

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 12, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pine Lake Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Megan Pulsts at 7:00 pm. The following individuals were present: Mayor Pro-Tem Pulsts, Council members Jean Bordeaux, Brandy Hall, Tonja Holder and Augusta Woods. Also present were City Attorney Laurel Henderson, Chief Sarai Y'Hudah-Green, Public Works Supervisor Raoul Martinez and City Administrator Valerie Caldwell. Mayor Melanie Hammet was not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pulsts.

Announcements and Communications – None

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Bordeaux, seconded by Holder and approved 4-0.

Public Comments

Suzanne Hurley addressed the issue of acquiring additional grills at the beach and park area citing issues with more people, limited parking, additional work for the Public Works Department. She read into the record a letter from resident Jo Brachman in opposition. Copy attached.

Karen Bernheimer, 495 Clubhouse Drive, reported that a turtle had built a nest in her front yard.

Bitsy Pitts, 4551 Dahlia, also spoke in opposition to the proposal to add grills noting liability issues and the additional oversight needed by the Police Department.

It was stated that the monies may be better used for things needed by residents, such as a handicapped ramp down to the lake.

Heidi Parlato, Pine Drive stated the area was becoming filthy and there was a lack of supervision of the children at the beach and in the park. She voiced the need to have a person in place in the area to enforce the rules. Lastly, she stated she had witnessed five turtles being stuffed into book bags and being relocated from the area. She again voiced the need for better supervision.

PUBLIC HEARING ON WHOLESALE/BROKER ALCOHOL LICENSE – APPLICANT KATHERINE MARTIN – 4643 DAHLIA DRIVE

Pulsts explained the procedure by which the public hearing would be conducted. Attorney Henderson presented the request from Katherine Martin. Applicant was seeking a Wholesale/Broker Alcohol License for the sale of wine at her residence at 4643 Dahlia Drive. It was confirmed this was a home office meeting the requirements of a home occupation and no product would be delivered or stored on the premises. With no one present speaking in favor of or opposition to the request, the public hearing was closed. Motion to approve the application was made by Holder, seconded by Bordeaux and approved 4-0.

ACQUISITION OF PARK EQUIPMENT

PLAIN president Greg Creech announced that donations were being accepted for additional equipment at the park and that PLAIN would match the donations up to \$1,000. He stated that the monies were envisioned for grills for the park, trash cans, picnic tables and pet waste stations.

A discussion ensued regarding the number and size of grills, method of installation as well as the placement. Public Works Supervisor Raoul Martinez was present to address questions that arose.

Stephanie Weeks stated the additional grills has the potential to bring more people to the park. She suggested looking at the overall stewardship question and stated Pine Lake could still be a friendly city but understand its limited capacity.

Hall questioned the possibility of placing one grill at the Clubhouse and another at the pocket park across from the police station. As a point of information she stated that from the environmental standpoint firing up the grill was the equivalent of driving 22 miles.

Following a lengthy discussion, Holder moved to authorize the purchase of one larger grill for the Beach House to be used by the facility renter, at an additional fee, or for city functions, and prohibiting portable grills, with installation as described by Martinez. This was seconded by Hall and approved. Following the monitoring and use of this grill, the matter will be brought back before council for consideration for additional grills, if appropriate.

Creech stated that PLAIN would fund the handicap ramp to the lake.

UPDATE ON BEAVER – There was no action taken on this item.

RENTAL APPLICATION POLICY – Item postponed to future agenda

RESOLUTION # R-08-2017 COURT PROCESSING FEES

Attorney Henderson stated that this was being presented upon request of the Court Clerk. The purpose of this is to authorize a change to the way court fees are computed. This change would help the City cover the out of pocket costs for the court software vendor. She stated this would not result in any increase of fines so there would no additional costs to individuals who had been issued citations. Motion to approve was made by Woods, seconded by Bordeaux and approved 4-0.

DISCUSSION OF CLIMATE MAYORS / CITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Hall reported this was being introduced as a result of President Trump pulling out of the Paris Accord. She reported she would be sending out the City of Austin's Community Action Plan. Holder questioned if any cities had suffered repercussions. She then asked if there would be anything more specifically tailored to Pine Lake. Henderson confirmed that the Mayor was looking at something more specific to Pine Lake's uniqueness. This item will be placed on a future action for further consideration

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Heidi Parlato expressed concern about the crowds from a safety standpoint as well as the environment and suggested education would help bring inclusiveness.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Pulsts stated that the Mayor was considering setting up a committee to consider how best to handle the beach and park given the current level of usage.

Pulsts requested the Chief enforce the current parking rules. Staff was requested to print and post a couple of extra copies of the rules in both English and Spanish. Pulsts then inquired about the installation of parking meters. The discussion then turned to the enforcement issue. The question of providing a lifeguard arose again. Henderson stated that pursuant to Recreational Property Law the city was afforded a level of protection from liability by keeping the lake as a "swim at your own risk". Holder expressed concern about the cleanliness, but stated this was a public beach. She then stated that this was a city and not a country club. She reported that the city had a

beach monitor last year but there was not enough money to fund one in the current year budget.

Bordeaux stated that the DeKalb Girls Scouts now have a DeKalb Stormwater Badge that they can earn.

Woods reported good turn out and overall success of the 2nd Saturday Food Truck and Market.

Hall reported currently being in conversation with DeKalb Commissioner Steve Bradshaw and CEO Michael Thurman as well as the Nature Conservancy regarding the City's microfiltration project.

There being no further comments the meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Valerie Caldwell, City Administrator