

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ZOOM MEETING  
JULY 7, 2020  
6:30 PM**

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Call to Order  
Public Hearing – 2020 Millage Rate  
Adjournment

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

Call to Order  
Announcements/Communication  
Adoption of Agenda

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Adoption of Resolution Establishing 2020 Millage Rate

**OLD BUSINESS**

COVID-19 Update  
Dam and Wetland Repairs  
Update of Sign Ordinance

Public Comments  
Mayor's Comment  
Council Comment  
Adjournment

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Conference line 1 (929) 205-6099      Meeting ID 813-0156-9377

## REVISED NOTICE

The City of Pine Lake invites the public to provide input in the setting of the 2020 millage rate at the virtual meeting scheduled for 6:30 PM on Tuesday, July 7, 2020. This meeting may be accessed at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81301569377> Meeting ID: 813 0156 9377 or call in at 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 813 0156 9377. The millage rate will be adopted at the regularly scheduled virtual Council Meeting immediately following the public hearing. Pursuant to the requirements of OCGA Sec. 48.5.32 the city hereby publishes the following presentation of the current tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest for the past five years.

### CURRENT 2020 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

COUNTY WIDE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Real & Personal	20,069,921	21,363,181	22,335,135	25,488,198	26,467,014	28,663,257
Motor Vehicles	699,770	533,790	457,630	264,140	187,340	139,170
Mobile Homes						
Timber - 100%						
Heavy Duty Equipment						
Gross Digest	20,769,691	21,896,971	22,792,765	25,752,338	26,654,354	28,773,047
Less M & O Exemptions	952,730	980,240	1,005,946	1,030,951	957,341	989,061
Net M & O Digest	19,816,961	20,916,731	21,786,819	24,721,387	25,697,013	27,783,986
State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value					0	
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	19,816,961	20,916,731	21,786,819	24,721,387	25,697,013	27,783,986
Gross M&O Millage	21,402	20,381	22,220	22,200	21,530	19,909
Less Rollback (LOST)						
Net M&O Millage	21,402	20,381	22,220	22,200	21,530	19,909
Total County Taxes Levied	\$424,123	\$426,304	\$484,103	\$548,815	\$553,257	\$553,151
Net Taxes \$ Increase	\$19,634	\$2,181	\$57,799	\$64,712	\$4,442	-\$105
Net Taxes % Increase	4.65%	0.51%	13.56%	13.37%	0.81%	-0.02%

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING  
JUNE 23, 2020  
7:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Present were Council Members Augusta Woods, Brandy Hall, Tracey Brantley and Brandy Beavers. Also in attendance were Chief Sarai Y'Hudah-Green and Administrative Assistant Missye Varner. City Administrator Valerie Caldwell was not present.

**Announcements/Communication**

Tom Ramsey, Resident and VP of PLAIN, announced that on June 18<sup>th</sup> P.L.A.I.N. meeting Susan Reardon, Lalah Manley, Lee Scott and Holly Mitchell were presented with the Certificate of Excellence of Citizenship. This certificate was awarded for their hard work and keeping the food bank going for the last few months of COVID-19. They were all thanked and received a gift card.

Council Member Woods said that there have been inquiries about fishing at the lake and that she has contacted the Department of Natural Resources Enforcement Division for assistance. She also stated that Calvin Godby, Stone Mountain Park Ranger, has offered his assistance by providing extra monitoring of the lake. Woods stated that netting is prohibited and will follow up with Chief Green on posting signage of allowed fishing methods and the ordinance stating what can come out of the lake.

Hall communicated that she has received emails from residents regarding pesticides usage within the city.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Bordeaux motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Woods. 5-0

**CONSENT AGENDA Meeting minutes of 06/09/2020 Council meeting**-Hall motioned to adopt, seconded by Brantley. 4-0 Mayor Pro Tem Jean Bordeaux logged in at 7:09 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS  
COVID-19 Update**

Hammet updated that Brantley is assisting with collecting ongoing data for tracking purposes of COVID-19. Brantley shared a power point report that focused on several surrounding counties and their pandemic numbers. She said that cases are still climbing and spreading but in a slow and controlled fashion. The information and graphics were provided by COVID ACT NOW, a non-profit. Brantley said that Gwinnett county is a hot spot and that Pine Lake has had under five cases of the novel virus.

Hammet shared the weekly update from Dr. Kathleen Toomey, Georgia Commissioner of the Dept. of Public Health that this is a novel virus and not a respiratory virus that attacks different systems within the body. Toomey stated that she hopes that Georgia does not inherit new cases from neighboring states experiencing case increases.

The Mayor also talked about contact tracing and the public health management of the beach.

