

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2020
7:00 PM**

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Jean Bordeaux, Augusta Woods, Brandy Hall and Brandy Beavers. Also, in attendance were Chief Sarai Y'Hudah-Green, City Administrator Valerie Caldwell and City Attorney Susan Moore. Council member Tracey Brantley was not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor Hammet.

Announcements/Communication

Hammet announced that the Town Hall is scheduled for February 18th at 7:00 PM and that she will deliver the State of the City Address.

Bordeaux communicated that the 2020 Lakefest will be the last weekend of September 26th – 27th.

Adoption of Agenda

Hammet amended the agenda by adding Town Hall Chat to New business and Bordeaux added Resolution of Appreciation to New Business. Adoption of amended agenda 4-0 on motion by Hall and seconded by Bordeaux.

Public Comments

There were not any comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes of 01/28/20

Approved 4-0 on motion by Woods and seconded by Bordeaux.

OLD BUSINESS

Communication Plan – Council member Beavers

The update of the communication plan was led by Beavers. She stated that she has been in contact with Kelly Bennet, Georgia Municipal Association who is gathering information that will assist Beavers with the plan for the city. Beavers also talked about using Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram as social media outlets for communications. Hammet recommended that Beavers reach out to local cities for assistance and to have a local representative. Item to be on future agendas until finalized.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Sign Applications and Permits to Prepare for Adoption of an Updated Ordinance

Moore presented an ordinance establishing a ninety-day moratorium led the discussion of the 90-day moratorium to allow time to update the city's current ordinance, City Council and ROKS will work jointly on the ordinance and the City Attorney will finalize. After discussion Hall gave the first reading. This item will be placed on the February 25th agenda.

Facility Policy

Hammet proposed Council not offer rentals of the Beach House during the peak season of May – September 2020 except to residents and for community/city activities. The Club House will be available for rentals. The vote passed 4-0 in favor.

Eco-Tourism Draft Proposal

Hammet thanked Council Member Tracey Brantley, Tom Ramsey and Lynn Nygaard for their tremendous work on the proposal for the Beach House becoming a Nature and Arts Center with a full time Park Ranger. The proposal will be refined and sent to Commissioner Lorraine Cochran and the Board of Commissions by the due date of February 21st. There was lengthy discussion with no action taken on this item. Nygaard stated that the proposal was put together to make the case of an Eco Arts Center and funding. The proposal request that the old city hall become “The Art’s Cottage.”

Consideration of Bid for Stormwater Repair – City Administrator

Caldwell presented the bid for the repair and stated that no bids were received during the bidding time. She requested that The Dickerson Group, Inc that submitted a bid later in the amount of \$37,000. Bordeaux motioned to approve; seconded by Woods. 4-0

A Resolution of Gratitude to Missye Varner, Assistant City Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. R-01-2020 was read by Bordeaux. Woods motioned to approve the resolution; seconded by Hall. 4-0

Town Hall Chat

Hammet announced the State of the Union will be given and invited council to present a topic at the February 18th meeting at the Beach House at 7:00 pm.

Public Comments

Lynn Nygaard , 648 Laurel Road thanked the Mayor and Council for their service and for all that they do for the city.

Mayor’s Comments

The Mayor talked about emergency water reserve and stated that DeKalb County has a one-day reserve for the residents. She suggested capturing rain-water runoff and filtering it for the city. The reserve water would be stored in public buildings and could prevent the city from depending on the county for drinking water. Hammet encouraged council to have talking points for the February Town Hall meeting.

Council Comments

Hall commented that she is excited about the Eco Tourism Project.

Adjournment: Bordeaux motioned to adjourn; seconded by Woods at 8:17pm.