

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2018
7:00 PM**

This meeting, being duly noticed, was called to provide briefing on annexation status and for the introduction of the newly appointed Economic Development Consultant, David Burt.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Mayor Melanie Hammet and welcomed all attendees. All members of Council were present.

Mayor Hammet provided a brief history of annexation events during her term of office commencing with emergency meetings at the state capitol regarding the proposed annexation of “Greenhaven” to the formation of an annexation committee to the compilation of a three-phased annexation map to preserve adjacent properties for future annexation possibilities. These efforts were reactive measures to preserve the city’s option for future expansion. She continued by saying that while the formation of Greenhaven was an ongoing possibility, the leadership can not continue to lead from a reaction mode. Looking toward Pine Lake 2040 the leadership would be focusing on fiscal sustainability and our community identity as an arts and environment-focused municipality. When asked if the city was planning to drop a bill in the 2019 session for the “gap tooth”, the Mayor reported that while that was still a focus, no legislative action was anticipated for 2019.

Mayor Hammet then introduced David Burt, owner of Village Green Consulting, who proceeded to outline the process designed to draft an Economic Development Plan for the Rockbridge Road Corridor. This document will outline a Vision Statement for Downtown Pine Lake, Economic Development Goals for the next five to ten years and include strategic initiatives designed to reach those goals. Assisting Mr. Burt is an Economic Development Group chaired by Susan Tarnower, Jonny Coe, Brandy Beavers, Michael Wardner, Jan Christianson, and Calvin Burgamy serving as group members. Katherine Moore, Georgia Conservancy, was introduced. She is also assisting in this project. This effort is slated for completion in March, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Valerie Caldwell, City Administrator