

CITY OF PINE LAKE
SUMMARY AGENDA
June 29, 2021
7:00 PM
VIA ZOOM

Call to Order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Present – Mayor Melanie Hammet, Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux, and Council members Tracey Brantley, Brandy Hall, Brandy Beavers and Augusta Woods. Also, present were Acting City Administrator Peggy Merriss, Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner and Chief Sarai Y’Hudah-Green. City Attorney Susan Moore was not in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Hammet amended the agenda by moving the Public Hearing before the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux, second by Council member Hall and all council members present voting “aye,” the agenda as amended was adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Pine Lake, GA has tentatively adopted a millage rate of 19.909 mills for maintenance and operations and debt service which will require an increase in property taxes of 13.29% for fiscal year 2021. This millage rate generates revenue necessary to fund the City of Pine Lake’s general operations, capital improvements and debt service budget for fiscal 2021. This is the same millage rate adopted for the previous fiscal year 2020.

Mayor Melanie Hammet opened the public hearing by announcing that Acting City Administrator Merriss would make a presentation regarding the proposed 2021 Millage Rate.

Ms. Merriss stated that the presentation would be an overview introduction for the public hearing and that the process of setting the millage rate begins when the city obtains the tax digest information from the DeKalb County Board of Tax Assessors in May of each year. She also pointed out how the formula for the millage rollback rate is calculated and that it is dictated by state law. Ms. Merriss stated that at the June 8th City Council Meeting the adoption of a tentative millage rate of 19.909 was approved to begin the process of establishing the final millage rate for 2021.

Acting Administrator Merriss explained the outcome of the 2021 real property tax digest reassessment and stated that the City’s real estate tax base generated the most revenue for the City. Ms. Merriss also discussed changes in the digest and growth. The millage rollback rate and the calculation of the rollback rate were also topics of the presentation and Ms. Merriss explained in depth how the rate is determined.

The next topic of discussion was the Five-Year History advertisement. Ms. Merriss explained how the information presented in the advertisement is calculated and that it must be published with The Champion along with separate advertisement for three public hearings. Ms. Merriss concluded the presentation by presenting a list of considerations for Council, including using fund balance this year to balance the budget; unbudgeted costs for the opening of the beach; increased costs for property and liability insurance cost; reimbursable unemployment unbudgeted costs; the increased cost of gasoline; funding for repairs and maintenance to the dam and the wetlands; unbudgeted capital cost for stabilizing and renovating the gazabo and for maintenance and repair of the tennis court and also

the consideration of potential staff compensation increases.

Mayor Hammet opened the hearing to the public and Council for comments and questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2021, and the Special Called Meeting of June 22, 2021.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux, second by Council member Woods and all council members voting "aye," the consent agenda was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

Adoption of 2021 Millage Rate

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, second by Council member Hall and Mayor pro tem Bordeaux and Council members Hall and Woods voting "aye," and Council members Brantley and Beavers voting "no," the final 2021 millage rate was set at 19.324 mills.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Quote to Remove Three Trees

Recommend approval of the proposal from AKA Tree Removal Service LLC to remove three trees.

On a motion by Council member Woods, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, and all council members voting "aye," the quote from AKA Tree Removal Service LLC not to exceed \$5,500 to remove three trees was approved.

Returning to In-person Council Meetings.

Discussion regarding returning to in-person council meetings.

The City Council Meetings resume being held at 459 Pine Drive at 7:00PM in the Council Chamber/Court House. The in-person meetings are on the second and last Tuesday of each month.

Reopening Club House and Beach House

Discussion regarding reopening the Club House and Beach House.

On a motion by Council member Woods, second by Council member Hall, and all council members voting "aye," permission for P.L.A.I.N. to utilize the Beach House for their monthly meeting was approved but other uses and rentals of the Club House and Beach House was deferred to a later date.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux, second by Council member Woods and all Council members voting "aye," the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Note:

The 2021 Millage Rate presentation is available on the City's website at www.pinelakega.net. Scroll to the Home Page/Front Page News/Tax Hearings and click on the link.