

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 28, 2021
7:00 PM
Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive Pine Lake, GA**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Present – Mayor Melanie Hammet, Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux, Council members Tracey Brantley, Brandy Hall and Augusta Woods. Also, present were Acting City Administrator Peggy Merriss and Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner. Council member Brandy Beaver, Police Chief Sarai Y’Hudah-Green and City Attorney Susan Moore were not in attendance.

Announcements/Communication

Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux communicated that she and Council member Woods met with resident Kim Fugate regarding the ROKS Bar-Be-Que Cookout at the new Poplar Park which is extremely close to her house. Ms. Woods stated that Ms. Fugate is fine with it. Ms. Bordeaux recommended demarcating her property from Poplar Park and suggested installing plantings to separate the two properties. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 6th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Council member Woods announced that the Makers Mart Event will be at various resident homes on Sunday, November 7th from 11:00am – 4:00pm and a Food Truck will be at the Club House.

Mayor Hammet communicated that she has spoken with several residents, and they said that the 2021 Beach Policy was brilliant and that the abbreviated version of the beach season was enjoyable. Mayor Hammet thanked Council and Acting City Administrator Merriss for their diligent work on the policy.

Mayor Hammet thanked resident Jennifer Galen, Lt. Robert Palms and Officer Jason Cooper and the entire Pine Lake community for assisting in the location of a missing child. She also thanked Chief Green for posting the information on the public safety section of the website.

Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Hammet amended the agenda by adding to New Business the purchase of a Kubota 48” Zero Turn Mower to replace a 2006 John Deere Zero mower.

On a motion by Council member Woods, seconded Council member Hall, and all council members present voting “aye,” the amended agenda was adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of the Minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 2021, and the report of the September 19, 2021, Planning Retreat.

On a motion by Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux, seconded by Council member Woods, and all council members present voting “aye,” the consent agenda was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of the Budget to Implement the Food Well Grant Program.

Recommend adoption of the proposed budget to implement the Food Well grant program. Funding is available from the grant.

Council member Hall presented an updated version of plan and an accompanying budget, followed by discussion. The adoption of the budget to Implement the Food Well Grant Program was deferred pending additional information for the carpentry scope of work and inclusion of bird habitat as it relates to the project that could be supported by the McAllister Fund. There may be some adjustments to the project as it relates to the carpentry. Also, the role of volunteers was discussed and will need to be clarified along with scheduling.

Adoption of a Service Agreement with Xfinity/Comcast.

Recommend adoption of a service agreement with Xfinity/Comcast for consolidated phone and internet services for City Hall, the Police Department, Club House and Beach House.

On a motion by Council member Hall, second by Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux and all present voting “aye,” the quote was approved.

Adoption of Resolution R-08-2021 Supporting “GEORGIA CITIES WEEK.”

Recommend adoption of Resolution R-08-2021 Supporting “GEORGIA CITIES WEEK.”

On a motion by Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux, second by Council member Brantley and all council members present voting “aye,” Resolution R-08-2021 Supporting “GEORGIA CITIES WEEK” was adopted as recommended.

Approval of a Quote from Lashley Kubota to purchase a Kubota 48” Zero Turn Mower to replace a 2006 John Deere Zero mower that is no longer operable.

Recommend approval of a quote from Lashley Kubota to purchase a Kubota 48” Zero Turn Mower to replace a 2006 John Deere Zero mower.

On a motion by Council member Brantley, second by Council member Woods and all present voting “aye,” quote was approved.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comments

Shirley Kinsley, 579 Spruce Drive commented on the carpentry portion of the Food Well Grant Program project and asked council to take their time and have a prepared scope of work for the woodworking plans. Ms. Kinsley suggested having an itemized list of materials, drawings and written instructions.

Resident Kinsley also commented that she was surprised that AT & T did not have internet at the Beach House and that she was glad that Council made the decision to consolidate the phone and internet service with Comcast being the provider.

Ms. Kinsley also said that she has a chipper shredder vacuum and that as a community effort she and her neighbor would be utilizing it to help Public Works get leaves out of the street this fall season.

Staff

There were not any public comments.

Mayor and City Council

Mayor Hammet commented that the City election is five weeks away and will be held on November 2nd at the Clubhouse from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Information for “The Pine Lake News” eblast:

Permits will not be available in City Hall from Oct. 18, 2021, through Nov. 1st, 2021.

Permits (building, tree, fence etc.) will not be available during the period October 18, 2021, through November 1st, 2021, due to staffing issues. If you are able to anticipate your needs, please apply now for any needed permits.

November 6th, 2021 – Grand Opening Poplar Park.

On Saturday Nov. 6th Pine Lake will celebrate the opening of our newest green space, **Poplar Park** with a get-together for business owners and residents. There will be burgers and dogs, vegan options and delicious sides - \$10 / plate and \$5 for kids. We will also have a DJ to keep things lively. The Park is located at the corner of Poplar and Rockbridge. Stay tuned for further details.

November 13th and 14th 2021 – Volunteer weekend for Food Well Urban Garden

On November 13th and 14th 2021 we will gather near the Beach house to begin implementation of our new urban agricultural project. The work will be supervised by our own Council member

Brandy Hall. Council member Tracey Brantley will be setting up a volunteer app so that you can sign up for specific tasks / times. This will be rolled out soon.

Municipal general election less than five weeks away - November 2, 2021.

PLAIN will be conducting a Zoom Candidate Forum to get to know the candidates on **October 21st at 7:00 PM**. More info in the next brief.

The candidates who will be running for the three City Council seats are:

Jean Bordeaux (Incumbent)

Matthew Jacob Collins

Brandy M. Hall (Incumbent)

Augusta M. Woods (Incumbent)

See [Notice of Election](#) for more details on the City website at www.pinelakega.net

Adjournment

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, seconded by Council member Brantley and all council members present voting “aye,” the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.