

**CITY OF PINE LAKE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 25, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**  
**VIA ZOOM**

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**Call to Order** at 7:01 pm by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Present – Mayor Melanie Hammet, Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux, and Council members Brandy Beavers, Tracey Brantley, and Augusta Woods. Council member Hall arrived at 7:13pm. Also, present were Acting City Administrator Peggy Merriss, Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner, Chief Sarai Y’Hudah-Green and City Attorney Susan Moore.

**Announcements/Communication**

Council member Beavers communicated that today, she, Acting City Administrator Peggy Merriss and Mayor Hammet attended a meeting with representatives of Georgia Power Company regarding tree pruning for the city that will take place within the next couple weeks. She also said that it was a great meeting, and that Georgia Power will follow the arborist standards for tree trimming and will provide an inventory of the trees that will be pruned, the date and crew information.

Council member Beavers also commented that Georgia Power will place the City on a no-spray list, and they will provide door knockers with pertinent information for the residents.

Mayor Hammet communicated that the “One City, Many Voices” community awareness series was complete and thanked Acting City Administrator Merriss, Chief Y’Hudah-Green and Council member Woods for putting the series together. The Mayor also stated there will be a bar-b-que celebrating the successful series at a later time and that she is waiting to see the feedback from participants to determine next steps.

**Adoption of Agenda**

On a motion by Council member Woods, second by Council member Brantley and Mayor pro tem Bordeaux and Council members Beavers, Brantley and Woods voting “aye,” the agenda was adopted.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Adoption of the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2021.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux, second by Council member Woods, and Mayor pro tem Bordeaux and Council members Brantley and Woods voting "aye," the minutes were adopted. Council member Beavers abstained from voting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

COVID-19 Pandemic Report

Mayor Hammet did not have an update from the weekly statewide mayoral call because she was not available to attend.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Beach and Lake Capacity

Mayor Hammet introduced the agenda item and stated that a decision needed to be made taking into consideration the goals of public health and safe distancing as it relates to the capacity at the beach and lake during this COVID-19 era.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux, second by Council member Woods, and four council members voting "aye," with Council member Beaver's voting "no," a capacity of 75 persons was established for the beach and lake, with review to occur during the season.

## **REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Public Comments

There were not any public comments.

Staff

Acting City Administrator Merriss provided an update for LakeFest 2021 and stated that for 2021 there was a proposed reorientation of the festival to an area around the Clubhouse instead of at the beach and lake.

Kathie deNobriga, representing the festival, make the presentation for LakeFest and stated that it will be called Lake Fest Lite this year to allow for some modification while preserving the Lake Fest brand. She also said that it will be smaller this year.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux, second by Council member Brantley and all present voting "aye," the following requests for Lake Fest Lite was approved:

- Saturday, October 2, 2021, as the date for Lake Fest Lite
- The new concept for the festival contingent on agreement from all the nine residents whose access to their residence is impacted.
- To continue to negotiate in good faith on specifics for the event permit.

**Mayor and City Council  
Information for “The Pine Lake News” eblast:**

**Capacity limit for beach opening**

When the beach opens on July 8th the maximum capacity will be 75 persons. This limit is designed to permit social distancing as well as providing improved sight lines to participants in the water.

**Comprehensive Plan - A small number of follow-up questions will be presented starting next week.**

The current survey will close Friday May 28th. Starting next Monday, May 31st a new survey will be posted with just a couple of follow-up questions. This survey will be open through the end of June.

**Forest Drive**

Effective June 1, 2021, the renaming of Forest Drive becomes effective. Signs have been installed and notices have been sent to property owners. Utility companies and the post office has also been notified.

**Public Awareness**

Georgia Power is scheduled to begin pruning, probably in late June. Georgia Power will provide information that will be distributed via door hangers.

**One City, Many Voices Series – A Pine Lake Conversation about Racism, Belonging and Civic Life**

The final conversation in the series was held May 13<sup>th</sup>. Representative Viola Davis and Pine Lake business owner Roger Boyd inspired a lively discussion on belonging and community.

The recordings of the conversations can be found on the [Inclusion and Diversity](#) page on the Pine Lake website.

On a motion by Council member Woods, second by Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux and all present voting “aye,” closing the regular meeting and opening of the Executive Session was approved.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### Real Estate Matters

On a motion by Council member Hall, second by Council member Brantley and all voting "aye," the Executive Session for purposes of real estate matters was adjourned and the regular meeting was resumed.

### **Adjournment**

On a motion by Council member Hall, second by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux and all voting "aye," the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.