

Minutes for Special Meeting
Pikeville Town Hall
6:00 pm, Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Present: Mayor Johnston, Commissioner Hooks, Commissioner Galloway, Commissioner West, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Katsenios

Absent: None

Staff Present: Tim Biggerstaff, Town Manager, Harry Lorello, Town Attorney, Rodney Jarman, Police Chief

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Mayor Johnston gave the invocation.

Mayor Johnston led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Grant Update:

The town will be receiving a \$1,000,000 grant thanks to Representative John Bell. The grant funds should be received sometime in November.

Nature Trail – Boy scouts and local colleges have agreed to assist with the Nature Trail. Landscape Design has offered use of equipment. Mayor Johnston will reach out to the Air Force for possible assistance.

Park Renovation – Blueprint and shovel ready plans are needed. Mayor Johnston, will be searching for a designer/planner.

Downtown Revitalization – Mayor Johnston will be searching for a designer/planner.

Lewis Property – Still negotiating terms of contract. A new Public Works building is needed. Mayor Johnston, will be searching for a grant to help fund the building.

Public Works – The town needs to have a strong public works department. The town will work towards having its own operator and getting away from Envirolink. Hiring a Public Works Director/Sewer Operator and eliminating the supervisor position was recommended.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion for the town manager to look into existing payroll and/or cancel Envirolinks services and search for a Sewer Operator/Public Works Director. Commissioner Katsenios seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-2. Commissioner Galloway and Commissioner Hooks voted against the motion.

Police Coverage

Chief Jarman presented three options to give the town 24hr coverage.

- 1- Increasing the current staff's hours which would include 50 hours overtime which would increase the budget \$36K.
- 2- Existing staff would rotate days and nights which would increase the budget 28K.
- 3- Adding a fifth full-time officer which would increase the budget \$55K-\$65K.

Mayor Johnston had concerns that he would like the Chief to be on day shift for administrative work.


Commissioner Thomas appreciated the Chief providing coverage and growth.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Katsenios announced that as of November 1, 2023, he would be resigning as commissioner.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Katsenios made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hooks seconded. Motion carried 5-0.



Robert G. Johnston, Mayor



Wendy Holland, Town Clerk