



City of Boiling Spring Lakes
Board of Commissioners
Citizens' Forum Minutes
December 15, 2022 at 6:00 pm
City Hall

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

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

2. **Attendance:**

Mayor Jeff Winecoff
Commissioner Kim Sherwood
Commissioner David Mammay
Commissioner Teagan Hall
City Manager Gordon Hargrove
Finance Director Suzanne Tungate
City Clerk Nancy Sims
Commissioner Thomas Guzulaitis- Excused

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

Nine people were in the audience.

Paul Brosseau, 1811 Pinehurst Road. He had some observations he wanted to share.

He acknowledged that he and his wife are not big participants in the Community Center activities, but they have noticed new employees, new activities and different opportunities, which is a nice asset to the City.

He has heard and seen code enforcement approach people to clean up their properties. He wanted to acknowledge that they are out there working and pounding on doors. Just in our neighborhood one of the eyesores had been there for five years, so nice work there.

Regarding the clearing of the lakebed, is that in-house or is the work being contracted out? **Mr. Hargrove** replied it is being done in-house. We have hired a temporary contract employee for that full time.

Mr. Brosseau: Before the City got the machine he heard there was a goal of two acres a day to clear. Are we on tract or behind schedule with that? **Mr. Hargrove** replied up until this week we were using Public Works staff, but we now have a fulltime experienced person doing the clearing with a spotter. We can't give you an update on acreage or anticipate how long it will take at this time. We may know better by the next meeting.

Mr. Brosseau: Has there been any updates on the \$8 Million from Representative Miller? **Mayor Winecoff** responded no update yet. They go into their long session in January and once they go in long session it will need to go through their whole process. We probably won't know until October of next year. Representative Miller is on top of it and they know we need it. That is a good amount for him. **Mr. Hargrove** added that he knows the Mayor is in contact with Representative Miller and we talk to him weekly.

Mr. Brosseau: The Dog registration has been done away with but something has to be done about these dogs. They are running loose and someone needs to take care of these loose dogs. **Commissioner Hall** responded when you see that call it in each time. **Mr. Brosseau:** The police need to be proactive and start pounding on doors. The dog that attacked our dog was running around and is still running around. **Commissioner Hall** asked if anyone called it in. Call 911 and say it is a non-emergency. It may be that they are not getting phone calls if everyone is assuming someone else is calling.

Mr. Brosseau: He suggested maybe advertisements be put out there for a study group on how to get people down here to talk to you at these forums. They are great avenues for people to get involved. They are advertised but there may be a better way to get people down here.

James Sezter 910 Golfview Road. He and other neighbors have recently stopped getting mail delivered in the Highlands and wanted to know a status on that. **Mr. Hargrove** replied we have reached out to Congressman Rouzer's office and have not yet heard back. Several complaints have been registered. Commissioner Guzulaitis and I have been communicating with Southport Post Master and he has pushed it up the line to the next level so we can coordinate to find a solution. They are possibly looking at cluster mailboxes, but the preference is to have individual mail delivery. Some of that is out of our control. We know it is very inconvenient for the citizens.

4. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

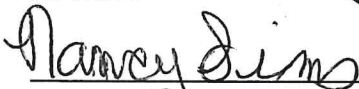
Moved by: Commissioner Sherwood

Seconded by: Commissioner Hall

Motion Carried 5-0



ATTEST:



Nancy Sims, City Clerk



Jeff Winecoff, Mayor