

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA**

Call to Order: Mayor Melanie Hammet called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Mayor Melanie Hammet, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Bordeaux, Council Members Tracey Brantley, Nivea Castro, and Augusta Woods. Also present were City Manager ChaQuias Miller-Thornton, City Attorney Susan Moore, Chief of Police Sarai Y’Hudah-Green, and Assistant City Clerk Ned Dagenhard. Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner.

Adoption of Agenda of the Day

Council Member Brantley moved to adopt the agenda of the day; Council Member Castro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the Minutes

- Regular Meeting – September 12th, 2023

Council Member Castro moved to adopt the amended minutes from the September 12th Regular Meeting; Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Ordinance 2023-04 – To Amend Chapter 62 Public Works, ARTICLE IV – Lake, Parks, and Recreational Facilities

The Mayor, City Council, and Administration discussed language in the draft Ordinance 2023-04 in preparation for a first read. No action was taken by City Council.

New Business

1. Contracted services for Sheep to Overgraze the Dam/Bank and Inner Walking Berm – Award Ewe Can Do It Naturally
 - a. \$10,275 – For the larger project, the dam/bank and shelf bounded by Pine Lake and Snapfinger Creek.
 - b. \$2,850 – For the larger project, the inner berm extending into the lake itself.

The Mayor, City Council, and Administration discussed the proposal by Ewe Can Do It Naturally to lease sheep for the purpose of landscaping the dam/bank and inner berm at Pine Lake. The Council decided to bundle approval of the two quotes under one motion. Council Member Woods moved to approve the proposal; Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Reports and Other Business

ChaQuias Miller- Thornton — City Manager (Director of Administration, Courts and Public Works)

Please refer to [the link](#) to access the City Manager's report dated August 8, 2023. The City Manager reports are on file at City Hall for reviewing. Please email missyeverner@pinelakega.net to request a copy or call (404) 999-4931 to schedule an appointment to review the copy on file.

Chief Sarai Y'Hudah-Green — Chief of Police, Public Safety

Please refer to [the link](#) to access the Police/Public Safety report dated August 8, 2023. The Police/Public Safety reports are on file at City Hall for reviewing. Please email missyeverner@pinelakega.net to request a copy or call (404) 999-4931 to schedule an appointment to review the copy on file.

Pine Lake News Blast

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 24th, 2023, Candidate Forum: PLAIN will provide an opportunity for residents to meet the candidates for Mayor and City Council as they answer questions from the community. Please submit questions in advance. Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Beach House. More Info.

Early Voting Starts Oct. 16th: For all Dates and Locations link to DeKalb County Advance Voting.

Lakefest - October 21st and 22nd, 11am-6pm: To be a part of the community that makes this Festival a magical time please sign up to volunteer.

NO October Pancake Breakfast: Because of LakeFest there will be no pancake breakfast in October.

Other News:

Dam and Berm Clearing – Council has approved a contract to clear these overgrown areas with a combination of overgrazing with sheep and hand cutting/clearing. The process of overgrazing will require that the trail along the

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dam be closed for 2 -3 months. Start date has yet to be determined.

2023 Swimming Season has ended: As of September 24th, no swimming is allowed at the lake. Feel free to sit on the sand and enjoy the view.

Moratorium on fishing expired September 21: The City has been collecting information on lake and greenscape impact and management through research and recommendations from SEED. Counsel continues to work on changes to the ordinances affecting use of the lake and park.

Ongoing:

Links to remember: [Link to City Manager's report](#)

Special Thanks To City Manager Thornton for conducting the first session in the brand new Government 101 series, "Getting to Know Our City's Budget" face. This was especially apt, with 2024 budget preparation coming up.

Pine Lake City Council Meetings

Meetings take place on the second and last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber / Courthouse at the corner of Forest and Pine. Mask at your own discretion. [Agenda Packet](#) for 9/26/2023 Meeting. For additional information on any item in this Brief, use the [Contact Us Form](#).

Adjournment

Council Member Castro motioned for adjournment at 8:18pm; Council Member Brantley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ned Dagenhard

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Assistant City Clerk

C.M. Thornton

ChaQuias Miller-Thornton
Acting City Clerk