

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VIA ZOOM
NOVEMBER 10, 2020
7:00 PM**

Call to Order

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Jean Bordeaux and Council members Augusta Woods, Brandy Beavers, Tracey Brantley and Brandy Hall. Also present were Acting City Administrator Peggy Murriss, Administrative Assistant Missye Varner and Chief of Police Sarai Y'Hudah-Green.

Announcements/Communication

- Hammet announced that Merriss would give an update on the leaf vacuum. Merriss communicated that she, resident Tom Ramsey and Public Works Supervisor Raoul Martinez met and toured the Public Works Building and had a discussion of the leaf vacuum and how it operates. There was also discussion of obtaining a back up sweeper and the importance of the machine because of the leaves clogging the storm drains and making the streets slippery.
- Hammet announced that one of the Black Lives Matter banners has been relocated and is still by the lake side.
- Beavers announced that the Food Pantry is taking names for families desiring delivery of Thanksgiving meals.

Adoption of Agenda

On motion by Council member Hall and seconded by Council member Woods, the agenda was approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Covid-19 Pandemic Report – Mayor Hammet

Hammet provided the update by stating that the state mayors continue to have their weekly calls with the Georgia Municipal Association on COVID issues and that the national map is growing red and that there is an increase in cases. Georgia is currently in the in the red and testing and hospital occupancy is rising. The Mayor said that Pfizer Pharmaceuticals has a vaccine that will be available globally soon. She encouraged all to continue to wash hands, wear a mask and social distance because the novel virus is not going away soon.

Sign Ordinance - Second Reading

On a motion by Council member Hall; seconded by Council member Bordeaux; **Sign Ordinance #2020-08** was approved 5-0.

Ordinance Establishing New Dates and Times for Regular Meetings - Second Reading. On a motion by Council member Hall and seconded by Council member Woods; **Ordinance Establishing New Dates and Times for Regular Meetings #2020-09** was approved 5-0.

Process for Renaming Forrest Road

There was discussion on this item with no action taken. The next step is additional research.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposals for Installing Holiday Lights at the Lake

On a motion by Council member Woods and seconded by Council member Hall, the bid in the amount of \$1,500 from Branam Sign & Lighting was approved 5-0.

Public Comments

Cindy Brown, resident comment about the zoom meetings and how to be seen within the meeting. Merriss stated that only the meeting identification number changed, and that the information has been updated on the city website. Brown also stated that she is interested in getting involved with the focus group that Dr. Ed Lee, Emory University is leading on Conversations of Race.

Tina Kite, resident inquired about the transitional buffer on trees being cut down by Georgia Power Company by Kim Fugate's home and if a meeting had been scheduled. Hammet stated that a meeting had not been scheduled. Kite said that fifty (50) residents has signed a petition and were outraged.

Green commented that during the power outage everyone in the community worked together as a team. She also complimented that Public Works had the generator working at full capacity and that it was a source of life for the old city hall building and the clubhouse in providing power to residents during the outage.

Meg Grady commented about the traffic situation and Chief Green provided her with an update. Green stated that she is working with on the county level and that research was ongoing. She also said that the positive feedback is that people are adhering to the stop signs at Spring, Forrest, Clubhouse, and Dogwood Drives; but Spruce Drive has an uptick in speeding. Chief Green stated that white lines are posted in the most egregious street areas.

Mayor's Comment

Hammet commented about the Rockbridge Road Widening and the trees leading into the residential area. She said that she appreciated the citizens obtaining the petition and that Georgia Power would be notified of the threat to the green space and to protect the trees and Pine Lakes' ethos. The Mayor said that a meeting has not been scheduled with them and that she is paying close attention, and everyone is working on the issue.

The Mayor provided an update of the project that Dr. Ed Lee, Emory University on race relations and will give a status when available.

Council Comment

Beavers commented that she received an email from Georgia Power and that they are continuing to consider options as it relates to the trees on the Rockbridge Road widening project.

Adjournment

On a motion by Council member Hall; seconded by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux the adjournment was approved 5-0.

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