

Town of Pine Level

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL FEBRUARY 13, 2025, 5:45 p.m.

The Town of Pine Level held a Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2025, in a meeting room of Spirit Walk Ministries.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

INVOCATION Pastor Mack Farley gave an invocation.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Zachary Bigley called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL Mayor Bigley called roll. Present were Councilmembers Bixler, Gray, Hickman, and Moore. Also, present was Town Clerk Theresa Cook and Town Attorneys Nancy Kirby and Nikki Ivey. Councilmember Worcester was unable to attend due to surgery.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Bigley asked the Council to review the meeting agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Moore..

MINUTES Month of January, 2025

Work Session, January 7, 2025

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, January 9, 2025

Mayor Bigley called for a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Motion was made and was seconded. The motion carried by majority vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Business License Ordinance

Mayor Bigley provided an update on the review and status of this ordinance. An ordinance will be purposed at a later date.

Website Design Update

Mayor Bigley shared the he had continued to be in contact with BWS on the Town's website design.

Mayors Summit Update

Mayor Bigley shared information on the Mayor's Summit he attended.

Town Hall Property Update

Mayor Bigley provided an overview of the property status and provided the estimates of the air conditioning replacement from two companies. Councilmember Bixler asked if the seller would be paying for the repairs and Mayor Bigley stated that the was paying 50% of the closing cost. Councilmember Moore stated that he would like for the Town to consider using the HVAC company located in the Town incorporated limits. There was a discussion of the other findings on the inspection report. Mayor Bigley shared his view of functioning on the executive branch as Mayor

and the lengths he and Town Clerk Cook go to for the Town to function. Councilmember Moore stated that the location is ideal and is being a good steward of the Town's money.

Mayor Bigley called for public comments on this property.

Pastor Mack Farley stated that it had been a pleasure and joy to provide Spirit Walk Ministries as a service for Town meetings and events but that the church attendance had doubled in size. He stated that if it was becoming a challenge to provide space for the Town meetings around their church groups. He encouraged the Council to act on the proposed property.

Michael Petty stated that the property is located at "Downtown Pine Level." It is centrally located to the fire department, ball field and Pine Level Community Center.

Jamie Gentry stated that this property as Town Hall would positively impact the image of the Town.

Earl Irvine spoke of the value for the price and that is it far more valued than the appraisal.

Town Clerk Cook shared the stresses of not having a Town Hall and an office. She stated that she travels to have quicker wifi than she currently has at her home, travels to copy shops in Prattville and that she currently meets event vendors, etc., after hours in parking lots. She stated that was just sharing a few things in the typical day and week.

Attorney Kirby stated that there need to be a final approval for the minutes

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-10 Authorizing Mayor to Sign Note and Mortgage with River Bank & Trust

Mayor Bigley shared the information of this Resolution. He called a roll call vote to suspend the meeting rules of order and all councilmembers votes in favor of this.

Attorney Kirby provided specific details of the Resolution. There were discussions of the process of the contracts, contractors, loan signing and the Resolution. Attorney Kirby provided information on each of these during the discussion.

Attorney Kirby asked the Council what amount do they see the Town spending on this property. Councilmember Moore stated \$400,000 and seller pays half of air conditioning replacement. Councilmember Bixler stated \$390,000. Councilmember Gray stated \$350,000 - \$390,000/

Mayor Bigley announced that this Resolution will be tabled to a future meeting.

Annexation of Requests

Ordinance 2025-20 Gillis Property

Mayor Bigley announced the annexation request and called for a motion to suspend the meeting rules. Motion was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Moore. By roll call vote, this passed. A motion to accept the annexation was made by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Hickman. This passed by majority vote.

Ordinance 2025-21 Central Alabama Electric Cooperative Property

Mayor Bigley announced the annexation request and called for a motion to suspend the meeting rules. Motion was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Moore. By roll call vote, this passed. A motion to accept the annexation was made by Councilmember Gray and seconded by Councilmember Moore. This passed by majority vote.

Financial Report – December, 2024

Mayor Bigley reviewed the reports aloud. A motion to accept the report as presented was made and seconded. This passed unanimously.

Police Jurisdiction Tax Update

Mayor Bigley shared that Avenu has been in contact with some businesses again in the police jurisdiction on their non-payment of taxes. He stated that there were some payments made from this area.

ATRIPP Grant

Mayor Bigley provided information on how this could benefit the intersection on U.S. Highway 31 and County Road 40. Additional information will be provided in future meetings.

Municipal Clerks Spring Institute, March 5 – 7, 2025, Tuscaloosa

Clerk Cook shared information on the agenda and the topics of the 2025 Municipal Election. For the reservation fee and hotel stay, a motion was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Moore. This passed by majority vote.

Pine Level Elementary School & Highway 31 Traffic

Mayor Bigley called on the Cross Guards and Supervisor of the Pine Level Elementary School and Marbury High School. They expressed their concern of public safety and their safety. They shared information on malfunctioning and outdated lights and signage, school zone times. They told of the need for more law enforcement patrol and presence. They requested the Town to address the signage at Pine Level Elementary School. Councilmember Gray shared that that is a request of the Alabama Department of Transportation. The Council will discuss this more in a future meeting

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by those present.

Respectfully submitted,



Theresa L. Cook
Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Zachary Bigley, Mayor