

March 6, 2013

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: George Adey, Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, Alan Murray and Sandra Hall. Cathi made a motion to accept the February minutes and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer

Funds received are posted in the back of meeting room

Building and Zoning Administration

No new permits just an addition to an existing permit. Many BZA forms passed out this month and will be considered at a BZA meeting. Sandra will fax information to Chuck Parkinson on the Idaho property and Alan will present next step to Council at the next regular meeting.

Street Department

Marv Guenther presented the Council with a proposal for a garage door for the new salt shelter. Cathi made a motion to accept Marv's proposal and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Snow removal going good. Street signs for Hwy 20 and Birch Street have been ordered along with a pole and hardware.

Old Business

Representatives from SEH reported that the RDA hasn't met since November. Their first meeting will be on April 23, 2013. We were approved for a \$200,000.00 grant. Greg Calpino gave an overview of what the grant will be used for: Comprehensive Plan for: Sewer, Land Use, World's shortest Highway (Hwy 520), Park Master Plan, Town Parks, Utilities (water, sewer), Roadways. SEH will draft a Contract so that we can get started with the money that came from Porter County. Plan Commission meeting for this will be at 5:30 p.m. on April 3, 2013.

PRP's attorney's are talking with the EPA's attorney's and they have concerns that if they fix the culvert will we keep coming back to them every time there is a problem. George said that if they fix it up to code then we (the Town of Pines) will be responsible for the maintenance.

Sandra submitted a draft letter, concerning the business registration, to the Council. Cathi will peruse the letter and fix grammar errors and have it ready for Sandra to type for the next Council meeting.

New Business

None

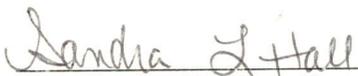
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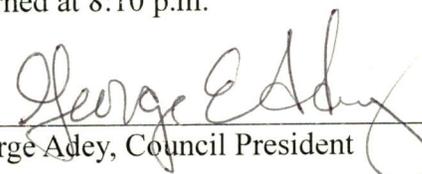
A resident voiced her concerns regarding the panhandlers that we have had on Hwy 520 and Hwy 20 and Hwy 520 and Hwy 12. One such panhandler is a registered Child Sex Offender and this is a great concern to those living in the Town that have children. The sheriff's department is aware of the problem and the community is encouraged to call the police when panhandlers are there. Also, this same resident would like signs to be placed in the Pines Park regarding picking up after pets and keeping pets on leashes. She also had ideas about the park and the Council encouraged her to come to the meetings that we would be having when we do the comprehensive plan for the Town. One idea that we can do when the weather gets warmer is to get new nets for the basketball hoops.

Claims

Cathi made a motion to pay the claims and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer


George Adey, Council President