

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 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, Kris Casariego and Megan Pulsts. Also present was City Administrator Valerie Caldwell and Chief of Police Sarai Y'Hudah-Green. Council Member Augusta Woods and was not present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

Announcements/Communication

Pulsts announced that the City had a nice article in the August 22-28, 2019 publication of The Champion Newspaper featuring a three-page spread of Pine Lake becoming an Audubon Society Certified Wildlife Sanctuary.

Casariego

- announced that the Art Wall has been decorated with art pollinators and that the MAP and SEED sponsored event was a great success.
- thanked Wanda Cooley who did a fantastic job and had the idea for the organizing the Pollinator Picnic.

Hall announced that Memorial Drive Overlay Study is looking at corridors and driveways that intersect and ways to create green spaces. Quarters of Pond is the contractor for the project and Shades of Green has been selected to consult on the green space.

Hammet:

- announced that as of 8/28/19 there are three people that have qualified for mayor (herself) and two for the council seats; Tracey Brantley and Brandy Beavers.
- communicated that she, Bordeaux and Woods attended the previous Memorial Drive Overlay Study Town Hall Meeting and that it was very interesting
- announced that the Commercial Work Group has named itself PL ROKS (Rockbridge Opportunity Kick Start) Committee.
- announced that the Art Wall event was a great success and thanked all that assisted

Adoption of Agenda

Hammet tabled amendments to employee handbook and added 9/12 Town Hall under new business. Approved 4-0 on motion by motion by Pulsts; seconded by Casariego.

Public Comments

There were not any public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes of 08/12/19 Council Meeting

Appointment of Judge Pro-Tem Tunde Akinyele

The consent agenda was approved 4-0 on motion by Pulsts and seconded by Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

Ideas and Needs for Current City Hall

Various ideas were discussed for the usage of the current city hall. Hammet stated that at the last meeting Bordeaux suggested keeping the building in the ownership of the city rather than selling the building was in essence a better investment. Hammet suggested that council create a list of what to do with the building. Casariego agreed with keeping the building. Hall also stated that it makes sense to keep the building for future usage. Pulsts agreed to keep the building and said that court staff should be in a separate building from the police department. Hammet stated that the Court Department and the Administration Department would locate the new city hall.

Hammet said that the current city hall needed work and it has been suggested to use it as an Art Gallery for a semi-rotation when there are events.

Bordeaux said that there were a lot of uses such as a chamber of commerce, MAP and SEED or Pine Lake ROKS whereas they would have a place to reside and keep items. She also stated that Public Works do not have a bathroom and that it would give them a place. Pulsts stated the building would need to be upgraded for a resale. The mayor suggested to have a light renovation of the building in phases. Hall stated the city need to have a clear point of view for the building.

Caldwell stated that from a financial point of view she was in favor of selling the building which is zoned for residential use.

Some of the next concerns of keeping the building would be temperature control, cost of utilities and maintaining the building. After discussion of this item the mayor stated that this item will be placed on 09/09 agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to Employee Handbook

This agenda item was tabled.

September 12th Town Hall

The Town Hall is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th at the Beach House at 7:00pm. There is not a topic; however, the residents will be updated on city happenings.

Public Comments

There were not any public comments.

Mayor's Comments

There were not any mayoral comments.

Council Comment

There were not any council comments.

Adjournment

7:50pm on motion by Pulsts; seconded by Bordeaux.