and hold a work session with the Planning Commission.

C) RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE (SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS).

Bruce Kalley made a motion to accept this recommendation. Frank Crenshaw seconded. Unanimous.

10)FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING:

A) “AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE REVISIONS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE TOWN OF PENDLETON”

Frank Crenshaw made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 06-12 for first reading. Bruce Kalley seconded. Unanimous.

B) “AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY, KNOWN AS RIDGE SPRINGS SUBDIVISION CHANGING THE BOUNDARY OF THE COMMERCIAL PORTION OF PHASE 1”

This item will be tabled and taken back to the work session with the Planning Commission.

11)SECOND AND FINAL READING OF “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF PENDLETON, SC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY”:

Frank Crenshaw made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 06-10 for second and final reading. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

12)DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE:

Chuck Joye, Design South Professionals reviewed Plan D from the last meeting regarding a customer charge and then an actual water charge. After researching all plans, Chuck Joye recommended Plan C to Council for the water/sewer rate increase. Council will hold first reading of Plan C on Wednesday, August 16, 2006. This plan will change the minimum to 1500 gallons. *Proposed new rates listed below.*

	Water	Sewer
Inside 1500gallons	\$9.75	\$10.50
Each additional 1000 gallons	\$5.00	\$5.50
Outside 1500 gallons	\$14.65	\$15.75
Each additional 1000 gallons	\$7.50	\$8.25

Ken McCorry recognized Council for working on this issue and stated he feels they are going in the right direction. He stated he feels Council needs to address the impact of Plan C. He asked how much of Plan C is payback to the General Fund. Mayor Burdette stated none. No plan presented would pay back the General Fund. He further stated he feels the General Fund should contribute some to the water and sewer fund.

Timothy Hume asked if this Plan would generate additional revenue to reimburse the General Fund. Mayor Burdette stated the engineers research shows this Plan will generate the funds to provide water/sewer service to citizens.

Frank Crenshaw suggested the spreadsheet that Bruce Kalley compiled on all the plans should be mailed out in the newsletter.

13)MOTION AND VOTE TO CHANGE SEPTEMBER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATE DUE TO LABOR DAY:

The September Council Meeting will be held on September 5, 2006, 7pm due to Labor Day Holiday.

14)REQUEST FOR FUNDS – PUBLIC WORKS:

Council would like additional information before making a decision.

15)REQUEST TO DONATE POLICE DEPARTMENTS OLD UN-PATCHED BDU UNIFORMS:

Bruce Kalley made a motion to grant this request with the provision that Council knows where the uniforms will be donated. Frank Crenshaw seconded. Unanimous.

16)OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

17)NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

18)ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted: _____

MAYOR: _____

COUNCIL:

WARD 1: _____

WARD 2: _____

WARD 3: _____

WARD 4: _____