

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 31, 2018
7:00 PM**

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Melanie Hammet at 7:00 PM. Also present were Council Members Jean Bordeaux, Kris Casariego, Brandy Hall, Augusta Woods and Megan Pulsts. Staff present were Chief Sarai Y’Hudah-Green and City Administrator Valerie Caldwell. Also present was City Attorney Laurel Henderson.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

Announcements/Communication

Hammet:

- ❖ Provided an update on the CDBG grant application from Brian Campbell, DeKalb Grant Administration and communicated that it is looking favorable for the city.
- ❖ Commissioner Steve Bradshaw initiated a central DeKalb County Mayors’ meeting with Avondale, Pine Lake, Clarkston and Stone Mountain. The meeting was held at the Avondale Fire Station. The topic of the meeting was the happenings of each city and how they may work together collectively. The meetings will be held once per quarter.
- ❖ Met with new house elect State Representative Viola Davis regarding Pine Lakes’ needs and what’s going on in the city. Davis reported that she created an independent research team regarding the viability of Greenhaven as a city and that the report indicates that it is not viable as a city based on the information provided and that it will create difficulty for other fully functional cities in the county.
- ❖ Susan Edwards, Jennifer Bridges, Brandy Hall and Hammet met with a while back. Bridges, a Master Gardner spearheaded the city’s plant sale.
- ❖ Announced that resident Wanda Cooley has been appointed as the Curator of the Art Wall and is doing a great job.

Hall:

- ❖ Communicated that the meeting with SEED was a success. The topic of discussion was the monarch waste station which will attract monarch butterflies. The proceeds of \$350.00 from the plant sale will fund the project and resident Jean Vigodsky is donating items as well. There will be a volunteer day on August 26th from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm to put the station in the ground. The location will be the grassy strip in front of the art wall at Public Works.

Casariego:

- ❖ Has been working on the art wall guide line process with Wanda Colley.

Bordeaux:

- ❖ P.L.A.I.N. has changed their focus to community activism but will continue to have the monthly breakfasts’ and will not continue to take responsibility for any other activities as in the past.
- ❖ Relationship building with Allgood Elementary.

Pulsts:

National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 7th at the Beach House at 7:00 p.m.

Woods:

- ❖ Attended the DMA Lunch Meeting with Bordeaux where Michael Thurmond, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners was the keynote speaker. His topic was Marta catching up with the growth of the city and how important transportation is for attracting more businesses and maintaining the current businesses. It was suggested to place lighting and signage of transit times at the bus stops.

Adoption of Agenda

Hammet amended the agenda by adding a consideration of extending the weekend officer until August under old business.

Pulsts motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Hall. 5-0

Public Comments

There were not any comments.

Introduction of Elisa Gambino

The Mayor introduced Ms. Gambino, Filmmaker, One Production Place who will be doing a documentary of the City. Neil Broffman, Filmmaker and Ms. Gambino will work jointly on the project. Hammet made a statement of trust as it relates to the project. The film will focus on the city's female leadership. There will be filming during council meetings and court sessions. The film is being funded by Glass Breaker Films which is funded by a trust to empower young women to work in journalism and documentary film making. The time table will be three to four months and it will be submitted in January 2019. Mayor Hammet stated that she is not keen in a Public Service Announcement (PSA) for the city and asked if there would be a story told that would show the city's uniqueness as a progressive city. Gambino stated that her goal is to get the film into education distribution with an impact campaign for young women to see what's happening in Pine Lake.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Space Work Group Report on Parking – Megan Pulsts

Pulsts lead the discussion and it will continue at the 08/28/18 meeting regarding resident parking zones. There will be eight more weeks of traffic at the public spaces until the 2019 beach season. Bordeaux addressed ticketing verses towing. Henderson talked about the process of towing and parking fines. She also stated that signs must be in place for enforcement. Hammet stated that Pine Lake is the number one beach in the Atlanta area and car culture change in the city needs to be looked at. Pulsts will be talking to a parking consultant on August 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Declare Inoperable Police Car as Surplus – Chief Green

The request was unanimously approved on motion by Pulsts and seconded by Casariego.

Sanitation Contract

Authorization for City Administrator to pursue securing service through DeKalb County by Pulsts and seconded by Casariego and unanimously approved.

Communications Plan

Pulsts will post information via Facebook regarding the filming of the documentary.

Hammet will communicate information via Pine Lake Announce regarding the filming of the documentary.

Bordeaux will post information on the city website regarding the filming of the documentary.

Public Comments

Shannon Austin, new member to the community commented about the lakes fish, details about the lake and an aquaponic system in the city.

Mayor's Comments

There were not any comments.

Council Comment

Casariago commented that she is excited about the new direction for PLAIN and asked about the special events. Hammet said that the public spaces will be held and if someone wants to host the special event they can because PLAIN will only host the monthly breakfasts'.

Woods announced that the Food Truck-Mexican Food, Makers Market and Pine Lake Lounge will be August 11th.

Pulsts announced that she will not be present at the August 13th meeting.

Adjournment at 8:55 p.m. upon motion by Hal and seconded by Pulsts.

Missye Varner, Administrative Assistant