

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2018
7:00 PM**

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Melanie Hammet at 7:00 pm. Present were Council Members Jean Bordeaux, Megan Pulsts, Augusta Woods, Brandy Hall and Kris Casariego. Staff present were City Administrator Valerie Caldwell and Chief Saria Y'Huduh-Green. Also present was Allison Duncan from the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

Announcements/Communication

- **Hammet**

Thanked the participants for participating in the Retreat that was held on August 28th.

Announced that she, Caldwell and Bordeaux met with David Burt, potential Economic Development Consultant and that the city will be voting to enter into a contract with his company. The contract will be presented at the September 10th council meeting for approval.

Announced that the Economic Development Task Force consists of Susan Tarnower, Brandy Beavers, Calvin Burgamy and Michael Wardner and that they will work along with Bordeaux, Hammet and Burt.

Communicated that Catherine Moore, Georgia Conservancy Senior Director, stated that the website is fantastic for obtaining information and is beyond compare. She thanked Bordeaux for her excellent work on the website and making it happen.

- **Hall**

Announced that thirty volunteers participated in the Monarch Planting's at the Art Wall and announced volunteers had signed up for daily and weekly watering of the plants.

- **Bordeaux**

Announced that there has been talks with Rockbridge Elementary regarding volunteering and if one wishes to work with children they will need a background check. She requested council to approve running the background checks at no charge as way for the city to support the schools.

- **Casariego**

Communicated that Wanda Cooley, Art Curator has been working on a process for the art wall exhibits. Information will be available for the September 10th meeting and will also be posted on the website.

- **Woods**

Communicated that she is still waiting on information from Georgia Natural Association for setting up a date for the fish inventory.

Adoption of Agenda

Upon motion and second, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Public Comments

There were not any public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes of Council Meeting held 08/13/18

The consent agenda was unanimously approved by motion by Bordeaux; seconded by Woods. 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Working Discussion of Future Public Space Management – Mayor Hammet

Mayor Hammet introduced Atlanta Regional Commission's Allison Duncan and welcomed her to the meeting. Hammet recapped some of the needs of the city and how they could be creatively resolved for now and the future. The idea of discussion was to begin to resolve matters for summer 2018 and asked council members to bring ideas to work sessions. One of the major goals was to keep the area environmentally healthy.

Mayor Hammet recommended car free weekends at the lake/beach area; but offered inclusion to visitors less the traffic and pollution. She said that development could produce a doubling of the city's population in the future that it gives the doubling for population and presented a need for retooling the recreation areas. Woods said that a reduction in vehicular traffic would be a great idea especially with the Food Trucks and Makers Market to draw walkers in from the surrounding areas.

Pulsts inquired as to what streets would be closed off and that lots of signage would be needed. Hammet said that a lot of planning would be needed. Chief Green said that a lot of places are doing the park and walk and that this would be a good campaign for the city and would keep the city environmentally healthy. Green stated that education will be key for the enjoyment of the art wall, beach/lake and green spaces and suggested utilizing the Woodstock Baptist Church parking lot. Plusts stated that the matter of using the church lot was still open for discussion.

Stephanie Weeks, Public Works Group said that the issues needed to be drilled down and not to move too quickly and to research other cities. She suggested a mission statement and goals, along with a facilitated meeting involving other city groups, would be helpful.

Hammet said that she would like the wildlife and businesses to be healthy and have a relationship while keeping the millage rate down. The Mayor talked about the future of the lake and the commercial district. Casariego talked about the various pieces of the discussion and stated that she feels that pieces of the first micro layer was being by passed.

Allison Duncan provided several topics for future discussion.

Casariego talked about the new businesses in the area especially the shopping center on the corner of S. Harriston and that there are a lot of people that walk in the area and that there are areas that are not walk friendly especially Rockbridge Road and that sidewalks are needed. She also said that the city needs to preserve what they currently have and that there needs to be a balance.

Hammet reported that the expansion of Rockbridge will provide sidewalks on one side of the south road.

The Mayor stated that there will be additional work sessions on this matter to tie in the micro pieces that have been presented. The topics will be special considerations that will have to be a part of a

holistic approach to a solution. She also said that costs and administration is to be taken into consideration for long term. Pulsts stated that the city should honor its neighbors with inclusion and respect.

Hall stated that the lake/beach is the main asset of the city and that there are other attractions such as the art wall and the nature trails. Bordeaux suggested fostering relationships outside of Pine Lake.

The Mayor said that sustainably of the city is the main goal. She said for the next work sessions with other thought exercises. Hall stated she would like to continue thought exercise at the next work session, but from a different approach.

Communications Plan

There were not any communications.

Public Comments

Butch Tarrior, 4365 Dogwood Road, commented that he is glad that the city is moving in the right direction and the he is curious as to what is happening with the thirteen acres on Allgood Road. Hammet stated that there is a new realtor handling the property. Tarrior said that he would like to speak with someone because he has great ideas for the property

Mayor's Comments

There were not any comments.

Council Comment

Pulsts inquired about the sanitation contract. Caldwell reported that the change of providers while in the works, had not yet been finalized. Following a brief discussion, it was determined that website would reflect an update notifying the public of a change of contractors effective 12/01/18.

Pulsts asked Chief Green about the status for parking and signage. Green stated that she and Public Works are working on this project.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Missye Varner, Administrative Assistant