

PEMBROKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Pembroke City Council was held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Judy Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Tiffany Walraven, Councilmembers Ernest Hamilton, Karen Lynn, Johnnie Miller and Diane Moore. Also in attendance were City Attorney Dana Braun, Police Chief William Collins, Fire Chief Peter Waters and City Clerk Cathy Rushing.

CALL TO ORDER....The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cook.

INVOCATION....The invocation was given by Councilman Johnnie Miller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE....Mayor Pro-Tem Tiffany Walraven led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES....A motion was made by Diane Moore and seconded by Karen Lynn to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 11, 2021. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS....There were no public comments.

APPROVAL....Mayor Pro-Tem Walraven made a motion, with a second by Karen Lynn, to approve the Beer Packaging License and Wine Packaging License for Food Lion, LLC. It was agreed upon by all.

RESOLUTION....Mayor Cook presented a Resolution to dissolve the Hospital Authority of the City of Pembroke. Mayor Pro-Tem Walraven made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Resolution. Diane Moore seconded the motion and it carried. Diane Moore then made a motion to adopt the Resolution dissolving the Hospital Authority of the City of Pembroke. Karen Lynn seconded the motion. It was agreed upon by all. (Copy Attached).

RECOMMENDATION....Mayor Cook presented the recommendation from the Pembroke Planning Commission to approve a change in the P/Z Ordinance wording in Section 3-19(2) and Section 3-19(2)(e). (Copy Attached). Karen Lynn made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Ordinance. Ernest Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried. This constitutes the 1st reading. The 2nd reading will be held at the March meeting.

APPOINTMENTS....City Clerk Cathy Rushing presented to Council the individuals whose Planning/Zoning Board terms have expired. Mayor Pro-Tem Walraven made a motion to appoint Bernadette China, new term ending January 2025, Charlotte Bacon, new term ending January 2025 and Dave Williams, new term ending January 2024. Johnnie Miller seconded the motion and it was agreed upon by all.

CONSIDERATION....After some discussion concerning the new Commerical Cart rates from AllGreen, Diane Moore made a motion to increase the rates from \$11.00 monthly to \$13.00 monthly beginning March 1, 2021. Karen Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dalton Cook had explained to Council that the City has been picking up cardboard at some of the businesses for some time now. After much discussion, Diane Moore made a motion that beginning March 1, 2021, the City no longer pick up cardboard from any business. Karen Lynn seconded the motion. It was agreed upon by all. The Mayor and City Clerk will draft a letter to the businesses letting them know of Councils decision and what their options are.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS....Police Chief William Collins reported that everything is going smooth in his department. He has some new employees being trained at the present time. He also reported that the Judge doesn't want to pursue virtual court at this time.

Fire Chief Peter Waters reported that there will be an ISO evaluation at month end and that the FEMA Grant was submitted today. It will take a couple of months to hear back from the Grant. He also reported that McFadden Apartments won't give the Fire Dept keys to the apartments and that they have had to break down doors at times in cases of emergency. The residents are then charged with the repairs to the doors. After some discussion, City Attorney Dana Braun said that he would get in touch with the Attorney for Mercy Housing (apartment owners), to see if something can be done.

Diane Moore stated that she has been impressed with the code enforcement report and what is being done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS....Mayor Pro-Tem Walraven reported to Council about the sewer issues at a home on East Burkhalter. She told Council about the homeowner complaints and what the City did to solve the issues. The City called in a plumber to check out everything and found that the problem was under the house and was not caused by anything the City had done. Councilman Miller made a motion to pay the bill submitted by the Plumber. Mayor Pro-Tem Walraven seconded the motion. It was agreed upon by all.

Johnnie Miller informed City Council that Ash Branch Manor will have their Grand Opening February 17th and 18th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT...With no further business, Johnnie Miller made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pre-Tem Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cathy D. Rushing, City Clerk

Judy B. Cook, Mayor