

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 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 was not present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

Announcements/Communication

Chief Green:

- introduced Officer Andrew Atkins who trains other officers for field and road certification and has a wealth of knowledge was promoted to Corporal. Atkins began his employment with the city in 2017 as a reserve, then went to part-time and became full time in 2019.

Hammet:

- announced that she met with Tina Kite and Lalah Manly members of MAP and they are organizing a Holiday Market and would like to have it at the City Hall 462 Clubhouse Drive.
- requested that the 9/12/19 Town Hall be put on the Facebook. She also communicated that Tracy Brantley and Brandy Beavers qualifiers for the two city council seats would be present.

Hall:

- communicated that she spoke with a wetland ecologist regarding the bloom at the lake and that testing must be during the time that the bloom is active. Hall also stated that blooms are affected by warming temperatures and recommended putting testing into the 2020 budget.

Adoption of Agenda

Hammet amended the agenda to remove the approval of the 8/27/19 minutes. Pulsts motioned to approve the amended agenda; seconded by Bordeaux. 5-0

Public Comments

There were not any comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes of 08/27/19 Council Meeting

This item was tabled for the 9/24/19 meeting agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Keeping of Fowl within City Limits

The city attorney submitted a list of questions for the creating an ordinance and there was discussion. The answers will be submitted to attorney for drafting of the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation for Plans for First Installation of Peace Poles on Rockbridge Road

David Burt, Economic Development Consultant presented the plans and information for the Peace Poles Project which will include involvement of community, business owners, churches and resident artist. Each pole will cost \$300 for 10 each. Bordeaux motioned to authorize for \$3,000 to be paid for the peace poles with some of the funding being offset in the future from sponsors; 2nd by Woods. Hammet withdrew the motion. Additional discussion pursued followed by motion by Casariego to authorize the funding of \$3,000 from the city with the ROKS (Rockbridge Opportunity Kick Start) Committee making every attempt to supplement \$1,500 in sponsorships. seconded by Woods. Motion approved 4-0 with Pulsts opposing.

Artist Market 12/7 and 12/8 – 462 Clubhouse Drive

No discussion.

Public Comments

Dianne Durrett, resident asked council to think about the chicken coops and that when people move a lot of the time the coops are in the front of some houses with a side yard. Durrett said that when she first moved her neighbors wanted chickens and that they could not get due to a five slope. She also said that twenty-five feet is to close and will not work. She also stated that it should be thoroughly researched and that she lives with this daily. Ms. Durrett said that she can not relax on her porch because of the smell and the noise. She said that in all circumstances the 25 feet does not work,

Mayor's Comments

The mayor commented that as long as she has been a resident people has had chickens and there has never been a problem. Hammet stated that the ordinances become problematic around circumstances and council must address them. Hammet also said that she does not want to create an ordinance to accommodate a problem situation and to create the ordinance with the neighbors in mind who will be impacted.

Council Comments

Bordeaux commented that all creation of ordinances is a balancing act.

Hall commented on fowl smell and if it is possible to enforce and if so; what would be the threshold line.

Chief Green commented that enforcement could grouped and combined with several things within other ordinances.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:27 pm. Casariego motioned, seconded by Hall .5-0