

**September 4, 2013**

The Town of Pines held the Budget hearing at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were: George Adey, Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio and Sandra Hall.

Sandra read the budget proposal for the Budget year. There were no comments and the Budget hearing is set for October 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

  
Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer

  
George Adey, Council President

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The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: George Adey, Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, Sandra Hall and Alan Murray. Cathi made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

**Clerk-Treasurer**

Sandra reported that she has been in touch with the attorney and we have begun the next step to collect the unpaid cost of demo on Idaho.

**Building and Zoning Administrator**

Alan issued 2 permits this month. The owner of the Colorado Ave property came to inform the Council of the progress that he has made on the property. He has cut down the weeds and applied weed killer, he leveled the pile of wood chips and on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 he will finish the front yard. He will be having surgery around the first part of October and will be unable to do much after that for a while. Alan asked that he have the junk in the driveway picked up and put in the garbage by the Friday pickup. The property owner is trying to get someone to pick up the machine that is sitting out. He will keep in contact with Alan regarding the progress that he makes on the complaints.

The buildings on 1490 Idaho have been removed.

The little church building on Hwy 12 and Ardendale has someone interested in buying it and putting in a fitness, yoga business with a future plan of having massaging. Alan contacted the attorney and he is sending a "Smut Ordinance" that we could incorporate into our comprehensive plan. The zoning there is okay for personal and professional services which include the fitness and yoga.

BZA approved petition for 1706 Maine Street. The complaint about the cars being too close to Highway 12 at the old Carpet Cuts building was addressed and the man leasing this building did move the cars back behind the yellow line, but has been inching them back out. This man (Carl DeWan) was late to the meeting but came in just as we were discussing the complaint. He began by asking Alan what are his qualifications for being the building commissioner. He asked Alan "Are you a carpenter?" Alan responded "No" He asked Alan "Are You a Plumber?" And Alan responded "No" He then asked

Alan "Are you an Electrician?" and Alan said "No" Then he turns to the Council and he says "This Moron comes on my property and harasses me everyday. Why doesn't he harass the people that own the property on 4082 W. Hwy 12? or the people with the white car parked on Hwy 12 that is for sale that is sitting almost on the road? (During this whole time he is yelling) George asked the man to calm down and he just keeps on yelling about the property at 4082 W. Hwy 12. George then asked him to calm down again and says that the property at 4082 W Dunes Hwy is his and that the state came in and widened the roadway there and that is what took up his yard and driveway. Mr. DeWan then accused George of "slipping money under the table" "because if you slip money under the table to the Council you can do anything you want." Several times during this George used the gavel and asked the man to calm down. Cathi also asked the man to stop yelling and he said "I like to talk loud". Mr. DeWan then stood up and came toward the Council desk and was pointing his finger at Alan and said "You are a Fat



Old Mental Midget" He then threatened the Council with a federal lawsuit. He said that we were discriminating against him. He began cursing and called us "God---- country bumpkins" George asked him to leave and he just kept yelling and cursing. George said that if he didn't leave we would call the police. He just kept yelling and so George called the police and then the man left.

### **Street Department**

Vicki reported that she went and looked at the Railroad Ave and that it was in very bad shape. The post office has said that they will discontinue postal deliveries if we do not fix this problem. Vicki will get an estimate on a permanent fix but until then will have Rob put some gravel in there to fix it temporarily. The GMC is fixed and now the Ford is down. Once we get the Ford fixed then we can get the brush picked up and then we are going to chip up the brush off of Connecticut Street onto Mr. Dan Timms property. Mrs. Kozlowski said that if we used chip and seal on 2<sup>nd</sup> Place then the Town could then pave Connecticut Street. George wants to wait on the decision to pave Connecticut until after we get the results from the radiation tests. Cathi made a motion to table the paving of Connecticut until we have the results of the radiation test and table until we get the bids for the chip and seal Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

**The Porter County Police Officer came and so George passed the gavel to Cathi and George and Alan went to make their statements to the Police officer about the situation with Mr. DeWan.**

### **Hearing on the Vacating of the Alleyway**

The Petitioner Betty Combs asked that the Town of Pines Vacate the alley between Henry Street and Pinney off of Louisiana Ave at 1542 Louisiana Ave. Vicki made a motion to vacate the alley and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0.

### **Old Business**

Marv asked about the house on the west end of Town on Hwy 12, the siding is falling off the house and there has been a scaffold sitting beside it for months. Cathi said that he would have to ask Alan about that.

### **New Business**

Cathi made a motion that we could come back to any of the above business if George wants to address anything in them since he is with the officer. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion passed 2-0.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Claims**

**Vicki made a motion to pay the claims and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0.**

George came back and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer

  
George Adey, Council President