



**City of Boiling Spring Lakes  
Board of Commissioners  
Citizens' Forum Minutes  
December 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm  
City Hall**

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**1. Call to Order - Mayor Winecoff**

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

**2. Attendance:**

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

**3. Citizens' Forum Comments and Questions**

15 people were in the audience.

**Paul Brosseau, 1811 Pinehurst Road.** He wanted to know the total acreage for the four lots the City recently purchased behind the Public Works building. **Mr. Hargrove** didn't know the total acreage. **Mr. Brosseau** then wanted to know the benefit to the City of the purchase. **Mayor Winecoff** replied it is mainly for safety. There have been many close calls with traffic coming through the light almost causing accidents. They will have access off Boiling Spring Road and be able to come out at the light. **Mr. Brosseau** also wanted to know the status of the dangerous dog hearing. **Chief Smith** advised the owners of the dogs deemed vicious have appealed the decision. A three member board that will hear the appeal will be appointed at the January 2<sup>nd</sup> BOC meeting.

**Parker Knight, 1950 Albermarle Road.** Regarding the roads that are going to get paved next year, some of the houses are newer and have driveways and other ones have a gap. **Mr. Parker** wants to extend his driveway to meet the road but thought he should ask about that situation before incurring any costs. Is there a way to connect with the contractor to bring the paving to the driveway? **Mr. Hargrove** replied each case is different and you are only allowed so much impervious surface on your lot. I would suggest meeting with Nicole Morgan in the Planning Department to discuss that. **Mr. Parker** then asked when they pave the street and the easement

is not done, is it my responsibility. **Mr. Hargrove** said not sure if that is usually up to the homeowner. Staff is meeting with the contractor next Thursday and we will ask that question.

**Shannon Van Deren, 320 Pine Lake Road.** We are still seeing a lot of traffic going fast through the detours. On the straightaway they are flying through and there is no good place for officers to sit. She will not walk her dog on her road anymore. Can the City install speed bumps or electronic monitors to write tickets? **Mayor Winecoff** added he was going through there the other day and someone came flying past him. **Commissioner Hall** asked Chief Smith about an increase in ticketing. **Chief Smith** said we are spread pretty thin but we try to enforce it. We don't own an electronic monitor. **Commissioner Lovin** asked if the City had a radar trailer. **Chief Smith** replied yes, but it only works with targeting. **Mayor Winecoff** wanted Chief Smith to talk to the Sheriff's office to see if they can give additional support. **Chief Smith** replied we have already reached out and when they are available they come.

**David Tagliaferro, 300 Pine Lake.** Ditto on the traffic as we live next door to Shannon. There is also property near us that has a lot of trash on it. Don't know what the ordinance is but their garbage bins are overflowing. It is a rental. He has contacted code enforcement and emailed back and forth with him. Code Enforcement said it doesn't look like a problem. The address is 291 Pine Lake Road. **Mr. Hargrove** advised we already looked at that property; in the code enforcement officer's interpretation of the code, it is within the limits. Although trash and garbage is not acceptable so we will check again.

**Laura Busse, 1066 Fillmore.** She was wondering how the dam project was going and if there was any more talk about the vegetation. **Mayor Winecoff** replied the dam is ahead of schedule and we are having discussions about the vegetation. One thing we are looking at is burning the center and then cutting the edges. After the first of year they will start on East Boiling Spring Road and then on to North Lake Dam. **Mr. Hargrove** added the reason construction has not started on North Lake or Pine Lake is because of the MIP drill. We can't excavate the dam site as the road will be impassable. That will dictate the next steps of the dam. That may or may not be the beginning of the year. **Mayor Winecoff** then said the contractor was supposed to take everything down Funston Road and realized they could not do that. So now they have to go down East Boiling Spring Road.

**Jim Martin, 781 South Shore Drive.** I'm just here to say from bottom of my heart I appreciate everything you all do. Plus I want everybody to see my Christmas sweater!

**Paul Brosseau, 1811 Pinehurst Road.** He heard in passing that the City has grown and some departments are lobbying for more space and the soon to be vacated fire department. His understanding is that the building is owned by the County. **Mayor Winecoff** replied the fire department owns that building. **Commissioner Hall** added we have no control over that building. **Mr. Hargrove** stated my understanding is the fire department will use it as storage. **Mayor Winecoff** said right now the only plan we have is for the old police station. There is \$250,000 set aside from Senator Rabon for a library there, and then in the budget we put some money away for renovation for the Parks and Recreation kids for safety reasons. It is safer to merge out from here than down the road. **Mr. Brosseau** said I'm sure there is a 5 or 10 year plan for the future, but how long before this building here needs to be replaced. **Mayor Winecoff** replied we have a

meeting scheduled on January 11<sup>th</sup> to start planning a long range plan. We are also putting together a steering committee for sewer as well so we can start asking for grant money.

