

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 28, 2026 at 6:00PM  
Courthouse & Council Chambers  
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA 30072**

**Call to Order:** Mayor pro tem Goldberg called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01PM.

Present: Mayor pro tempore Jeff Goldberg, 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, and City Clerk Ned Dagenhard. Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick and Finance Director Stephen Mayer were not in attendance.

**Announcements/Communications**

Council Member Kohler announced that the *Pine LakeFest, Inc.* “Taco Time” event was successful, adding that the festival’s vendor application was now open, and poster-art competition active.

Council Member Lowers announced that the *Atlanta Regional Commission* (ARC) Comprehensive Plan survey was still live through May 3<sup>rd</sup>, with flyers around the City and notification in the weekly email newsletter.

Council Member Hull announced that the Pollination Celebration—supported by PLAIN, as well as citizen environmental and arts groups—would take place Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in and around the Beach House.

**Proclamation – Arbor Day 2026**

Each member of the Governing Authority read a paragraph from the Pine Lake 2026 Arbor Day Proclamation, reprising the February 2026 adoption of April 25, 2026 as Pine Lake Arbor Day.

**Adoption of the Agenda of the Day**

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

No discussion took place.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**Adoption of the Minutes**

- March 30, 2026 – Special Called Meeting
- March 30, 2026 – Town Hall
- March 31, 2026 – Regular Meeting
- April 14, 2026 – Work Session

Council Member Lowers moved to adopt the minutes; Council Member Kohler seconded.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote on the minutes.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

- 1. Resolution R-2026-21, Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) Insurance Renewal**
- 2. Resolution R-2026-22, Authorize Official Signatures for Truist Accounts**
- 3. Resolution R-2026-23, Budget Amendment – Acceptance of Funds from DeKalb County for Mural Project(s)\**

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt the Consent Agenda; Council Member Hull seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

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**New Business**

**1. City Manager Recruitment Proposals – Presentation, *Warren Hutmacher / Sumter Local Government Consulting***

Warren Hutmacher from *Sumter Local Government Consulting* presented a proposal for City Manager Recruitment services, and fielded questions from the Governing Authority.

A discussion took place regarding the timeline for production of deliverables (such as a recruitment brochure, list of candidates, etc.), invoicing calendar, and agreement terms.

No action was taken by City Council.

**2. Resolution R-2026-24, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between *City of Pine Lake* and *Pine LakeFest, Inc.***

Council Member Lowers moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-24; Council Member Torrent seconded.

City Attorney Balch outlined any notable changes to the MOU with *Pine LakeFest, Inc.*, which include updated insurance minimum requirements, and authority to allow wading and non-motorized boating during the festival. *Pine LakeFest, Inc.* also agreed to pay for environmental water testing prior to and during the event, since the proposed dates fall outside of the City's testing season.

Council Member Kohler expressed thanks to organizers with *Pine LakeFest, Inc.* for their cooperation during drafting of the document. Council Member Hull thanked all parties, and added that her questions had been answered by the City Attorney.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**3. Resolution R-2026-26, Local Road Assistance (LRA) Funding**

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-26; Council Member Kohler seconded.

City Manager Hawthorne informed City Council that the resolution authorizing application for LRA Funding will become routine going forward, as LRA represents a State-managed pool of funds available to local municipalities based on population, for the purpose of infrastructure projects.

Council Member Lowers inquired whether there was a deadline for spending awarded-funds. City Manager Hawthorne responded that a spending timeframe is fluid, citing the common practice of “rolling up” funds over the course of multiple years to prepare for a larger project.

A brief discussion took place regarding ongoing road projects in Pine Lake, and DeKalb County-managed sewer line repair needs.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**4. Resolution R-2026-27, Authorize City Manager or Designee to Apply for State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)**

Council Member Kohler moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-27; Council Member Hull seconded.

City Clerk Dagenhard explained the funding opportunity associated with the SLCGP, and discussed projects identified by the City’s IT consultant—VC3—that would be administered should the application be met with approval.

A discussion took place between Mr. Dagenhard and Council Member Lowers regarding prioritization of various projects, and how the awarded-funds would assist in practicality of those projects.

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**Reports and Other Business**

Council Member Kohler reminded attendees of the upcoming *Pollination Celebration* on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and added that she would be the first musical act, performing a sound bath. Ms. Kohler added that all three musical acts were Pine Lake “locals”—herself, Emily Bachus, and Diane Durrett.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg announced that the previous week he had attended a *DeKalb Municipal Association (DMA) Policy Council* meeting held in Stone Mountain, and praised the opportunity to discuss economic development and tax policy with colleagues in other jurisdictions. Mr. Goldberg also proposed hosting DMA in Pine Lake at some point in the future.

**Adjournment**

Council Member Kohler motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:25PM.

*Ned Dagenhard*

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Ned Dagenhard, City Clerk

