ACTS OF COUNCIL
OCTOBER 13, 2003
7:00 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Pine Mountain sat in a regular session on the evening of October 13, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall.

Mayor Joe D Teel, Jr presided with Councilpersons Barbara Bell Ewell, Tamara M Pierce, Benny S Burdette, Andy J Kober in attendance. W Mitchell Chason arrived at approximately 7:10 P.M.

ACTS OF COUNCIL
Ms Pierce made a motion that the Acts of Council for the September meeting be approved as written.
Mr Kober seconded the motion.
Mr Burdette and Ms Ewell voted in favor of the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Mayor Teel presented the financial report for September.

PINE MOUNTAIN TOURISM
Ms Arnold presented the Tourism report to the Mayor and Council.

PINE MOUNTAIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
a & b) Parade Date-November 15th/December 6th/Ligthing in Town Benefit Concert--Mrs Nancy Epstein advised the Mayor and Council of the upcoming events on November 15th. The lighting of the Town will be at 6:00 P.M. The Benefit Concert/Dance will begin at 7:00 P.M. There will be no charge to enter the dance just a donation of a nonperishable food item.
Mr Kober made a motion to hold the Christmas Parade on the 1st Saturday of December from here on out.
Ms Ewell seconded the motion.
Mr. Chason, Mr Burdette and Ms Pierce voted in favor of the motion.
c) Political Forum-October 21st @7:00 PM-Mrs Epstein announced that the Pine Mountain Chamber will host a political forum on October 21st at the Chipley Women's Club.
d) David Garrett-To speak @ Chamber-Mr David Garrett from the Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce will be the guest speaker at the Pine Mountain Chamber meeting on October 14. Mr Garrett will speak in reference to the Rails to Trails project.

SOLID WASTE PLAN RESOLUTION-RDC
Mr Chris Stone presented a resolution for the solid waste plan which is good for 4 years to the Mayor and Council.
Mr Chason made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Plan Resolution.
Ms Ewell seconded the motion.
Mr Kober, Ms Pierce and Mr Burdette voted in favor of the motion.

FOLLOW UP ON NUISANCE ORDINANCE (PROPERTIES ON WOOD AVE & HARRIS STREET)
Mrs Josephine Bray requested an update on the nuisance ordinance petition presented at the September, 2003 meeting.
Mayor Teel advised Mrs Bray that the County has investigated the properties and the Town's Attorney (Ron Mullins) has the information.

CDBG APPLICATION
Mr Joe Walter from Precision Planning came before the council requesting approval for Precision Planning to be able to write the Block Grant for the Town. This grant would be used for sewer line improvements.
There would be no charge from Precision Planning for writing the grant. A charge of $5,000.00 would be charged for engineering fees.
Mr Kober made a motion to have Precision Planning write the grant and approved the charge for engineering fees of $5,000.00.
Mr Chason seconded the motion.
Mr Burdette, Ms Pierce and Ms Ewell voted in favor of the motion.

ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY ON PINE DRIVE
Mr Neil Liechty was not in attendance.

PINE MOUNTAIN HERITAGE-INKIND PORTION OF TE GRANT REQUEST
The Pine Mountain Heritage has applied for the ISTEA - T21 grant through the Department of Transportation. The grant amount is $400,000.00. The ISTEA grant requires that the match of 20% of the total cost of the project be funded by local contributions. The Town's $80,000.00 contribution would be funded by money set aside by Pine Mountain Tourism . It is Pine Mountain Heritage's proposal that $73,000.00 from this account be used to fund the bulk of the required match with the remaining $7,000.00 representing the value of in-kind contributions by the town.
Pine Mountain Heritage has estimated that the demolition and removal of existing sidewalks by the Town would have a dollar value of approximately $7,000.00.
Ms Pierce made a motion that the Town contribute approximately $7,000.00 of in-kind contributions.
Mr Kober seconded the motion.
Mr Chason, Ms Ewell and Mr Burdette voted in favor of the motion.

SIGN ORDINANCE
Ms Ewell requested a work session to discuss the sign ordinance. A work session has been scheduled for October 28th, 2003 at 9:00 A.M.

CLOSED SESSION
Mr Kober made a motion to go into a closed session at approximately 7:47 P.M..
Mr Chason seconded the motion.
Ms Ewell, Ms Pierce and Mr Burdette voted in favor of the motion.

The closed session ended at approximately 8:50 P.M..

ADJOURNMENT
Ms Ewell made a motion the meeting be adjourned.
Mr Chason seconded the motion.
Mr Kober, Mr Burdette and Ms Pierce voted in favor of the motion.

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