**Chris Simpson, 10 Glenwood Drive.** She wanted to know what they are building on the property down on Pine Road. **Mr. Hargrove** replied no plans have come through our Planning Department as of yet on that property.

**Leslie Bussey, 159 Harper Lake Drive.** She has lived here eight years and is enjoying the mild weather. She was curious what the City's winter ice policy is. Do you do any sanding or salting on the roads? I am assuming you have no snow plows. **Mayor Winecoff** replied DOT will do their main roads and some secondary roads. So, it is up to DOT.

**Shannon Van Deren, 320 Pine Lake Road.** She wanted to know the status on funding for the dam. Where are we, and are we within the limits and staying on track? **Mayor Winecoff** replied we received an extra \$8 Million Dollars recently. **Mr. Hargrove** added we have not had any change orders of any significant value come through. As of right now we are still within budget. **Ms. Tungate** stated the total budget is \$53.9 Million Dollars and we have that. **Mr. Hargrove** said barring any significant setbacks, we hopefully will not have to touch the bond money. But hear those words: barring any significant setbacks!!! **Ms. Van Deren** then asked how the contract is written if the amount ends up more. **Mayor Winecoff** said that already happened but we fought back and we compromised. **Mr. Hargrove** said they are supposed to start on Pine Lake and North Lake simultaneously. If not, that is not the City's problem, we will not compensate them. Every time we have a meeting they give us a date for substantial completion and every change order has to be approved by the BOC. **Ms. Van Deren** wanted confirmation there is still a penalty to them for tardiness of completion. **Mr. Hargrove** replied the penalty starts if they don't complete the project by such and such a date.

**Laurie Sillings, 995 South Shore.** The mowing of the lakebeds is looking awesome. Is there some kind of schedule? **Mayor Winecoff** replied they have to keep the equipment maintained so they have to take care of that several times a week. **Ms. Sillings** then queried if they are not doing anything with North Lake, why is traffic still blocked. **Mayor Winecoff** said that road is tore up and if we pave it and then they tear it up again that's a waste of money. She also asked if the mowing is on schedule. **Mayor Winecoff** replied we want to burn so we keep up with it. Once the water hits the mowed down part, it will all die.

**Chris Simpson, 10 Glenwood Drive.** I was all for burning but today I read an article that said burning has a lot of drawbacks. When the lake is filled it will stink and prevent oxygen to sustain any fish. Did you talk to the wildlife people? **Mr. Hargrove** replied staff has actually heard the exact opposite. If we leave the vegetation as is, it will not be able to sustain life and also stink if we leave any vegetation. Nothing we do will be perfect but we have to pick our evil, which is burning the interior and mowing the outside edge. **Mayor Winecoff** added we have taken our time to make the correct decision. We have heard about everything and we need to decide the best solution. **Ms. Simpson** then asked if the depth of the lakebed as we see it now, is that the depth it was. **Mayor Winecoff** said we have been told the depth will be 30 feet when the lake comes back. **Commissioner Mammay** said it is shallow near 87 but near the dam it is deep.

**Leslie Bussey, 159 Harper Lake Drive.** Do you have a contingency for sink holes? **Mr. Winecoff** replied the dam engineer worked that in.

**Mark Wesche, 701 Buckbee/South Shore Road.** First, nobody has talked about Upper Lake. Second, can someone comment on the safety issues? Lastly, is there an artist rendering of any of these dams and what they will look like? **Commissioner Mammay** replied there are blueprints. **Mr. Hargrove** replied regarding Upper Lake, his understanding is that since they have been stalled in Pine Lake and North Lake, Upper Lake may be around the first of the year. As far as safety, Chief Smith is getting quotes for security cameras, security guards are not an option as it is cost prohibitive.

**Mayor Winecoff** wanted to thank everyone for attending this meeting. Merry Christmas to all and be safe!!

#### **4. Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.**

***Moved by:*** Commissioner Lovin

***Seconded by:*** Commissioner Hall

**Motion Carried 5-0**

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**Jeff Winecoff, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Nancy Sims, City Clerk**