

**WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 3, 2024
7:30 A.M.**

The Town of Pine Mountain held a work session on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 7:30 A.M. in the Town Hall.

07:30 – 08:00 Breakfast

08:00 - Mr. Curtis Bray opened the work session with prayer.

Opening Remarks and Welcoming-Mayor Pendergrass welcomed and thanked everyone for being in attendance.

*Mr. Rick Morris with River Valley Regional Commission discussed the Comprehensive Plan with the mayor and council members. The Comprehensive Plan will be submitted in the middle of May. The Mayor and Council will need to adopt the comprehensive plan prior to June 30th, 2024. Mr. Morris discussed some of the community's input from a survey that was taken by River Valley Regional Commission for Harris County.

*Mr. Joe Walter with Precision Planning gave the Mayor and Council an update on the White Avenue and McDougald Avenue projects. The water tank plans are complete and have been sent to EPD. The Town will build a new 200,000-gallon steel tank. The Town is planning on applying for a GEFA loan to help fund this project. The application is due by March 1, 2024. The applications will be reviewed by the GEFA board at their May meeting. Mr. Walter discussed the drainage issue on Wood/Hardy and Chipley Streets. The Mayor and Council will place this item on the February council meeting agenda authorizing Precision Planning to proceed with preliminary engineering to address this issue.

*Mr. Harlan Price with Architectural Innovations Design Group, LLC (AIDG) discussed the plans to renovate the Town Hall. The Mayor and Council will place this item on the February council meeting agenda authorizing the bid process.

*Mr. Pat Keating with Pine Mountain Tourism explained to the Mayor and Council what the town can and cannot do with the hotel motel tax revenue.

*Ms. Bonnie Kelly explained her role in helping the town in applying for grants.

*Mr. Chad Kimbrough discussed with the Mayor and Council the possibility of having parking for the bike trail on McDougald Avenue. This would free up space in town for people to park and shop. First Peoples Bank will commit \$20,000.00 toward the project.

***Gymnasium-The Mayor and Council need to decide on what they would like to see happen at the Gymnasium. Parking would be an issue at the gymnasium as it stands now.**

***Chris Nance (IT)**

Chris advised the Mayor and Council of the projects he is currently working on.

Adding Wi-Fi at the new public workshop-this will cost approximately \$905.00

Adding 6 cameras at the new public workshop-this will cost approximately \$500.00 per camera a total of \$3,000.00

Adding a back up power unit in the utility room at town hall-this will cost approximately \$910.00

Updating 4 computers, monitors and keyboards at the Police Department-this will cost approximately \$3,229.00

***Dilapidated Houses**

Mr. Bray would like to see some work on dilapidated houses. Mayor Pendergrass advised the council that he talked with Mr. Terrell Jacobs with Georgia Municipal Association, and he would be glad to come down and meet with us about this issue.

***Clean Up Day**

Mr. Boyer would like to have the clean up day on March 16th. The area that will be focused on this year will be the ballfield area.

***Alcohol License**

Mr. Hiers and Mr. Boyer would like to amend the ordinance to allow someone living within a certain radius in the adjoining counties to hold the alcohol license.

Also add that whoever is applying for the license attend a council meeting for the hearings.

***Other items on the agenda but not discussed:**

Police Department

Water Department

Fire Department

Plan for streets and sewer

Outlets downtown

Street signs

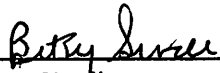
Water hydrants

Hump at Chipley Street and Highway 27

Pedestrian Crossing

The work session ended at approximately 2:42 P.M.

See attached list for those in attendance.




Betsy Sivell
Town Clerk


_____, Thomas E. Scott


_____, Curtis Bray


_____, John W. Hiers, Jr.


_____, James W. Trott, Jr.


_____, Christopher B. Boyer