

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 30, 2018  
7:00 PM**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Melanie Hammet at 7:00 PM. Also present were council members of Jean Bordeaux, Augusta Woods, Brandy Hall, Megan Pulsts and Kris Casariego along with Catherine Moore, from the Georgia Conservancy, Chief Saria Y'hudah-Green and City Administrator Valerie Caldwell.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Hammet.

**Announcements/Communication**

**Casariego:**

- The first community email blast will be November 1<sup>st</sup> and it will include the consent agenda, minutes passed and the Rockbridge Corridor survey.
- New city banners will be ordered within the next two weeks to replace the old ones.

**Hall:**

- Met with the Department of Transportation regarding the Rockbridge Road Project drainage. The new proposal is better than it was before and straddles more property to triple the watershed volume.

**Hammet:**

- The Rockbridge Road Project will be more expensive for the top tier to clean the water and not to just mediate. Also, D.O.T. identified two additional BMP's as it relates to the impact of water drainage.
- Tots and Kids Town Hall met on October 28<sup>th</sup> and weighted in on the new carpet for the court room and would like to replace the old duct tape with new duct tape. There were about a dozen children in attendance with Judge L'Erin Wiggins holding a mock trial. The Mayor said that she may put a strip of duct tape on the new carpeting for the next Tots and Kids Town Hall.
- The Policy Committee for the DeKalb Municipal Association met on 10/30/18 and encouraged everyone to attend the December 6<sup>th</sup> Dinner meeting. The topic will include DeKalb County's Transit Study and the interaction with its cities and residents for the future.
- Encouraged the Economic Development Group to attend the collective Town Hall rollout on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Is the 2019 elect Vice-President for the DeKalb Municipal Association.

**Woods:**

- Continues to work on the fish, aquatic and wildlife count at the lake. The approximate price will be \$850.00 and the representative will attend a future meeting with a report.

**Adoption of Agenda – Addition of Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation for SEED Member Jennifer Bridges**

The adoption of the agenda was approved as amended on motion by Pulsts, seconded by Bordeaux and approved 5-0.

### **Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation for SEED Member**

Jennifer Bridges was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Mayor Hammet for the Stewards of Environmental Education and Design (SEED) on behalf of the Monarch Weigh Station from Monarch Watch Organization and Conservation of North America.

### **Public Comments**

There were not any public comments.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Approval of Minutes of Council Meeting held October 8, 2018**

The minutes were unanimously approved upon motion by Bordeaux and seconded by Pulsts.

#### **Authorization for Mayor to Execute Intergovernmental Agreement with DeKalb County for Sanitation Services**

The agreement was unanimously approved upon motion by Pulsts and seconded by Hall.

#### **First Reading of Ordinance to Adopt a New Sanitation Ordinance for the City of Pine Lake**

The first reading was by Pulsts and the seconded schedule reading will be on November 27, 2018.

#### **First Reading of Ordinance to Establish Procedures for the Issuance of Permits and Enforcement of State Mandated Technical Codes; to Adopt the International Property Maintenance Code**

The first reading was by Casariego. The second scheduled reading will be on November 27, 2018.

### **WORK SESSION**

#### **Discussion of Smart Growth – Commercial and Residential Integration**

This was the third work session discussion of the thought experiment lead by Council member Hall with Georgia Conservancy's Catherine Moore as Contributor. Hall talked about car free zones for the weekends during the summer beach/lake season and about transportation specifically. She also framed the questioned of "how does the city exist in relationship to the environment that we live within" and how is it reflected with how we approach our green spaces. Hall also proposed the topic of how the city will create more connectivity with the commercial district and the lake center in town with the conversation through the lens of transit.

Casariego asked what is it that the city is trying to do and what kind of place is the city trying to make though the process of the arts, environment and community

Bordeaux suggested having a relationship with the business district and the community at large and having ideas with one being the weekend car free zone. The Mayor talked about the possibility of purchasing the corner lot near Woodstock Baptist Church. Hammet also talked about the issues that may face residents that would live on the vacant thirteen vacant acres if it were developed and how the short-term risks would affect long term results.

Moore stated that the concern is about the lake because it is the main piece that other pieces will fit around. Moore also said that the environment, art, community and sustainability would be impacted and recommended a case study.

Woods suggested educating the business district to include them in as part as the city and to make them welcome. Moore recommended that the language of the cars go away because it says keep out and it shifts the energy of inclusion of the lake.

Pulsts talked about parking at some of the local businesses and that it could be physically challenging.

Hammet recapped the meeting with three steps being 1) to continue to tweet signage towards environment instead of recreation and to continue to tell the story of the lake and wetlands and to get real data; 2) how does the city plan/budget to get the parking lot which would be a huge benefit to the city and 3) to think about ideas of plans for the clubhouse for refurbishing the entire area and make it a beautiful place to walk from to the lake. The Mayor also stated that the city has begun to have a coherent vision of about what the city is doing and needs to do to move forward artistly and environmentally.

### **Communications Plan**

- Pulsts communicated the Council Meeting and 2019 Budget Hearing will be November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Courthouse.
  
- Caldwell the adoption of the 2019 Budget will be December 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Public Comments**

There were not any public comments.

### **Mayor's Comments**

There were not any mayoral comments.

### **Council Comment**

**There were not any council comments.**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM upon motion by Pulsts and seconded by Woods.

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