

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING ZOOM MEETING
JUNE 2, 2020
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Jean Bordeaux, Council Members Augusta Woods, Brandy Hall and Tracey Brantley and Brandy Beavers. Also, in attendance were Chief Sarai Y'Hudah-Green who logged in at 7:14, and Administrative Assistant Missye Varner. City Administrator Valerie Caldwell was not present.

Announcements/Communication

Mayor Hammet that the current circumstances of the state, country and city are changing from minute to minute and that she and council to be agile and prepared to respond to the needs of the citizens as not to play catch up.

Adoption of amended Agenda

This item was omitted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting minutes of 05/19/20 and 05/26/20 Council meeting
Bordeaux motioned to adopt and seconded by Woods. 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update

- Bordeaux continues to work on unemployment and is currently talking with a business owner regarding their property and codes. The Mayor Pro Tem also has been assisting Varner.
- Beavers updated that they are restocking the Food Bank and has received over \$4k in donations and they are accepted online at plainhelps.org. Food donations are accepted on the first of the month from 9:00am – 11:00am.
Brantley provided an update on the 2020 Census and said that it is up 1% but is the lowest in the county. The census volunteers are putting out information and it is also on social media. Brantley said that there will be a robocall soon and the date will be provided.
- Hall's update was that the garden from the Food Well Grant was not fully deployed due to COVID 19. The beach house is a potential site for plantings and will happen before the end of the year. She will prepare information for the community for interactions and feedback for plantings in the green spaces.
- Woods updated that all of the businesses that she has been in contact with are up and running.
- Varner said that the businesses on her list were open with reduced hours. Permit issuance are increasing, and that City Hall is taking every precaution to remain healthy.
- Chief Green stated that the Rockbridge Road Project is twofold and that that they ran into a problem and are working on another location of the road but are still on schedule. Green also provided an update on Court that will reopen on June 4th and safety measures. She also stated that there will be a check in station for court attendees to have temperature checked and they will receive a Personal Protective Equipment Bag. Dividers have been installed by Public Works throughout the court room and the limited number of attendees will be spread out for safety with 4 seats per row. Green stated that if someone is uncomfortable attending that they may call the Judge to discuss.

Mayor's Comments

- Approximately the 6th of each month she checks on apartment residents and thus far all is well. The owners continue to work with the tenants
- The county has sent submitted information for COVID-19 funding and the cities may get funding direct from FEMA
- Parking mediation and signage at the public space is working out well and has set a positive tone
- Hammet spoke about the tone of the nation that consist of COVID-19 and protesting & rioting
- Had conference call with Katherine Toomey, State Director of Health and she said that COVID-19 testing is a problem because there are so many different symptoms. Mask are needed to protect the protestors during marches and expect large viral outbreaks. The novel virus has no contingent pattern,
- Weekly meetings were discussed by Council and many agree to continue because it is beneficial due to the following:
 - Bordeaux said that the updates are good but the space within a week does not have much changes
 - Hall said that the meetings are a steady drum beat for the city and they have been powerful to access what is happening and to move into every other week and that the Mayor's letters are uplifting
 - Woods agreed with all and that when things are going frantic the weekly meetings seems to have leveled and to go back to the schedule of every two weeks and to resume to weekly if needed
 - Beavers agreed with the council members and said that having to deal with things when they popped was great having the weekly meetings and that they have been very positive
 - Brantley recommended to make the meetings shorter and have them longer when necessary. She also suggested to go back to the normal schedule to bring on normalcy. The weekly meetings have been a way for residents to connect and that more have been involved

Hammet said that she feels it is a mandate for the elected body to set a tone and to make clarity in decisions, values and the vision of the city.

Public Comments

Tom Ramsey; resident, asked the Mayor to continue the letters and that communication has been great. Ramsey also said that Mayor and Council has done an amazing job managing COVID-19 up to this point. He talked about the economy numbers and thinks that things will get worse.

Shirley Kinsey; resident, commented that because of the leadership of other levels it is positive to have the Mayor and Council visible and that what matters is that they are there and available. She also said that they have been consistent and have done the right things and have done it well. Kinsey stated that she is very proud of all and the Police Department and thanked Chief Green for her leadership and to keep up the good work.

Jean and Patty; residents, inquired where the voting would be held on June 9th and the Mayor replied at the Clubhouse.

Calvin Burgamy; resident, echoed the comments of Ramsey and Kinsey and that she was comfortable with the weekly meetings. He commented on the leadership and asked Mayor and Council to come up with a resolution condemning racism and the spreading of the COVID-19 virus. He asked for discussion for the resolution.

Tyler Covington; resident, said that the weekly meetings are appreciated the prompt responses and emails. He also said that they are calming, and that he is grateful to live in Pine Lake. He said that he has concern of Spruce Drive being walkable and suggested sidewalks. Covington stated that he appreciated the beautiful signage and plant props at the lake area and that they bring warmth to the city. Mr. Covington recommended decreasing the speeds on various streets and that he was willing to participate in a solution.

Beavers agreed with Covington's comment and said that she would volunteer to help with a solution.

Karen Felix; resident commented that some roads are not passible due to the foliage, trees and stop signs that are there to provide safer driving.

Pamela Starks; resident, commented that vehicles speed down Clubhouse and Poplar Streets blowing through the stop signs and that it is out of control.

Stephanie Avery commented that she thinks that Pine Lake is the most wonderful community in the world and that she has no problems. She also thanked everyone; especially Mayor Hammet for the village.

Hall said that more stop signs are needed and that vehicles run them at Spring and Forrest especially barreling down the hill. Her concern is that she has a three-year-old and is concerned for all children within the community.

Council Comments

There were not any comments.

Communication Summary – This item was omitted.

Adjournment – 8:12pm upon motion by Woods; seconded by Bordeaux. 5-0

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