

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
SUMMARY ACTION AGENDA**

June 8, 2021

7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM

Call to Order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Present – Mayor Melanie Hammet, Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux, and Council members Brandy Hall and Augusta Woods. Also, present were Acting City Administrator Peggy Merriss, Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner, Chief Sarai Y’Hudah-Green and City Attorney Susan Moore. Council members Brandy Beavers and Tracey Brantley were not in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Council member Woods, second by Council member Hall and all council members present voting “aye,” the agenda was adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 25, 2021, the Executive Session of May 25, 2021, and the Special Called Meeting of May 27, 2021.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; second by Council member Hall and all members present voting “aye,” the minutes were adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of a Tentative 2021 Millage Rate.

Mayor Hammet introduced the agenda item and turned it over to Acting City Administrator Merriss. Ms. Merriss recommended the adoption of setting the tentative millage rate of 19.909 to begin the process of determining the final millage rate for 2021. This rate will be advertised in The Champion Newspaper, along with a five-year history of the millage rate and tax digest for Pine Lake. All the pertinent information is also available in the 6/9/2021 Council Meeting Agenda Packet on the Pine Lake Website.

Ms. Merriss stated that there will be three public hearings regarding the millage rate: Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, June 29th, 2021, at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on this tax increase to be held virtually.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, second by Council member Hall, and all council members present voting "aye," Resolution R-07-2021 establishing the Tentative 2021 Millage Rate was adopted.

Adoption of Resolution and Plan Agreement for the Amended and Restated 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan.

Acting City Administrator Merriss presented the plan and stated that the city participates with Georgia Municipal Association and contributes 5% of full-time employees' salaries which is not taxed. Ms. Merriss added that the IRS had issued a favorable determination letter for the plan so that the contributions can be considered as pre-tax income for tax purposes. Ms. Merriss stated that Resolution R-08-2021 reflects the City's plan. Ms. Merriss stated that a 457b supplemental plan is also offered to full time employees that wish to participate by making individual contributions.

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux said that she is interested in exploring whether it would be advantageous to have the 457b plan and the 401a Defined Contribution Plan both offered through GMA instead of two different vendors. There will be research on this matter and information will be provided at a later date.

On a motion by Council member Hall, second by Council member Woods, and all council members present voting "aye," Resolution R-08-2021 was adopted and the Plan Agreement for the Amended and Restated 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan was approved.

Resolution Confirming Executive Session of May 25, 2021.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, second by Council member Woods and all council members present voting "aye," Resolution R-09-2021 was confirmed.

Resolution Appointing the DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections to Conduct the 2021 General Municipal Election.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux to adopt Resolution # R-10-2021 as amended to correct references to the year 2013 to 2021, second by Council member Woods, and all council members present voting "aye," the Resolution Appointing the DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections to Conduct the 2021 General Municipal Election the resolution was approved.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor and City Council

Information for "The Pine Lake News" eblast:

Council sets tentative millage rate for 2021.

By setting the tentative millage rate of 19.909, Council has begun the process of determining the rate for 2021. This rate will be advertised in The Champion Newspaper, along with a five-year history of the millage rate and tax digest for Pine Lake. All the pertinent information is also available in the 6/9/2021 Council Meeting [Agenda Packet](#) on the Pine Lake Website.

There will be three public hearings regarding the millage rate: Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, June 29th, 2021, at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on this tax increase to be held virtually. [Direct Link](#) to participate in the hearing or dial (929) 205 6099 (Meeting ID: 967 0462 7805).

A municipal general election shall be conducted on November 2, 2021, for the purpose of electing three (3) City Council Members.

If you are interested in running for one of these seats the qualification period is from August 17th, 2021, to August 19th, 2021. See [Notice of Election](#) on the City website for more details.

Eastern Wetlands Leak has been repaired.

For the past several weeks, the Eastern Wetlands has been largely without water due to repairs that were being conducted by our Public Works Department. Work on this repair was complicated by several major rain events. The work has now been completed and the wetlands will be re-filling over the coming days. Hats off to Raoul Martinez and Pat Welch who were able to do the needed repairs without outside assistance, saving money for the city.

Beach and Lake Opening

The Beach and Lake will open for the 2021 season on Thursday, July 8th, 2021. The beach will be open from Thursday to Monday each week. There will be two sessions each day: Morning from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM and Afternoon from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM, with a limit on capacity of 75. The season will close on August 30th.

City acquires property at 4642 Rockbridge.

The Mayor, Acting City Administrator, and City Attorney have been working closely with previous owner, Mr. Hagos to hammer out a mutually beneficial transfer of the vacant property at the Northwest corner of Poplar and Rockbridge. We are very appreciative of Mr. Hagos' public-minded generosity and for the purchase of the land. Plans for use of this greenspace are being considered and information will be released when it becomes available.

Adjournment.

On a motion by Council member Hall, second by Council member Woods and all Council members present voting "aye," the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.