Town of Pine Level

A Place to Call Home

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MARCH 14, 2024, 5:45 p.m.

The Town of Pine Level held a Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024, in a meeting room of the Pine Level Volunteer Fire Department.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

INVOCATION Councilmember Bixler gave the invocation.

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Mayor Bigley called the meeting to order.

<u>ROLL CALL</u> Mayor Bigley called roll. Present were Councilmembers Bixler, Gray, Hickman, Moore and Worcester. Also, present was Town Clerk Theresa L. Cook, Town Attorney Nancy Kirby, Attorney Nikki Ivey and Yolando Bailey, Avenu.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Bigley asked the Council to review the meeting agenda. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Councilmember Worcester and seconded by Councilmember Hickman.

MINUTES Month of February, 2024

Special Called Council Meeting, February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, February 8, 2024 Special Called Council Meeting, February 19, 2024

Mayor Bigley asked for a motion to approve these minutes. Councilmember Worcester made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Moore.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2024-2, Sales Tax

Mayor Bigley presented a summary of this ordinance. Motion was made to approve this ordinance by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Gray. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-3, Lodging Tax

Mayor Bigley presented a summary of this ordinance. Motion was made to approve this ordinance by Councilmember Worcester and seconded by Councilmember Moore. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-4. Rental/Lease Tax

Mayor Bigley presented a summary of this ordinance. Motion was made to approve this ordinance by Councilmember Bixler and seconded by Councilmember Gray. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-6, Motor Fuels Tax

Mayor Bigley presented a summary of this ordinance. Motion was made to approve this ordinance by Councilmember Worcester and seconded by Councilmember Moore. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-9, Police Jurisdiction

Mayor Bigley and Attorney Kirby presented an update on this ordinance and the request of the Attorney General's Opinion. Attorney Kirby recommended that this ordinance be tabled to a future meeting. Motion was made to table this ordinance by Mayor Bigley and seconded by Councilmember Moore. This motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bigley announced the newly appointed Councilmember William "Jae" Gray and thanked him for his willingness to serve the Town of Pine Level.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Bigley shared that the Town participated in the Career Day of Marbury Middle School and it was a great opportunity for the Town. He thanked MMS for making this a great event.

Mayor Bigley provided updates on the grocery tax and car show.

NEW BUSINESS

A Financial Statement was provided to the Mayor and Council.

Dusty Mangham with the Marbury High School Booster Club was called upon to speak. He had requested to be on the agenda. He shared that the Booster Club would like to collect monetary donations at the intersection of Highway 31 and County Road 40. The Mayor and Council discussed with him the need for safety. Mr. Mangham stated there

would be no students participating. It was suggested that he contact the county and state agencies to be granted permission. Mr. Mangham thanked the Council for their time.

Mayor Bigley asked if there was anyone in attendance that would like to speak. A citizen asked for an update of the sewer system. Mayor Bigley stated he was at the last board meeting and provided an update.

Mayor Bigley called on Yolando Bailey with Avenu. She stated that she is looking forward to helping the Town of Pine Level to receive tax revenue. She provided a summary of how Avenu works to collect these funds through the ordinances established at this meeting. Mayor Bigley thanked Ms. Bailey for being in attendance this evening.

Mayor Bigley announced that beginning April 1, 2024, Town meetings will be held at Spirit Walk Ministries.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> There being no further business, Mayor Bigley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hickman and passed unanimously by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Resesa J. Good

Theresa L. Cook

Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Councilmember/Mayor Pro-Tempore