

CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2018
7:00 PM

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Also present were Council Members Jean Bordeaux, Kris Casariego, Megan Pulsts and August Woods. Staff present City Administrator Valerie Caldwell and Chief Sari Y'Hudah-Green. Council Member Brandy Hall was not present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hammet.

Announcements/Communication

Hammet:

- The Map Makers Grant award went to Elise Witt for the song writer's category consisting of great quality work. The grant is funded by resident businesses and PLAIN had five entries and was judged by three professional judges.
- The fourth Tot Town Hall and sixth Kids Town Hall meeting was on July 8th with good attendance. Hammet thanked Resident Susan Edwards for her assistance and Pulsts for participating.
- September 15th from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm will be the grand opening for the Book Booth Libraries. Casariego is working with volunteers for the event.
- The assemblage of the downtown task force continues to move forward with the downtown development consultant and will materialize in late summer.
- The city is waiting to hear from DeKalb County regarding the CDBG Grant request for a \$100k grant.

Bordeaux:

- WSB News reported that DeKalb County Board of Commissioners will have a voting meeting on their budget and millage rate on July 10th at 9:30 am – 10:30 am. at the Maloof Building. She stated that there will be an increase in the general fund for most municipalities' and that Pine Lake will receive .431.

Pulsts:

- The Fourth of July was a success and that only one Fireworks Permit was issued to Lizzy Osborne whom did a phenomenal job. She communicated that some residents donated gifts to employee Loredana Jenkins gifts for her work at the park at the cleanup.

Woods:

- Saturday, July 14th is the Makers Market and Food Trucks and that there will not be the Pine Lake Lounge.

Adoption of Agenda

Bordeaux motioned to adopt the agenda; and seconded by Casariego. 4-0

Public Comments

David Brachman, 4621 Lakeshore Drive commented that the fireworks display went well and that Lizzy did a great job. He also recommended the issuance of five permits instead of ten moving forward due to the time frame of 9-10:00 pm to shoot the fireworks. He then stated that Corporal Jason Cooper was incredible with enforcement and that police presence at the lake/beach was great until after 7:00 pm during the weekends.

June Black, 749 Scotland Road, Orange, New Jersey stated that she will be retiring in 2109 and discovered the lovely town of Pine Lake during a walk. She is interested in relocating here and asked if there was a move in list available. Hammet responded that there is not a list.

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes

- Special Called Meeting 06/21/18
- Special Called Meeting 06/26/18 AM
- Special Called Meeting 06/26/18 PM

Pulsts motioned to adopt the consent agenda with edits to the 6/26 morning meeting minutes; and seconded by Bordeaux. 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

Communication Plan – Kris Casariego

There was discussion on the type of content information for the emails and approvals. Casariego will continue to move forward building the community email list to be used in communicating information to the community. She also recommended that the email information comes only from the Mayor, Council, Police, Administration Department, SEED and MAP.

Public Space Work Group Report – Megan Pulsts

- Signage approval
- Parking for Rentals (# of free parking spaces)
- Guest Parking
- Resident-only zones near Lakeshore

There was additional discussion on these items. Pulsts stated that additional signage will be placed at the lake/beach areas. She also said that the parking problems are mainly on the southern end of the park. Upon discussion on parking and management it was suggested to have a parking expert come and speak at a future council meeting. This item will be placed on a future agenda.

Chief Green provided additional steps on parking and stated that it will take from the police department duties to enforce and recommended a Beach Ranger to monitor and enforce parking. She also said that good visible signage and education was needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Letter of Acceptance for Offer of 5 English Phone Booths for Use as Pine Lake “Library System”

Pulsts motioned to approve of the acceptance of the offer, and seconded by Casariego. 4-0

Staff Reports:

- Administration

Caldwell reported:

- ✓ The 2017 Finance Audit report was complete

- ✓ The paperwork has been submitted to the appropriate people regarding the approved millage rate
- ✓ The RFP for sanitation service was being finalized
- ✓ The budget process for 2019 will begin in September with Bordeaux and Casariego assisting

- Public Safety:

Chief Green reported:

- ✓ The police department is experimenting with the officers working the beach/lake during peak hours and hope that personnel will be present in 2019
- ✓ Have had a couple interviews and could have someone assigned to the lake
- ✓ Once the official rules are finalized the officers will hand out post card size rules

- Public Works

Caldwell reported:

- ✓ That they are still down one person and that she was not able to get a report
- ✓ Pulsts reported that the bridge at the western wetlands collapsed and needs replacement

Communications Plan

Pulsts reminded residents to vote on July 24th for the primary.

Public Comments

Karen Devendorf, 580 Spruce thanked Casariego for the communication plan information and recommended a sign in for PLAIN breakfasts for collecting emails. She said that she opposes paid parking and that resident parking will be complicated. She also said that Pine Lake's signage is confusing.

Katherine Terry commented that many of the signs are faded and obscured by bushes and are very confusing and she supports drawing signs on the streets for available parking spaces. She requested not to paint on the curbs and to have parking on one side of the street. Terry stated that enforcement was problematic and that council needed a comprehensive plan.

Mayor's Comments

Hammed commented that there is a new resident in the city that moved here because of the Pine Lake theme song.

Council Comment

Woods announced that Woodstock Baptist Church will hold a Health Fair on Saturday, July 14th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and the community is welcome to attend.

Pulsts reminded all to vote on July 24th.

Adjournment: Casariego motioned to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.; seconded by Pulsts. 4-0

Missye Varner, Administrative Assistant