



**City of Boiling Spring Lakes
Board of Commissioners
Citizens' Forum Minutes
June 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm
City Hall**

1. Call to Order – Mayor Jeff Winecoff

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

2. Attendance:

Mayor Jeff Winecoff
Commissioner David Mammay
Commissioner Kim Sherwood
Commissioner Teagan Hall
City Manager Gordon Hargrove
Assistant Manager Nicole Morgan
Police Chief Kevin Smith
Finance Director Suzanne Tungate
City Clerk Nancy Sims

Commissioner Justin Lovin Excused

3. Citizens' Forum Comments and Questions

10 people were in the audience.

Mayor Winecoff thanked everyone for being here and indicated that no one signed up to speak. He let everyone know the City's largest project is the dam project and it is moving at a very fast pace. At the last monthly BOC meeting the manager informed us the detour road should be back open by very late fall or early winter. The lakebed vegetation is now being cut down and things have been going well. The contractor is communicating with everyone and we hope that all roads will be opened back up quicker than anticipated. He also wanted to reiterate that the FY 2024-2025 budget was passed with no tax increase. The BOC worked with the budget because we understand what the costs of food, gas, living expenses and such are right now for everyone.

Commissioner Sherwood advised she is working diligently on an MOU with the Plant Conservation Program under the Department of Agriculture regarding the nature trail at the Community Center.

Commissioner Mammay stated that no capital projects are being done at this time because there was no tax increase this year. Please keep in mind we are delaying things as we are trying to look after citizens by not raising taxes.

Commissioner Hall wanted to recognize the Special Events Committee who are working very hard on the Mayor's Cup to be held in August.

Mr. Hargrove wanted to piggy back on what Mayor Winecoff said. North, Pine and Upper Lake Dams should be done by late fall, early winter. We are looking forward to opening East Boiling Spring Road again. Currently we are reviewing possible changes to our ordinances to prohibit big trucks on the detour roads. One of the most asked questions to staff is why does it look like nothing is going on with Sanford Dam. Well, a lot is going on. They are pouring concrete and then have test days at 3, 8 and 21 days to make sure the concrete is setting correctly. If the concrete fails the test, they have to start the process over. That testing won't hold up the project, though, as they can work on other areas while waiting. Things are moving fast.

Mr. Hargrove continued, staff also gets questions about rebuilding docks. We are having a little issue with FEMA. They are saying the docks are not in compliance and not really giving us a solution to resolve the issue. The Assistant City Manager and I have a meeting in Raleigh next week to try to get this problem fixed so we can move forward. It is certainly less expensive to build docks back when there is no water in the lake. People need to start thinking about removing docks out of the lakebed before water returns. Staff will be working on a remedy for that which may go along the lines that if the City needs to remove it, we will charge for that removal as we don't have resources. So please tell your neighbors that have a dock.

Lucille Lauderdale, 370 Pine Lake Road. She has noticed a tremendous amount of cement trucks on Pine Lake. The road is taking a beating and the fact we don't have funds for repair concerns her. **Mr. Hargrove** responded the contractor is responsible for repairs, but won't do any until the project is complete. Any damage caused by the dam contractor will be repaired. **Ms. Lauderdale** added also people are not traveling at the posted speed limit. **Mr. Hargrove** responded Chief Smith has said over 100 tickets have been written. At some point the public and people have to be responsible for their own actions. We are doing everything we can to slow people down. The police average over 550 calls a month and for a police department of this size that is an incredible amount. Officers are on patrol a lot, I see them. You can bet if we catch them, we are going to book them. He went on to explain that several months ago there were a lot of complaints about large trucks on the detour. He had a discussion with Sequoia at that time who said they were not shuttling material from Sanford Dam to Upper Lake Dam on Pine Lake Road. **Mr. Hargrove** pointed out there is also a lot of building happening on this side of the community, which means a lot of construction vehicles on Pine Lake Road. As stated previously, we are working on ordinances that can be voted on ASAP for that. As far as the cement trucks, it is hard to say who they are associated with as cement is used to pour footers. I note that Sequoia has poured over 210 yards of concrete on North Lake, so I will have another conversation with them. **Ms. Lauderdale** then stated there is a police write up in the State Port Pilot every week and suggested adding something more about that in the paper. **Mr. Hargrove** replied having more information in the paper about what tickets were written and where, I am not sure that can be broken down more. **Chief Smith** added we distribute that information every week to the State Port Pilot and once we disburse it to them, they do whatever they want unless we specifically ask. **Ms. Lauderdale** advised it said last week just 19 tickets were written, that is disappointing. **Commissioner Hall** confirmed they are just not being warned, but tickets written.

Chief Smith clarified that a lot of tickets are for stop sign violations. **Mayor Winecoff** said he goes through there constantly and sees officers everywhere on the road. Further discussion took place about ticketing on the detour and police monitoring the roads.

Laura Busse, 1066 Filmore. She wanted to know more information about the nature trail that was mentioned. **Commissioner Sherwood** explained the trail is located at the Community Center and is part of a Plant Conservation Program under the Department of Agriculture. She is currently trying to work with the State to come in and update the trail. That one piece of property near the Community Center is the only trail that is open to public. **Commissioner Sherwood** provided her with a copy of the map of the area.

Mark Wesche, 701 South Shore (Buckbee) Drive. He was told that Middle and Upper Lake road crossing was privately owned and therefore will not be repaired. **Mr. Hargrove** replied Middle Lake Dam is a privately owned dam. That is the reason we couldn't provide funding for it. The City is not repairing it and it will impact water levels on that part of the lake.

Carol McKeithan, 705 South Shore (Buckbee) Drive. There are still speeders on South Shore Drive and suggested speed bumps. **Commissioner Mammay** replied that can't be done because of emergency vehicles.

Lucille Lauderdale, 370 Pine Lake Road. She asked how long it will take for the lakes to be filled once the dam is complete. **Commissioner Mammay** replied it will probably take about six months to fill without a major storm coming through. It has a natural creek running through it. **Mayor Winecoff** added it will be filled, they will skim it and then drain it back down so it can fill again to test the dams.

Mike Forte, 829 Sanders Road. He wanted to know what the ETA was on Alton Lennon Road opening. **Mr. Hargrove** replied we don't have an ETA on that yet. That will probably be one of the last roads to open.

4. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Moved by: Commissioner Kim Sherwood

Seconded by: Commissioner Teagan Hall

Motion Carried 5-0

Jeff Winecoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Sims, City Clerk