

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020
7:00 PM**

Call to Order

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

Announcements/Communication

- Hammet communicated that the state mayors are continuing their weekly calls with Governor Brian Kemp to discuss and strategize issues of the COVID-19 virus. The Mayor also announced that they discussed CARES ACT Funding and that funds have not been received by the county.
- Hall communicated that the deadline for the Foodwell Alliance Grant has been postponed until 2021. She also announced that the installation of the food forest has been extended to 2021.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved 5-0 on motion by Brantley and seconded by Woods.

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting minutes of 07/28 Council Meeting

The minutes were approved 5-0 on motion by Woods; seconded by Bordeaux.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Draft Sign Ordinance (Scheduled for Public Hearing 9/08)

Bordeaux led the discussion and David Burt, Economic Development provided valuable input of this item with no action taken. The language will be revised, and this item will be placed on the August 25th agenda.

Stormwater Ordinance

The ordinance was approved 5-0 on motion by Bordeaux; seconded by Woods.

COVID 19 Update

Mayor Hammet provided an update on the novel virus. She said that there have not been any increases or decreases within the city regarding COVID-19. Hammet stated that Governor Kemp provided an update on the re-opening of schools. Rush Patel, Georgia Municipal Association Attorney gave an overview of the virus and has stated that Georgia is at a high plateau with the virus and has the highest average for children having the virus. He also

stated that Georgia had the highest number of cases last week and that the nation has risen from 4 to 5 million coronavirus cases. Georgia has also increased with the daily number of cases of the virus.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution # R-05-2020 – Budget Transfer

Resolution # R-05-2020 – Budget Transfer was approved 5-0 on motion by Bordeaux and seconded by Hall.

Reports

- Administration
Caldwell reported that it is a busy time for the administration department working on the 5 year storm water management plan; annual audit and submitting it; the Worker's Compensation Audit that has been completed; Bordeaux and Varner has been working on the unemployment benefits as it relates to COVID-19. The Court Department is currently working on a NECC Seminar and for court to reopen again.
- Public Works has been steadily working to keep the city clean and safe.
- Public Safety
Chief Green reported that the Police Department has completed the Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) inventory and that most of the larger providers have items on backorder. Green said that the department are getting complaints of the traffic on Spruce Drive and there will be a study to install speed detectors. An update will be provided on the traffic study. The scheduled 2020 Police Training will be for Pine Lake Police Department only due to COVID-19 and to practice social distancing.
- Intergovernmental Agreement of CARES Act
Hammet reported that there will be a deadline for expenditures. The CARES Act will have special restrictions and a timeline for the budget and spending of the funds. There will be a meeting scheduled regarding the placement of funding. A spreadsheet will be created with specific categories such as public health, stockpiling of PPE, hazardous pay and other miscellaneous needs caused by COVID-19. The CARES Act funding must be spent the end of 2020.

Public Comments

Shirley Kinsey, resident commented on moving and flipping signs as it related to the Sign Ordinance and urged the city to be cautionary on banning murals. Kinsey recommended Chief Green to everyone in the police department tested for the virus and to get with her for getting the results back with days verses two weeks.

Jan Christensen, resident commented about the CARES Act funding and that her organization received funding and have until September 21, 2020 to spend the money. She recommended the city to spend their funding wisely and too spend all of it and to keep goods records in the event of an audit.

Mayor's Comment

There were not any comments at this time.

Council Comment

There were not any comments at this time.

Adjournment was at 8:39 pm upon motion by Woods and 2nd by Bordeaux. 5-0

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