



**City of Boiling Spring Lakes
Board of Commissioners
Citizens' Forum Minutes
March 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm
City Hall**

1. Call to Order ~ Jeff Winecoff

Mayor Winecoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Attendance ~

Mayor Jeff Winecoff	Commissioner Thomas Guzulaitis
Commissioner Teagan Hall	Commissioner Kim Sherwood
Commissioner David Mammay	City Manager David Andrews
City Clerk Nancy Sims	

3. Citizens' Forum Comments and Questions

Marge Pennington, 301 South Shore Drive came to discuss two separate concerns. First, at the last BOC meeting the board discussed the animal ordinance. She absolutely agrees with the ordinance and thinks it is wonderful but has concerns about the enforcement of it. She had hoped Chief Jordan would be here to comment. Ms. Pennington would like to add to the next BOC agenda how the enforcement of this ordinance will be handled. She intends to talk to the Chief before then. She opined what good is an ordinance if it is not being enforced. January is set aside for registration of dogs; why just January? Obviously, a lot of people didn't show up for registration. Rabies vaccines are needed to register dogs, which is probably why there aren't more dogs registered. She suggested that the ordinance be distributed to new citizens of the city so they are aware.

Commissioner Hall agreed that the challenge may be a yearly registration. She suggested a one-time registration and to increase the rate to a flat-fee. That way they are in the system. **Commissioner Sherwood** added rabies vaccines are usually for three years; maybe you can schedule it by their rabies vaccine.

Commissioner Guzulaitis suggested doing it on a rolling basis, not just in January. **Commissioner Mammay** liked a one-time, increased flat-fee.

Second, **Ms. Pennington** wanted to know what will happen to the old police department when the new building is finished. **Commissioner Sherwood** replied the Library Commission has requested half of it and the other half has been requested by Parks and Recreation. **Commissioner Hall** added we have to look at the building because it needs a lot of work. **Commissioner Guzulaitis** said the Parks and Recreation Department has been talking about using the building for before and after school programs, as well as for teenagers.

Lastly, **Ms. Pennington** wanted to say thanks to Commissioner Guzulaitis and Jerry Wolf for scheduling the trash pickup and for the learning garden.

Mr. Andrews advised the animal ordinance is currently on the April 5 BOC agenda for adoption. We will get with the Chief to revise the staff report. We will also have more information on the old police building when it gets closer and will ask for direction from the BOC at that time.

Rodney Dean, 842 Trevino Road, there is a lot of building taking place in BSL. Based on a \$250,000 home is there an impact fee and if so, how much is it? **Mr. Andrews** replied there is no impact fee but there is property tax. **Commissioner Guzulaitis** added state statute does not allow impact fees. **Mayor Winecoff** said some towns in the past were getting sued and they had to return the money paid for impact fees. The State started looking at different ways to collect fees but nothing is solid yet.

Mr. Dean then asked how many houses are currently under construction in BSL. **Commissioner Mammay** replied about six months ago we had 13 so we probably have about 40 or 50 by now.

Mr. Dean added that we used to be told the amount of cash on hand for the City during the Manager's monthly report. **Mr. Andrews** replied we will note that. **Commissioner Sherwood** read the amounts currently in the accounts.

Mr. Dean inquired as to how many Habitat for Humanity houses are being built on Fifty Lakes Drive. After confirming **Commissioner Guzulaitis** stated there are three lots together and then one across the street. **Mr. Dean** asked if there was a limit on Habitat homes. **Commissioner Guzulaitis** replied why would there be a limit on something like that?

Mr. Dean lastly wondered what the large building was with the steel frame on Fifty Lakes Drive coming off Highway 87. Is that commercial there? **Commissioner Mammay** replied, no it is not commercial. I do know inspection would not let it continue if it is not compliant. We cannot dictate the materials a house is built from.

Roger Samson, 651 Trevino Road, he does not see the dog ordinance to be as big of a problem as Marge Pennington does. There probably are a number of dogs without tags but he has not seen but one dog bite in the police reports listed in the newspaper.

Mr. Samson went on to say that Trevino Road is unfinished. He asked the City several years ago if they could pave the road and the answer was the City doesn't own that piece of road. It has been a period of time and things have changed. He now doesn't know what the city owns and what they don't. After one serious storm the road was so bad fire trucks couldn't get down the road. He mentioned that to the City Manager and stone was put down. Now, it is getting bad again; he doesn't expect it to be paved but could rock or stone be put down again so that emergency vehicles can travel the road. **Commissioner Guzulaitis** said the City Manager can look in that.

Stephanie Bodmer Gosnell, 600 Barber Road, the Plant Conservancy is very interested in our area for the Venus Flytrap. We are the most populated area for flytraps. They would like to get a

list of when the drainage systems will be worked on so they can preserve some of these Venus Flytraps. They want to possibly move them over to the community garden and then transplant them back when the ditches are done to preserve them.

Second, I am hoping to meet with public works to get a timeline for mowing as well. It is important for preservation to mow after they seed and not before they seed. They are willing to come down and do a lunch and learn for the public works employees. **Commissioner Guzulaitis** asked when they seed. **Ms. Gosnell** responded June or early July. **Mr. Andrews** stated staff will do our best to accommodate what you are requesting.

Mayor Winecoff provided an update on the dams. He gave a presentation before the County Commissioners and asked for \$3 million to help with the dams. We need all the help we can get. Mayor Winecoff has talked to Representatives Miller and Rouzer and requested that they come here and see the problems for themselves. He is waiting for a final response from them. If they won't come here, we will go there and the County Commissioners will go with us. We are also doing everything possible to obtain grants. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to try to come up with the money we need.

Mayor Winecoff continued, a few of us also met with the dam engineers. Like I said before, I am not a big fan of one big contract, so it will now be two separate bids. If two contractors split the project it may be cheaper and get done faster. **Commissioner Sherwood** offered the analogy that it is like we are behind a car that is being pushed up hill and we are pushing as hard as we can. It is moving, but moving slow.

Commissioner Guzulaitis thanked the citizens for being here. He said you are part of the community and your comments are not going on deaf ears. Just a reminder that the trash sweep will take place on March 26th and the Muse Park Grand Opening will take place on March 19th.

4. **Adjourn ~**


Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Moved by: Commissioner Sherwood

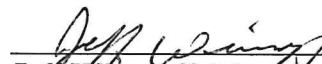
Seconded by: Commissioner Guzulaitis

Motion Carried 5-0

ATTEST:



Nancy Sims, City Clerk



Jeff Winecoff, Mayor

4/5/2022

Date

City of Boiling Spring Lakes

CITIZENS' FORUM

PLEASE PRINT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Phone</u>
1. <u>MARGE PENNINGTON</u>	<u>301 S. SHORE DR 845-2050</u>
2. <u>Redmy Dew</u>	<u>542 Treviso Rd 301-247-1317</u>
3. <u>Roger Egan</u>	_____
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