MINUTES

Pike Road Town Council Regular Meeting Monday, June 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Stone called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. Councilman Steindorff opened the meeting in prayer. Mayor Stone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Council members present were Angie Bradsher, Chris Dunn, Doug Fuhrman, Chris Myers, and Rob Steindorff. A quorum was noted.

Consideration was given to the minutes for the regular meeting of May 26, 2021. Councilman Steindorff made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Councilman Fuhrman seconded. Unanimous consent was given. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Planning

Chairman of the Planning Commission, Councilman Dunn noted that the PC meeting had 1 Final Plat for Boykin Lakes which will finish up the subdivision and 1 Public Hearing for a re-platting the Mathewton Plat on their agenda tonight which were both approved. There were also Street Light Waivers from Boykin Lakes and Penn Meadows which were both approved for an extra 60 days.

Jonathan Smith, Planning Director noted that he has plans to make a presentation to the council in mid-August. The presentation will focus on long-range planning, with information on how we got to where we are now and how we will improve development management and growth in the future. Smith thanked the council for the budget that allowed the team to make these plans for moving forward. Smith also noted that he has been busy working on many other issues.

Brad Flowers, Town Engineer, reported to the council that there are some CARES Act monies available through the MPO for use in corridors and that the Town and the County will be pooling their resources together to move forward with the first phase of the Wallahatchie/Pike Road roundabout. Councilman Dunn discussed the possibility of the State taking over Pike Road in the future. Councilman Myers asked would this project be quicker than the roundabout at the Waugh exit. Flowers noted that since it did not involve ALDOT or the Fed Govt, it could possibly be quicker, but this is just phase I of the process. Myers also asked if the PC had considered creating Impact Fees for new construction. Mayor Stone noted that the Town had done a study on several years ago and he would get a copy to all councilmembers to review. There was also discussion about the limited uses of the revenue from impact fees.

Old Business

There were no items of old business.

New Business

The first item of new business was **Ordinance 2021-_____ Annexation of 8381 Timber Creek Drive.** Jonathan Smith, Planning Director, reviewed the annexation for the council. The owners were present to answer questions of the council and noted that they had moved from Bon Terre and were previous residents of the town. This was considered the first reading of this ordinance.

The last item of new business was **Ordinance 2021-_____ Annexation of 501 Judkins Road.** Jonathan Smith, Planning Director, reviewed the annexation for the council. The owners were present to answer questions of the council and talked about the fact that they just finished construction on their home. This was considered the first reading of this ordinance.

Other Business

Councilwoman Bradsher asked for a status update on the discussion with the residents of The Orchards and the traffic issues. Mayor Stone noted that they had met on several occasions and had made adjustments to help with the traffic issues. Stone also noted that the next step would be when the school moves forward with a secondary entrance to the school. There was also some discussion about using the SRO's for traffic control. Col. Briggs, MCSO noted that the sheriff mandated they are only to protect the school and the students. Bradsher also asked for the status of the traffic light at Woodland Creek/Bridle Brook subdivisions. Flowers and Mayor Stone noted that the project still belongs to the developer, but that we have stepped in to help manage the project. The project is waiting on signatures from ALDOT and then the developer can award the contract and start the project.

With no further business at hand, Councilwoman Bradsher made a motion to adjourn at 6:38 PM. Councilman Myers had several items for discussion including asking the Bond Attorneys to come and explain to the council the debt service that is tied to the 16 mil Ad Valorem taxes for education. Mayor Stone noted that he would ask them to come and explain that at a later meeting. Myers second item was discussion on who and when the new ballfields at the Ag, Rec & Performing Arts Complex would be available for use. Mayor Stone noted that all citizens would have access to the fields and that he was begun discussions with several options for management of the complex. Stone also noted that he is working on getting lighting for the fields so that they will be complete soon. Councilman Myers last item of discussion was the status of the grave of Georgia Washington at the Pike Road High School. Mayor Stone noted that he would be having a meeting in the next few weeks to get that project finished. At 6:44PM, Councilwoman Fuhrman seconded the motion. Unanimous consent was given. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa W. Burke, Clerk

Gordon Stone, Mayor