Hammet updated that she has spoken with Council and that beginning in July the city will return to the two monthly meetings. Mayor and Council has been having Zoom Meetings since March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comments**

Resident Stephanie commented that she does not see any reason to change the ordinance for Davis' fence and recommended she obtain a wooden fence because they last longer. She also said that she agreed with council's decision.

Ms. Stephanie shared that she has coronavirus. She stated that she was not able to get food and after posting on a website, citizens delivered her food. Resident Stephanie said that she loves Pine Lake.

**Mayor's Comment**

There were not any mayoral comments.

**Council Comment**

Chief Green reminded all that the community is opening up and to be mindful that the pandemic is still active. She instructed residents to grab your mask along with your keys and cell phones. She said after looking at the math, the people must be careful and aware of COVID threat.

Green is reaching out to local agencies regarding their fishing policies and relayed that cast net fishing in the lake is illegal. She stated that the police are doing spot checks and the department is working on a pamphlet to hand out that includes fishing regulations and informs users not to remove the turtles from their habitat.

The Chief commented that she continues to do research on the speeding issue on local streets within the city.

**Communication Summary**

This item was omitted.

**Adjournment** 7:23 pm upon motion by Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brantley. 5-0

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Missye Varner, Admin Assistant

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING  
JUNE 30, 2020  
7:00 PM**

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**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, and Tracey Brantley and Brandy Beavers. Also, in attendance were Chief Sarai Y'Hudah-Green, Administrative Assistant Missye Varner and City Administrator Valerie Caldwell. City Attorney Susan Moore and Council Member Brandy Hall were not present.

**Announcements/Communication**

- Public Hearing for Millage Rate 6:30PM July 7<sup>th</sup> followed by the Zoom Council meeting.
- Return to Bi-Monthly Meetings in July – beginning July 7<sup>th</sup> then the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Woods motioned to adopt; seconded by Bordeaux. 4-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Wetland and Dam Maintenance**

Rich Edinger, CPL Consultants gave a description of the problem and a summary of what would be needed to repair the issue. He presented a geological recommendation proposal and cost to remedy for the entire face of the dam and wetlands. He stated that it could be in phases and would need to bid out the project. Edinger talked about permitting and that he would design a nationwide permit for small encroachments into waters of the United States for maintenance on a dam under specific dam maintenance. Mr. Edinger said that the city needs an updated survey of the area. There was no action taken on this item and it will be placed on an upcoming agenda for further discussion and input before taking the vote.

**OLD BUSINESS- COVID-19 Update**

Brantley shared the Georgia Situation Report on COVID-19 statistics showing the changes of the virus for one week. The numbers were up 7.2% of cases identified within the state.

Hammet said that the time has changed for the weekly meetings with Dr. Catherine Toomey, Georgia Director of Health and that she missed the meeting. However; Mayor Hammet spoke with Dunwoody Mayor Lyn Dortch and was updated that the hot spots have increased with new COVID-19 cases.

The Mayor said that Governor Brian Kemp has Declared a State of Emergency until August 11, 2020. Hammet communicated that the Census will be getting a portion of the CARES Program funding determined by population. The city has had 52% if its

population counted and thanked Tom Ramsey, Calvin Burgamy and Council Member Brantley for their great work. The mayor will send out a letter via email for all residents to get counted within the census.

Mayor Hammet commented that she will not mandate wearing a mask and that people within the community are practicing social distancing and that there is a lot of masks wearing.

### **Public Comments**

There were not any comments.

### **Mayor's Comment**

Hammet commented that contact tracing is running into blockage with the census and coronavirus and that people need to sign on using their website. Brantley said that 52% of the households has been counted. The Mayor stated that the city is still under counted.

### **Council Comment**

Bordeaux commented that by the Mayor preparing a letter for the census it is a great idea and to add SPLOST information and have a check list.

### **Communication Summary**

**Adjournment** – Bordeaux motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Woods at 7:41 pm

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Missye Varner, Admin Assist

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**RESOLUTION NO. R-05-2020**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PINE LAKE,  
GEORGIA, TO SET THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, Title 2, Chapter 5, Section 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pine Lake, Georgia requires the City to set an ad valorem millage rate for each year for the use in collection of taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pine Lake used the tax digest of DeKalb County to assess taxable property within the jurisdictional limits as provided by law;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pine Lake uses the best figures available to determine taxable property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Pine Lake that a 19.909 millage rate is hereby established for the 2020 fiscal year for the City of Pine Lake.

**SO RESOLVED** this 7th day of July, 2020.

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Melanie Hammet, Mayor

Attest:

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Valerie L. Caldwell, City Clerk