

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
MINUTES  
March 8, 2022  
6:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
459 Pine Drive Pine Lake, GA**

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Call to Order - Mayor Melanie Hammet called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Hammet and Council members Brandy Beavers, Tracey Brantley and Augusta Woods. Acting City Administrator Peggy Merriss and Chief Saria Y'Hudah-Green were also present. Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux and Council member Brandy Hall were not present. City Attorney Susan Moore and Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner were also not present.

Announcements/Communication – There were no announcements or communication items.

Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Council Member Brantley; second by Council Member Beavers; and all present voting “aye”, the agenda was adopted.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Adoption of the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 2022.

On a motion by Council Member Woods; second by Council Member Brantley; and all present voting “aye”, the consent agenda was adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Employment Agreement – City Administrator  
Approval of the “Employment Agreement” for the services of a City Administrator.

In response to a question from Council member Beavers, Ms. Merriss indicated that she did not have the compensation of the prior City Administrator with her. BB stated she was concerned that the level of the proposed compensation was a lot for a city the size of Pine Lake.

Ms. Merriss clarified that the base compensation in the agreement was an annualized rate, and the actual wages would be based on the balance of the year.

Mayor Hammet stated that in order for Pine Lake to move forward, a highly qualified City Administrator was needed.

Council member Brantley stated that Ms. Miller-Thornton was very skilled and was worth the compensation.

Council member Beavers confirmed that the compensation seemed to be needed in order to attract a quality person.

Council member Woods agreed.

On a motion by Council Member Woods; second by Council Member Brantley; and all present voting “aye”, the employment agreement was adopted.

Request for Use of Council Chambers.

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux requests approval for use of Council Chambers for monthly PRISM Advisory Board meetings.

By consensus, the request was approved.

## **REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Public Comments – Andrea Richardson, 646 Ivy Road, stated that there was a petition circulating to request that the sand area of the beach be opened. She said there were currently 86 signatures on the petition. She added that the request did not include opening the lake.

Staff – There were no staff comments.

Mayor Hammet stated that the issue of opening the beach would be assigned to the March 29, 2022 Council Meeting agenda.

City Council - Council member Beavers requested that “Public Comment” be added to the beginning of the meeting in addition to the end of the meeting.

Adjournment

On a motion by Council Member Beavers; second by Council Member Woods; and all present voting “aye”, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.