

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2019
7:00 PM**

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Jean Bordeaux and Council Members Augusta Woods, Kris Casariego and Megan Pulsts. Also present was City Administrator Valerie Caldwell and City Attorney Laurel Henderson. Council Member Brandy Hall and Chief of Police Sarai Y'Hudah-Green were not present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

Adoption of Agenda

Hammet reordered the agenda and removed the first item under Old Business and revised item regarding Poultry, Livestock and Urban Farming, by deleting Day Care and Homeschooling. Motion to approve agenda as amended made by Pulsts, seconded by Casariego and was approved 4-0.

Direction to City Attorney for Possible Changes in Code to Poultry, Livestock, Urban Farming

Henderson led the discussion regarding the zoning code specific to raising chickens and other animals, noise, waste and lot size and questioned if council would embrace urban farming. Also discussed was the raising of egg producing chickens for profit within the residential district. Henderson also stated that boundaries must be set and talked about zoning setbacks for chicken coops and it being an accessory structure. The management of waste was also discussed.

This item will be researched for waste runoff and regulations, a code enforcement mechanism, nuisance application and for the number of chickens or animals that is reasonable per lot. Bordeaux suggested five or six chickens per lot to reduce waste and noise and to have appropriate setbacks. Casariego suggested having simplified and smaller regulations to reduce the risk for enforcement management. Pulsts talked about lot size as it relates to having the number of chickens per lot. Hammet stated that chicken coops are accessory structures. Following research, this item will be revisited on a future agenda.

Public Comments

Dianne Durett 616 Olive Road commented that her main concern for residents having chickens is the sloping of lots and the runoff of waste into the lake. She said that there are mobile coops within the city that can be move around on the lot. Durett also stated that she's against having floors in chicken coops, that 25 feet is to close and the noise level of chickens laying eggs.

Alan Gordon 487 Oak Road asked council to consider the runoff of chicken waste as it relates to the algae blooms in the lake.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes of 07/8/19 Council Meeting

Woods motioned to approve, seconded by Bordeaux. 4-0

Announcements and Comments

Pulsts:

- Announced that Pine Lake Public Space Work Group applied for and was recognized by the Audubon Society.

Bordeaux:

- Announced that on August 21st at 7:00 pm there will be a presentation of Memorial Drive Revitalization Study at 495 North Indian Creek Drive, Decatur.

Hammet:

- Commented that Chief Green was happy with the National Night Out and thanked Pulsts and MAP for their assistance with the successful event.
- Attended a meeting with GDOT on August 12th with DeKalb County Mayors and that population growth, traffic and budgeting was discussed.
- Announced that Amazon will open a distribution outlet in the county to employ approximately two thousand people. The location will be of Highway 78 & Interstate 285.

Old Business

Second Reading and Adoption of Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map

This item was removed from the agenda and will be placed on a future agenda.

Day Care and Home Schooling in Residential District

This item was removed from the agenda and will be placed on a future agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Scheduling Fall Town Hall Meeting

Tentatively scheduled September 12th at 7:00 pm at the Beach House.

Next Steps for New City Hall and Current City Hall

Caldwell said that the project is coming to an end and that there will be a meeting with the construction supervisor on August 13th and that painting will begin soon. Council will present usage ideas and needs for the current City Hall to Mayor Hammet at the August 26th work session.

Public Comments

Alan Gordon encouraged Council to address a very large missing chunk of Oak Drive, i.e. pothole, that has continued to enlarge over the last 10 year. Gordon stated that he believes that it is probably one of the biggest traffic obstructions in the city. He also presented the comments in writing with photos of the road and a copy is filed the minute book.

Mayor's Comments

Hammet commented on motorized scooters and parking within cities; especially the City of Atlanta and surrounding cities and recommends creating an ordinance for the city.

Council Comments

There were not any comments.

Adjournment

Bordeaux motioned to adjourn at 8:09pm; seconded by Pulsts. 4-0