

CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 12, 2022, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA

Call to Order - Mayor Melanie Hammet called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Announcements/Communications

Mayor Hammet communicated that on April 11th she, City Administrator Miller-Thornton, Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson and her Chief of Staff had a good meeting and walked the Rockbridge Road construction site together. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was aghast at the condition of the construction site and the manner with which the business owners have been communicated. She offered her apology and said that the county had failed the property owners.

The Mayor stated that upon the Commissioner's return to her office she sent notification to DeKalb County's Code Enforcement about the condition of business properties and noting the number of ways that the county has failed the business owners. On April 25th Commissioner Steve Bradshaw is scheduled to visit the construction site.

Mayor Hammet presented three items that has or will be met regarding the site:

1. The county has paved five driveways at the entrance of businesses
2. Delivery of jersey barrels to demarcate entrance and exit at each driveway
3. Delivery of meaningful signage to be placed at entrances to businesses

Mayor thanked Administrative Coordinator Varner for being a great communication vector during this time of a personnel/family challenge and that she has been on point keeping all updated.

Mayor Hammet communicated that she listened to a podcast interview regarding collaboration which is important to her. The Mayor thanked Council and said that all do not always speak in consensus when having discussions. She communicated that she appreciated working with five non-consenting adults.

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City Administrator Miller-Thornton provided an explanation of the Consent Agenda and why it was not needed on the regular agendas. The Consent Agenda has been removed.

Council Member Brantley announced that on Saturday, April 16th PLAIN will host a Mardi Gras/Easter Event at the Beach House.

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 29, 2022.

Mayor Hammet amended the agenda by adding a second bid from Express Concrete to Item B under new business. On a motion by Council Member Brantley, second by Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux and all present voting “aye,” the amended agenda was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Capital Improvements to Lakefront.
Consideration for capital improvements and maintenance along lakefront.

Per Council consensus on 04/12/2022, the following has been approved as relative to Lakeshore improvements (garden, beach entry, and gazebo).

(pp. 5-7) Foot wash - \$1,975

- Demo, removal, & dispose of top 8” existing concrete
- Demo, removal \$ dispose of 12’ existing wall
- New concrete – broom finished

(p. 8) Construct Arbor - \$1,950

(p. 9) Construct trellis - \$2,675

(pp. 11-13) Beach Entrance - \$18,825

- Demo, remove, & dispose of existing beach entry
- Demo concrete curb
- Construct new beach entrance

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(p. 14) Construct new railing/trellis along existing cinderblock at beach entrance overlook - \$3,100

Items removed from project scope:

- (p. 2-3) Demo, removal & dispose – Gazebo (\$5,200)
- (p. 4) Demo, removal & dispose – Bridge (\$400)
- (p. 10) Construct seating area along existing left-hand wall (\$5,250)

Total new project scope - \$28,525 (not including previously stated 10% discount)

On a motion by Council Member Hall; second by Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux; and all present voting “aye,” to approve expenditures for lakefront improvements [as consented upon by Council].

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Council consideration of terms for beach and lake reopening.

Following discussion on this item there was not any action taken. This item will be presented again at the April 26th meeting.

- B. Approval of proposal for repair of the handicap accessibility ramp at 300 Clubhouse Drive – Wildcat Striping, Sealing and Paving - \$1,770.00.

City Administrator Miller-Thornton presented the additional proposal to select Express Concrete’s proposal of \$1,100.00 to repair of the handicap accessibility ramp. On a motion by Council Member Woods, second by Council Member Brantley; and all present voting “aye,” the Express Concrete proposal was approved.

- C. Approval of proposal for removal and replacement of asphalt curb – 555 Spruce Drive – Wildcat Striping, Sealing and Paving - \$3,586.00

On a motion by Council Member Brantley; second by Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux; and all present voting “aye”, the proposal was approved.

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- D. Approval of proposal for repair of block wall and haul out of debris – 4580 Lakeshore Drive – Express Concrete - \$2,800.00

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

- E. Support Renewal for PowerEdge T440 PL-SRV-01 – VC3 Inc., Contractor –
1 year term – 04/15/2023 expiration - \$889.59.

On a motion by Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux; second by Council Member Hall; and all present voting “aye,” the Contract for Support Renewal for PowerEdge T440 PL-SRV-01 with VC3 Inc was approved.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comments

Resident Laura Smith commented about her concerns regarding a code warning on the fence construction that she is doing at her residence.

Staff

City Administrator Miller-Thornton thanked everyone that helped make her first week and two days was a great success. She extended a big thanks to Administrative Coordinator Varner for her assistance.

Mayor – Scheduling of City of Pine Lake Town Hall

The Pine Lake Town Hall meeting is scheduled for May 25th at 7:00 pm at the Beach House.

City Council

There were not any Council comments.

Information for “The Pine Lake News” eblast

Town Hall Meeting Scheduled for May 25th, 2022

On May 25th we will resume in-person Town Hall meetings. The meeting will be held at 7:00 PM in the Beach House. Topics to be discussed are being determined. If you have a subject that you would like to be discussed send an email to

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News on Rockbridge Road

Snell Construction has now paved the driveways leading into the businesses on the South side of Rockbridge. This should alleviate the dangerous potholes and rough surfaces.

On Monday, DeKalb Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson did a walk-through of the area, talking to business owners and noting the conditions. She immediately sent an email to DeKalb COO, Zachary Williams detailing her conversations and observations and emphasizing to him how important it is to act quickly to assist those impacted.

DeKalb County should soon be positioning new distinctive barriers to demarcate each driveway and install signage showing entrance points.

Construction Projects Approved

Council approved contracts for several projects around the city, including a new entrance ramp to the Beach, repair of the handicap accessibility ramp at the Clubhouse and repair of the block wall above the playground which was knocked down by a vehicle.

Adjournment

On a motion by Council Member Hall; second by Council Member Brantley; and all present voting "aye," the meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.