

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2020
7:00 PM**

Call to order

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

Announcements/Communication

Hammet communicated that Bordeaux and Green attended a meeting on January 27th with DeKalb County Officials regarding the impending Rockbridge Road Expansion Project and that work has begun.

Bordeaux thanked Chief Green for having the contact with the county to attend the meeting with the Rockbridge Expansion Project Managers. Bordeaux was provided contact information and provided notes of the meeting (in minute book) and commented that the estimated completion time is 540 calendar days(1.5 years) but could extend to 2 years or more. The normal work hours will be M-F 9:00 a.m. through 3:30 pm with exception. There will be single lane flagged traffic control with no detours and installation of water supply lines south side of the road only is scheduled to start March 2020. Upon completion of the lines installation of sidewalks will begin.

Hammet said that the trees will be arriving soon for the plantings at Dollar General as part grant from the Foodwell Alliance orchard planting initiative. Also, the Alliance has approved a grant for plantings at the beach house area.

The Mayor, Brantley and David Burt, Economic Development Consultant attended a meeting on January 28th with Super District Commissioner Lorraine Cochran Johnson and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw. Johnson recommended a full-time naturalist using county hotel/motel taxes or finding another source for funding the position . The Commissioner also recommended turning the Beach House into an Environmental Education Center and conducting tours. Bordeaux recommended utilizing the old city hall for the center as not to tie up the beach house because it is a rental property.

Hammet communicated that Brantley will meet with Susan Edwards, Tom Ramsey, Jennifer Bridges and David Burt to create the proposal for this vision to be submitted to the Board of Commissioners by February 21st.

Hammet communicated that the Mayor and Council Retreat was excellent and thanked all who attended on January 26th.

Adoption of Agenda

Hammet amended the agenda by removing the Consideration of Bid for Stormwater Repair and adding Town Hall meeting for informational purpose of educating the residents on the Rockbridge Road Project. Adoption of amended agenda 5-0 on motion by Bordeaux and seconded by Hall.

Public Comments

Shirley Kinsey, 579 Spruce Drive thanked Mayor and Council for updated information on the Rockbridge Road Project. She commented that she is concerned about how to get door mail delivery. She recommended having a crosswalk crossing on Rockbridge Road to the post office. Ms. Kinsey also asked mayor and council to make them aware that there needs to be a safe way to get daily mail.

Kinsey commented that education is needed regarding ecology tourism if this happens and to have organized structured activities if the wetlands is part of tourism.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes of 01/13/20

Approved 5-0 on motion by Hall and seconded by Woods.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of Anti-Discrimination Ordinance No. 2020-01

The ordinance ORD. # 2020-01 was approved on motion by Bordeaux and seconded by Woods. 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

February Town Hall and State of the City Address

The Town Hall Meeting and State of the City Address will be on February 18th in the Beach House at 7:00 pm.

Town Hall for informational purposes of Rockbridge Road Project

A meeting date will be determined after the city has obtained updated information from DeKalb County. The topic will be education and updates the on the Rockbridge Road Expansion Project. Hammet stated that there would be a dedicated page on the website for the project. There are also plans for educating the residents through social media outlets and possibly having mailbox insert. Chief Green met with the postmaster, but a decision hasn't been made to date.

Appointments for MAP (Municipal Arts Panel) and SEED (Stewards of Environmental Education and Design)

Hammet appointed Melanie Seymore and Emily Baccus to MAP and Sabrina Kite to SEED.

Communication Plan

There was discussion for plans on managing city communications and press releases. Beavers will confer with Georgia Municipal Association to gather information for plans for communications. This item will be on future agendas until finalized.

Authorization for Payment of Invoice – Chief Green

Mayor Hammet led the discussion. Bordeaux motioned to authorize the invoice for Gwinnett Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram #174660 and seconded by Woods. 5-0

Consideration of Bid for Stormwater Repair

This item was removed from the agenda.

Public Comments

Shirley Kinsey commented that all communications regarding the Rockbridge Road Expansion Project state that Georgia Department of Transportation and DeKalb County has control not the city when providing updates to the citizens. Kinsey also stated that there are police cars being recalled and recommended the Chief to visit a website periodically for recalls and class action lawsuits pertaining to recalled vehicles.

Ms. Kinsey stated that she has a retired friend in the communications field and that she will contact her regarding being the communications liaison for the city.

Mayor's Comments

On January 29th at 8:00 am she and Brantley will attend a breakfast meeting with Super District Commissioner Lorraine Cochran Johnson. The mayor would like for the information kiosk to become interactive again.

Council Comments

Bordeaux commented that she agrees with Kinsey to have all communications for Rockbridge Road Expansion Project come directly from the county before posting on social medias or the website.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm with motion by Woods; 2nd Brantley.5-0