

**PENDLETON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 5, 2016
7 PM**

MINUTES:

After due notice to the press, Town Council met in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. Mayor Crenshaw was absent by prior notice. The meeting was conducted by Councilwoman Sandra Gantt who currently serves at the Mayor Pro tem.

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Doyle Burdette led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) COUNCIL UPDATES

Mayor Crenshaw is absent due to being on vacation. Mayor Pro tem, Sandra Gantt led tonight's meeting.

3) JOURNEY TO THE OLYMPICS UPDATE ON JASMINE MARIE STOWERS, A TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE FROM PENDLETON – Ben Morton

Ben Morton was present to provide an update on Jasmine Stowers journey to the Olympics. She is only one trial away from being part of the Olympic Team in Rio.

4) ANDERSON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – Jeff Parkey, Anderson County Planning & Community Development

Jeff Parkey was present to provide Pendleton citizens with an update of Anderson County's Countywide Comprehensive Plan. The next upcoming meeting for Pendleton will be held July 28th at the Pendleton Branch Library. A draft of the plan is available on the Anderson County Website Planning page.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 6, 2016, Regular Session Meeting & June 23, 2016, Called Meeting

Bruce Kalley made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

6) UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE REESTABLISHED PENDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT- Chief Doyle Burdette

Chief Doyle Burdette announced that the Pendleton Police Department will kick-off the startup of the Department with a ceremony on July 31, 5 pm on the Village Green. Active patrol will begin on August 1, 2016.

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS – Comments only - no questions will be taken at this time – questions will be taken at the end of the meeting. 3 minute limit. No action will be taken on these items.

Lou Koppel asked for the consideration of paving Micasa, at least the section in distress.

Karry Walker stated when exiting off of Maple onto Brown, traffic coming from Central Road is not wide enough. The entrance is too narrow for two cars. She further stated she recently had her car broken into about two weeks ago. Along with several break-ins in her area.

Lee Hill, stated in the past six months his neighbors have been broken into and he has had two vehicles broken into. If we don't have police, our town is going downhill. Until you get 24/7 police coverage back in Pendleton it's not getting any better. He further stated the Town should not fund parades, festival or garbage pickup if it can't fund a 24/7 Police Department.

Charles McCullough stated he was glad to see the road open he brought the petition about last month. He would bring more next month. Something needs to be done about the dilapidated buildings in Town.

Karry Walker stated she was the first one to encourage the Police Department to be back in Town when she moved here. She further stated the citizens will have to work with the Police Department for it to work. She also stated she feels the people making decisions for the Town should live in the Town.

Bill Von Meyer stated the Plezu has been robbed at least a half of dozen times within the past few years. He suggest Town Council write the owners of Plezu asking them to install a security gate along the front of their building.

8) REPORTS:

a. ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT
Capt. Roland was present to give the report for the month of June.

b. ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE & BUDGET REPORT
Steve Miller, Administrator, updated Council and citizens for the month of June.

9) DISCUSSION ITEMS: N/A

10) ACTION ITEMS:

a. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL FOR THE NEWLY REESTABLISHED PENDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Scott Ward commented about a Social Media Policy stating Chief Burdette stated that policy would fall under the Town's Personnel Manual. Denise Jackson made a motion to accept the resolution with corrections of the date and wording of the disband Pendleton Police Department. Bruce Kalley seconded. Unanimous.

b. A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A COMMISSIONER AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER ASSOCIATION BOARD
Scott Ward made a motion to appoint Matthew Fleahman as the Commissioner and Steve Miller as the Alternate to represent Pendleton. Bruce Kalley seconded. Unanimous.

c. FIRST READING OF "A CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF PENDLETON TOWN HALL RENOVATION PROJECT"
Bruce Kalley made a motion to accept first reading of Ordinance 16-21. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous

11) PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Geri Turner stated last year she spoke and was mocked for suggesting a temporary police force further stating the crime has been increasingly bad since then. Her question is, the lady who lives outside of Town but wasn't able to speak, but yet we have a Town Administrator from what she understand doesn't live in Town. She stated her point is someone is making big decisions for us and has put us at a deficit for security with no repercussions to himself whatsoever.

Scott Ward stated if the above comments were directed towards Steve, then it needs to be made clear that he works under the direction of the Mayor and Town Council. Bruce Kalley stated Council is making the big decisions and Steve is just carrying them out.

Charles McCullough stated the eyesores in town like the old mill need to be cleaned up along with the pond at the old Fibertech Mill.

Steve Miller stated the owner of the Pendleton Oil Mill hosted a meeting with the contractor, the Mayor, Councilman Kalley, Town Planner, Tony Cirelli and himself. One building has been completely disassembled. This is a reclamation process, not a demolition process.

Bruce Kalley stated progress is being made on the site.

Karry Walker asked what the plans are for the Doghouse. Steve Miller stated the Doghouse will more than likely sit idle for a while. He has worked to try to partner with the school but the building needs a lot of work. Karry Walker further asked if it was required for the Town Administrator to live inside the Town Limits of Pendleton. Bruce Kalley stated it is not a requirement. Scott Ward stated Council recommended it but did not require it. Sandra Gantt stated the Town is a Strong Mayor form of Government and not Manager Form.

Lou Koppel stated we are damn lucky to have Steve Miller as an Administrator no matter where he lives and Steve has the Town in his best interest and he appreciates Steve Miller and could care less where he lives. Mr. Koppel further stated that Steve receives his direction from the Council and the Mayor.

Lee Hill asked if there was anything more important than their security. Bruce Kalley stated he did not think that was a yes or no question. Mr. Kalley further stated he does not feel threatened. Mr. Hill stated that his quality of life includes feeling secure. Sandra Gantt stated she feels we need security and that is why the Police Department was brought back.

Bill VonMeyer stated over the last 15 years he has been promised the Oil Mill would be cleaned up and he's telling us tonight that it's going to be torn down and removed. He stated those boards and buildings that built the oil mill were expensed under IRS tax money many years ago and Council should check on removal of old tax expense materials.

12) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 8 pm Denise Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Kalley seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted: _____

MAYOR: _____

COUNCIL:

WARD 1: _____

WARD 2: _____

WARD 3: _____

WARD 4: _____