

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7, 2020
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Jean Bordeaux, Council Members Augusta Woods, Brandy Hall Tracey Brantley and Brandy Beavers. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Valerie Caldwell, Chief Sarai Y'Hudah-Green, City Attorney Susan Moore and Administrative Assistant Missye Varner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATION

Caldwell communicated that the Council Zoom Meetings will be the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. However, the next meeting is scheduled for July 28th at 7:00pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended by adding considering of a State of Emergency Ordinance. Hall motioned to adopt the amended agenda; seconded by Woods.

Approved 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting minutes of 06/23/20 and 6/30/20 Council meetings

Bordeaux motioned to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Woods and approved 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Resolution Establishing 2020 Millage Rate

Hall read **Resolution #R5-2020** and motioned to approve setting the 2020 millage rate at the rollback rate of 19.909 mills; seconded by Brantley. Approved 5-0

State of Emergency Ordinance Extension #2020-06

An Ordinance By The City Of Pine Lake To Declare A State Of Emergency Due To The Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 Global Pandemic; To Encourage Residents To Shelter In Place; To Delegate Certain Powers To The Mayor To Respond; To Authorize Postponement Of Municipal Court; To Provide For Council Meeting By Teleconference; And To Repeal Conflicting Ordinance

Hall motioned to approve the **State of Emergency Ordinance Extension #2020-06** that will expire on September 30, 2020; seconded by Bordeaux. Approved 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update

Hammet stated that the city shows a tremendous number of people wearing masks and that the state's numbers from the July 4th holiday are alarming. The Mayor said that DeKalb Municipal Association is negotiating with the County for funding for cities that Governor Kemp has released for COVID-19.

The Board of Commissioners met on 7/7/20 and will determine the CARES Act Funding for cities in DeKalb for COVID-19 relief by next week. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw said that the funding will be based on a city's population and is for front line workers and personal protection equipment (PPE).

Mayor Hammet said there continue to be hotspots with tremendous outbreaks for the novel virus. She encouraged masks wearing, social distancing and the washing of hands and said there is no need to mandate the wearing of mask; and to just do the right thing.

Hammet communicated that Governor Brian Kemp and Dr. Catherine Toomey, Georgia Director of Public Health went on a state tour to encourage mask wearing and COVID-19 testing. The governor has declined to mandate mask wearing. She stated that the governor has sent the national guard to Atlanta to protect the governor's mansion, the capitol and testing sites.

Hammet recently visited with a couple of apartment landlords and they are continuing to work with residents during the pandemic.

Beavers stated that the food pantry has been positive and has received \$1,400 in donations, served 10 families and delivered 48 food kits. Tom Ramsey, resident said that food will be available until a COVID-19 vaccine is available.

DAM and Wetland Repairs

Hammet will schedule a walk with former Mayor Greg Zarus of the wetlands and return with the engineering firm for a plan for needed repairs. Hall will participate in the walk.

Update of Sign Ordinance--- 90 Days Expires Friday August 24th

This item was discussed, time provided for additional feedback and a draft will be presented at a future meeting. Attorney Moore stated that the ordinance will become part of the zoning ordinance.

Public Comments

Tom Ramsey, 610 Spruce Drive, requested an update of the renaming of Forrest Road. Hammet said that five out of the required eight signatures had been obtained, with work continuing to bring this to fruition.

Resident Tina Kite commented that she could not find the updated virtual council meetings on the website. She also voiced concerns of the ecological health of the lake. Ms. Kite suggested additional website and social media postings. Kite also questioned the leak at the western wetlands and that it smells like sewage.

Mayor's Comment

Hammet commented stated that the inquiries regarding the lake were not responded to in social media, but rather in reality. She said that Chief Green has been in contact with and is working with DeKalb County Code Enforcement on this matter. Mayor Hammet stated that Public Works has been flushing out the algae bloom at the lake and were able to push out a certain amount of water. She said that she is aware of the issue and that there has been a large amount of rain fall thus resulting in the water quality.

Council Comment

Bordeaux stated that she heard that Pine Lake Church has a parking lot service on Sundays. She congratulated them for inventing the service in a positive manner with respect to COVID 19. Chief Green suggested Kite check the various message boards around the city where information is posted.

Adjournment

Hall motioned to adjourn at 8:00; seconded by Bordeaux. 5-0

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