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Pittman Center Times

Official Newsletter of the Town of Pittman Center

Dear Subscribers,

Thank you for continuing to read the Pittman Center Times! We believe this is one of the best methods to communicate with the citizens of this community. We look forward to continued communication with YOU, the CITIZEN!

If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to call Town Hall at (865) 436-5499 or you can email us at asutton@pittmancentertn.gov.

-Your PC Times Staff



MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL

We hope that everyone had a great Christmas and stayed safe! While many wish for a white Christmas every year, I don't believe that wish normally includes power outages, blocked roads, downed trees, and downed utility lines on top of the global pandemic we continue to face. We hope that everyone made it through this time as safely as possible. Please join me in thanking our Public Works and police departments for working through the holidays to keep our roads safe.

This newsletter is bittersweet as it will be the last newsletter that will feature a "message from Michael". It has truly been a privilege over the last two years to be a part of this community and I would like to thank every citizen for that opportunity. Mayor Huskey and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen are working diligently to find the next Pittman Center Administrator. Please check our website in the future for more information on the interview process.

Our annual Yule Log event was on Friday December 4th. The Town would like to thank the Sweeney and Shultz families for being a part of the program as well as all the citizens that came out for this event. Although the weather did not cooperate, we feel that we made great strides in bettering our event and will continue those in future years.

From all of the employees of the Town we hope you have a great new years!

Michael T. Borders
City Administrator



TOWN MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Town meetings are open to the public. Members of the community are encouraged to attend! Complete minutes (after they are approved) are available on the Pittman Center website. Below is an unofficial and brief overview of the meetings.

Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals during the regularly scheduled meeting held on December 14th:



1. Request to Continue the use of a Recreational Vehicle During Construction for the Property Located at 128 Perkins Road Gatlinburg, TN 37738 (Map: 118 Parcel: 193.00). The Board of Zoning Appeals approved the use of the recreational vehicle for an additional three months.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission during the regularly scheduled meeting held on December 14th:

1. Consideration of Variance Request for a Minor Subdivision of a Portion of Buckhorn Inn Property Located at 235 Douglas Way (Map: 118 Parcel: 164.02). After some consideration and discussion the Planning Commission disapproved the variance request.
2. Other Business or Discussion. City Administrator Borders conducted Open Meetings and Records training.

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

During the regularly scheduled Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting held on December 17th :

1. Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Consideration of Ordinance No. 304: An Ordinance Amending the “Zoning Map of the Town of Pittman Center, Tennessee” by Rezoning Property from the RLD (Low Density Single Family Residential) to the R-1 (Single Family Residential) District. A public hearing for the Ordinance was held and the Ordinance was approved unanimously. (This property can be further described as approximately 36 acres located where Copeland meets 321, Parcel: 21.00 Map: 109)
2. First Reading and Consideration of Ordinance No. 305 An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a Codification and Revision of the Ordinances of the Town of Pittman Center, Tennessee. The Ordinance was approved on first reading.
3. Reading and Consideration of Resolution No. 230 A Resolution Approving the Dissolution of the Pittman Center Regional Planning Commission and the Pittman Center Planning Region. The Resolution was approved on first reading.

City Administrator Agenda Commentary

With the recent increase in COVID-19 cases our December BMA was expedited for safety purposes. Not all items on the original agenda were addressed. Ordinance #305 takes existing ordinances of continuing nature and codifies them into the Municipal Code, which has not been done since the 2000s. The Ordinance in and of itself does not add or delete any existing regulations “on the books” with the exceptions of a few minor changes to ensure our regulations align with changes to Tennessee Code Annotated (state law). Resolution #230 begins the process of deregulating areas outside of the Town of Pittman Center. The Town currently has a planning region,

which includes areas outside of our corporate limits. At the time this was done Sevier County did not have planning regulations in place and was deemed necessary to provide protections to the Town's citizens. The county has since adopted planning regulations and we have determined to help streamline the process and eliminate confusion for development in the county areas it would best if we dissolved the planning region. Please note this does **not** affect any regulations in place within the Town's corporate limits.



Upcoming Meetings

The next Planning Commission meeting will be announced on our website.

The next Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting will be announced on our website.

The next Tree Board meeting will be announced on our website.

If you have any questions regarding agenda items or action please do not hesitate to contact the City Administrator at (865) 436-5499.

REMINDERS...

Please remember in order to participate in the citizens comment section of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting you must fill out a form provided by Town staff and return the form prior to the end of day Tuesday before the Thursday meeting. You can find the form at www.pittmancenter.tn.gov go to the "government" tab in the ribbon bar then to "printable forms". You may also contact Town staff and have the form filled out over the phone at (865) 436-5499.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may have noticed that we now have a third person on our maintenance staff serving our community. We welcome Randall Loveday to our staff. Randall is married with three children, six grandchildren and has four house cats. Some hobbies that he enjoys are hunting, fishing and going to the beach.

Mr. Loveday grew up in Sevier County. He graduated from Sevier County High, class of 1980. Go Smoky Bears!

Randall says that some of the reasons he likes working for the Town of Pittman Center is that the town is like a town from a Hallmark movie with its family feeling about it. He enjoys getting to do different things and working outside.

When asked what else he would like to add about himself his reply was, "I love the Lord and if you will strive to get closer to Him everything else will fall into place."



Please remember as the New Year celebrations approach, Fireworks Permits can be obtained at Pittman Center City Hall for \$5.00

You may go to our website: www.pittmancentertn.gov on the home page and click on the **Fireworks Ordinance** to see the full ordinance.



Pittman Center – Winterwonderland

We have received several pictures of our beautiful community after the Christmas snow. If you have any pictures please email us at asutton@pittmancentertn.gov for a chance to be featured in our next newsletter!



Photo credit: Pamela Caskie

Yule Log 2020



Thank you to Ms. Michelle Bowers the Art Teacher for Pittman Center Elementary, the Pre-K, 2nd graders and 4th graders that helped to make our Christmas Tree beautiful with their handmade ornaments.



BOB SWEENEY READS THE NATIVITY STORY



CITY ADMINISTRATOR, MICHAEL BORDERS INTRODUCES EACH SEGMENT OF THE EVENING



OFFICER BEN OGLE KEEPING THE FLAME BURNING



STEPHANIE SWEENEY READING THE HISTORY OF THE YULE LOG





YULE LOG 2020



SWEENEY FAMILY



NICK WOODSON WITH DUSTIN SHULTZ FAMILY



TWO FRONT TEETH FOR CHRISTMAS PLEASE



TAMMY WATTS AND MAYOR HUSKEY



PITTMAN CENTER FIRE DEPT. TO SANTA'S RESCUE, THEY ARE SO MUCH BETTER THAN REINDEER!



SANTA IN LIQUID SNOW



TABLE OF GOODIES FOR ALL



LYNDON, SANTA, LENA