

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 2019
7:00 PM**

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Jean Bordeaux and Council Members Brandy Hall, Augusta Woods, Kris Casariego and Megan Pulsts. Also present was Chief of Police Sarai Y'Hudah-Green, City Administrator Valerie Caldwell and City Attorney Laurel Henderson.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

Announcements/Communication

- Woods announced that the Red Sea Café, 4634 Rockbridge Road is officially open and will have a grand opening the end of July and invites the community.
- Pulsts communicated that she will be meeting with the Audubon Society Representative this week and will do a site walkthrough of the wetlands and greenspace areas. If all is approved the city will obtain the Audubon Society Wildlife Sanctuary Certification.
- Hall communicated that the Food Wellness Alliance did not select Pine Lake for their pilot city and will be meeting with them soon for a follow-up for their support for urban agriculture.
- Casariego announced that Municipal Arts Panel (MAP) and SEED will hold the Pollinators Picnic and 2nd Art Exhibit at the Public Works Art Wall on Saturday, August 24th. Also, the Great Georgia Pollinator Census will take part of the festivities. Visit the city website at www.pinelakega.com for additional information.
 - The MAP Maker Grant will be announced on August 21st highlighting photography.
- Hammet communicated that she was delighted that Pine Lake was not selected as the pilot city for the Food Well Alliance because there are more curated ways to work with them especially enhancing the Rockbridge Road Corridor.
 - On July 12th Mayor Hammet will meet with Dekalb County regarding the Rockbridge Road expansion for their next steps on the project and the storm water detention feature at the end of Deans Market Complex.

Adoption of Agenda

Bordeaux amended the agenda to make a correction of the 6/25/19 minutes. Pulsts motioned to approve the amended agenda; seconded by Casariego.5-0.

Public Comments

Allen Gordon, 487 Oak Drive requested an update of the timeline on SPLOST. Hammet information will be provided to address his concern.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 06/25/19 Called Meeting for Public Hearing and 06/25/19 Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting

Hall motioned to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Bordeaux. 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application for Stream Buffer Variance – 591 Spruce Drive – Applicants Molly Smith and Russell Williams

Pulsts motioned to move into the public hearing; seconded by Bordeaux and voted 5-0. Hammet opened the Public Hearing. David Hauser, Urban Purpose Design presented the request for the stream buffer variance. There were no public comments in favor, or opposition. Council questioned applicant's representative to glean additional information. Mayor Hammet closed the public hearing.

After detailed discussion and clarification is that the BMP selected does all that is listed and releases it in a way that protects the buffer area and the wetlands and does not impact the critical root zones of any trees.

The conditional approval of granting the variance shall meet the following conditions:

- The installation of a water quality BMP (best management practice(s) that captures the runoff from the roof and allows it to infiltrate into the ground
- And is at least as protective of natural resources and the environment as though no encroachment into the stream buffer were planned.
- The applicant that must choose the BMP(s) to reach the right results because of the backing up to the wetlands; the concern is not just the buffer area but all impervious surface on the lot and insuring that whatever is built captures everything from the impervious surface on that lot and releases it in a way that protects the buffer area and the wetlands, erosion and capturing all of the rain fall in excess of the natural condition of the land.
- The applicant shall use the state manual or the city ordinance standard; whichever has the most stringent standards method.

Motion to conditionally approve the requested stream buffer variance was made by Bordeaux, seconded by Hall and approved 4-1. Pulsts voted in opposition.

Public Hearing and First Reading for Adoption of New Zoning Ordinance and Map

Hammet opened the Public Hearing with Attorney Henderson presenting an adopting ordinance for the zoning ordinance and map. There were no public comments nor opposition. Pulsts provided the first reading of the proposed ordinance. The second reading and adoption is scheduled for the June 30th meeting and the quotation from Municode will be presented.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

Public Comments

John Weeks, 4593 Park Drive asked council what were the goals of the paving of city streets and suggested having long term goals for paving.

Mayor's Comments

Hammet thanked council for their diligence regarding the stream buffer variance, their votes and the one vote of concern.

The Mayor commented that there will be a SPLOSTS update specific to our roads and monthly disbursements. She stated that Oak Road was at the top of the list and that the city has already prepared the pot hole assessment and is awaiting SPLOST to accumulate funds.

Council Comment

Pulsts will be meeting with the Audubon Society on July 16th.

Bordeaux stated that the census will be occurring soon.

Woods commented that the Makers Market will be on the second Saturday of July along with the Pine Lake Lounge, The Beno Bus Food Truck and Frozen Ice Truck.

Adjournment: Casariego motioned to adjourn at 8:21pm; seconded by Woods. 5-0.