

**Town of Pinetops**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
**Special Call Meeting**  
**Public Hearing**  
**April 20, 2022 6:00 PM**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**A. Call Public Hearing to Order**

Mayor Harrell called the Public Hearing to order.

**B. Invocation**

Invocation was given by Commissioner Taylor.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Harrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Item for Discussion**

Consider an amendment of Chapter 133 of the Pinetops Code of Ordinances to allow for the possession of beer and wine on public property during permitted special events.

**E. Guests**

Town Attorney, Brian Pridgen was present via zoom.

The attorney took a few moments to go over the two ordinances that were up for the board's consideration. The first ordinance would amend the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Pinetops to allow for the consumption of alcoholic beverages at Special Events. The second ordinance would amend the Town of Pinetops Special Events Ordinance.

The Town Administrator explained that everything else that pertained to Special Events such as the Special Event Application and the ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to provide regulations for special events was adopted by the Board February 1, 2022. However; at that time the Board chose not to adopt the ordinance to allow for the consumption of alcoholic beverages at Special Events without a Public Hearing being held to allow citizens the opportunity to voice any comments or concerns they may have as it relates to the ordinance. The only change in the ordinance presented today versus the ordinance that was presented to the Board back in February is that the current ordinance would only allow for beer and wine consumption but no hard liquor.

**F. Public Comment**

**1. Bernice Anderson – 214 N. Martin Luther King St.**

Bernice Anderson asked that the ordinance be explained a little better so that she would have a complete understanding of how it applies. Commissioner Mabry remarked that the ordinance only applies to town owned & public property. This does not apply to events that are held on private property.

**2. George Barnes – 508 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St.**

George Barnes asked if he is understanding it correctly by assuming this means that you would be allowed to bring your own beer or wine but would not be allowed to sale alcohol at the Special Event. Mayor Harrell replied that is correct and restated that this applies only to permitted special events that have acquired all the correct paperwork.

**3. Patrick Sharpe – Tractor Pull**

Patrick Sharpe told the Board that he had all the required paperwork requested for holding the Special Event (Tractor Pull) on May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. This includes the application, request of road closures, proof of insurance, and pictures of past events. Mr. Sharpe will present this information to the Town Administrator and wait for final approval.

Mayor Harrell closed the Public Hearing.

**G. Open Special Meeting**

Mayor Harrell opened the Special Meeting.

Commissioner Mabry made a motion to adopt an ordinance of the Board of Commissioners amending the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Pinetops to allow for the consumption of alcoholic beverages at Special Events. Commissioner Sugg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mabry made a motion to adopt an ordinance of the Board of Commissioners amending the Town of Pinetops Special Events Ordinance. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**H. Adjournment**

Commissioner Webb made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Date: 5/3/2022

ATTESTED:

Tammy Keesler

Finance Officer/Town Clerk Tammy Keesler

Brenda Harrell

Mayor Brenda Harrell