

ACTS OF COUNCIL
JULY 11, 2016
7:00 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Pine Mountain sat in a regular session on the evening of Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall.

Mayor James W. Trott, Jr. presided with Councilpersons Warren S. Aldrich, Mary R. Mullins, Tamara M. Pierce, Josephine Bray and Keith Pendergrass in attendance.

ACTS OF COUNCIL

Ms. Mullins made a motion that the Acts of Council for the June meeting be approved as written.

Mrs. Bray seconded the motion.

Ms. Pierce, Mr. Pendergrass and Mr. Aldrich voted in favor of the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Trott presented the financial report for June.

PINE MOUNTAIN TOURISM-Hank Arnold

The KPIM-Pine Mountain-Harris County Airport is having a "Fly-In" on Saturday, July 16, 2016 for a celebration and dedication of their new facilities. The festivities will start at 10:00 and last until 2:00. Ribbon cutting will be held at 11:00.

Ms. Arnold thanked Chief Daniel Ferrone and Community Relations Officer Tony Lattimor for meeting with the Downtown Merchants to discuss downtown safety and continue communication with law enforcement.

Ms. Arnold presented the tracking report for June

CONTRACT F/Y 2016-2017

Mr. Pendergrass made a motion to approve the contract for F/Y 2016-2017.

Ms. Mullins seconded the motion.

Mr. Aldrich and Mrs. Bray voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Pierce recused.

CHIP RESOLUTION-Amy Grantham/Mayor Trott

The Town of Pine Mountain was awarded a \$612,000.00 Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) Grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs on May 24, 2016.

Mrs. Bray made a motion to approve the 2016 CHIP Program Housing Rehabilitation/New Construction Resolution.

Ms. Mullins seconded the motion.

Ms. Pierce, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Pendergrass voted in favor of the motion.

APPOINT FIRE CHIEF-Andy Kober

Mr. Kober made a recommendation from the Fire Department to appoint Mike Howard the Fire Chief taking over April 2017.

Mr. Pendergrass made a motion to appoint Mike Howard the Fire Chief.

Ms. Pierce seconded the motion.

Ms. Mullins, Mrs. Bray and Mr. Aldrich voted in favor of the motion.

AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SHOP-Warren S. Aldrich

Mr. Aldrich's subject relates to compliance with Article VI Section 2.0 concerning motor vehicle repair facilities and automobile salvage and body shops. Recommendations resulting from a worksession and citizen's committee were communicated in December 2014 and followed up by letters to two businesses (Castleberry's Collision and Pine Mountain Auto Care) by the Town Attorney in May of 2015. Since the Town Attorney has previously tendered correspondence on the matter, his recommendation is that if Council wishes to assess compliance with the ordinance as addressed in his letter, that the following be done:

1. Council, by vote of Council, ask that Code Enforcement inspect each of the two businesses to which letters were previously sent.
2. Code Enforcement Officer provide a report of findings for each business listing any deficiencies, with regard to compliance.
3. The report of findings be forwarded to the Town Attorney for any compliance action that may be necessary.

Mr. Aldrich made a motion that Code Enforcement be asked to inspect both businesses that received letters for compliance and make a formal report of findings. The report of findings be forwarded to the Town Attorney for any compliance action that may be necessary.

Mr. Pendergrass seconded the motion.

After much discussion from the Council and business owner Bill Castleberry (Castleberry's Collision) Ms. Mullins requested that Mr. Aldrich amend his motion to include all the Body Shops and repair facilities.

Mr. Aldrich agreed to amend the motion to include all the Body Shops and repair facilities.

Mr. Pendergrass seconded the motion.

Mrs. Bray and Ms. Mullins voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Pierce voted against the motion.

VISIBILITY OF BUILDING-Eatz on the Corner/Tammy Stroud

Mayor Trott met at Eatz on the corner on May 4th, 2016 at 12:00 for a meeting.

Mrs. Stroud stated there is no visibility to Eatz on the Corner at all because of the over grown trees. The trees in question is the one in the middle of the road connecting the two ongoing traffic. Needs to be shaped up so you can see Eatz from Circle K, the one directly in front of the building is a major issue that is causing tremendous problems even blocking the light at night. The tree on the side of the building needs shaping up as well. This problem is blocking our signage where people can't see it. We have requested that this matter be addressed because we have been losing business and would like it done asap.

Mayor Trott responded to Mrs. Stroud via email on May 11, 2016. The trees you cite are all part of the Town's coordinated streetscape project. They are trimmed to maintain a uniform appearance. I will ask Mr. Bullington of our Streets Department to inspect the trees to determine what trimming might be permissible that might improve visibility. Cutting that would significantly alter the appearance or shape of the trees is not permissible.

Mayor Trott contacted Cory Flynn with Diversified Trees for an opinion. Mr. Flynn got back to Mayor Trott earlier the week of July 5th and indicated that he felt he could limb both trees so as to improve visibility of business and signage and while improving the look and health of the trees. Mayor Trott told Mr. Flynn to move forward and he indicated he could possibly get started as early as the week of July 11th. Mayor Trott communicated this with Mrs. Stroud on Friday, July 8th.

Signage must be cleared and permitted through the Department of Community Development in Hamilton who handle those matters for us under our Service Delivery Strategy. Mrs. Stroud has contacted Mr. Negrete concerning a light up sign that does not flash. Mr. Negrete approved for that requested, Mrs. Stroud stated. Mrs. Stroud is requesting signage be placed on the right a way and Mayor Trott explained to her signage in the right a way is not permitted.

BEER BOTTLES-Eatz on the Corner-Tammy Stroud

Mrs. Stroud had some concerns of why their business could not receive a beer and wine license. This matter has been discussed multiple times with Mrs. Stroud. At the May 4th meeting Mrs. Stroud and Mayor Trott discussed this. In an email that was sent to Mayor Trott from Eatz Grill stated the topic of bottle beer & wine was brought up again and Eatz has not officially decided to revisit this because we were told we wouldn't be granted this license. We explained that state laws said that we are allowed a beer and wine license as long as were 300 feet going door to door. Mayor Trott responded back we have discussed the topic of alcohol license multiple times and the fact that the proximity to a church means that your current physical location will not qualify for a license unless the governing State law and corresponding local statute is changed. We measured the distance with you in an effort to demonstrate why your current location does not meet the ordinance requirements, thus there is no issue to revisit. Mayor Trott advised Mrs. Stroud that beer and wine license was not on the agenda to discuss. Mayor Trott explained to Mrs. Stroud that the Town Attorney would handle the issues on the Town's behalf.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mullins made a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Ms. Pierce seconded the motion.

Mr. Pendergrass, Mrs. Bray and Mr. Aldrich voted in favor of the motion.

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