

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING & WORK SESSION
ACTION AGENDA
January 13, 2026 at 6:00PM
Courthouse & Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA 30072**

Call to Order: Mayor Hall called the Organizational Meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Present: Mayor Brandy Hall, Council Members Jeff Goldberg and Thomas Torrent. Also present were City Manager Stanley Hawthorne, City Attorney Chris Balch, Chief of Police Sarai Y'Hudah-Green, Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick, City Clerk Ned Dagenhard, and Finance Associate Stephen Mayer.

Oath of Office

Superior Court Judge Ana Martinez presided over the swearing-in ceremony, for Council Members-elect Deborah Hull, Stephanie Kohler, and Jane Lowers.

The new Council Members were seated at the dais.

No other action was taken.

Nomination and Election – Mayor pro tempore

Mayor Hall called for nominations for Mayor pro tempore.

Council Member Kohler motioned to nominate Council Member Torrent as Mayor pro tempore.

Council Member Hull motioned to nominate Council Member Goldberg as Mayor pro tempore.

No further nominations were offered.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

Council Members Kohler and Torrent voted for Council Member Torrent; Council Members Goldberg, Hull, and Lowers voted for Council Member Goldberg.

Council Member Goldberg was named Mayor pro tempore.

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Appointment of City Officers

Council Member Torrent motioned to appoint City Attorney Chris Balch, Chief Judge of Municipal Court L'Erin Barnes-Wiggins, Associate Judge of Municipal Court Tracy Moran, Solicitor of Municipal Court Jonathan Kester, and Public Defender of Municipal Court Ansley Sluss; Council Member Lowers seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motioned carried.

Adjournment

Council Member Kohler motioned to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 6:10PM.

Call to Order: Mayor Hall called the Work Session to order at 6:10PM.

Present: Mayor Brandy Hall, Mayor pro tempore Jeff Goldber, and Council Members Deborah Hull, Stephanie Kohler, Jane Lowers, and Thomas Torrent. Also present were City Manager Stanley Hawthorne, City Attorney Chris Balch, Chief of Police Sarai Y'Hudah-Green, Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick, City Clerk Ned Dagenhard, and Finance Associate Stephen Mayer.

Adoption of the Agenda of the Day

Council Member Hull motioned to adopt the agenda; Council Member Torrent seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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At the approval of the Mayor, the agenda was augmented to allow for the swearing-in of Municipal Court Judge L'Erin Barnes-Wiggins, whose arrival was delayed.

City Attorney Balch presided over the swearing-in of Judge Wiggins.

No other action was taken.

New Business

1. 2024 Audit Report, Presentation – *McNair McClemore Middlebrooks & Co.*

Kurt Hardison, CPA of *McNair McClemore Middlebrooks & Co.* presented the City's 2024 Audit Report.

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

2. 2026 City Council Meeting Calendar, Discussion

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

3. City Council Orientation Kickoff

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

Adjournment

Council Member Hull motioned to adjourn the Work Session at 7:57PM.



Ned Dagenhard, City Clerk