

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2020
7:00 PM
VIA ZOOM**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Melanie Hammet at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Mayor Pro-Tem Jean Bordeaux, Council members Brandy Beavers, Tracey Brantley and Brandy Hall. Council member Augusta Woods was not present. Also present were City Attorney Susan Moore, Chief of Police Sarai Y’Hudah-Green and Acting City Administrator Peggy Merriss.

Mayor Hammet welcomed Ms. Merriss who is serving as Acting City Administrator during City Administrator Valerie Caldwell’s absence.

Announcements/Communication

There were none.

Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Hammet requested that the agenda be amended to add a COVID-19 Pandemic update.

On a motion by Council Member Hall; second by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux and Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, and Council members Beavers and Hall voting “aye,” the amended agenda was adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SIGN ORDINANCE.

Mayor Hammet opened the meeting for public comment on the proposed Sign Ordinance.

Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; second by Council Member Hall and all council members present voting “aye”, the first reading of the ordinance was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID 19 Update

Mayor Hammet presented an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Hammet participates on a call with other Mayors and the Governor every Tuesday to receive various updates. The number of cases for persons with the virus is spiking again nationwide and we are in the third wave. Mayor Hammet encouraged all to be vigilant by washing hands, wearing masks and maintaining six feet of social distancing.

Process for Renaming Forrest Road

After discussion; further action on this item was deferred to the November 10, 2020 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CARES Fund Budget

Ms. Merriss reported that DeKalb County had received funding from the CARES Act and that Pine Lake's share was \$85,819. The money will be allocated for Public Safety salaries for full time officers and two part time employees during the COVID-19 pandemic. On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; second by Council member Brantley and all council members present voting "aye", the CARES Budget was adopted as presented.

Memorandum of Agreement with Atlanta Regional Commission to assist in 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; second by Council member Hall and all council members present voting "aye", the agreement was approved as presented.

Ordinance Establishing new dates and times for Regular Meetings

On a motion by Council member Brantley; second by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux and all council members present voting "aye", the first reading of the ordinance was approved.

Resolution Authorizing Adoption of DeKalb County Pre-Disaster Hazard

Mitigation Plan On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; second by Council member Hall and all council members present voting "aye", the resolution was adopted as presented.

Public Comments

Resident Tom Ramsey inquired about CARES Act funding allocated for the Public Safety Department and if the salaries were included in the actual budget. Mayor Hammet addressed his concern and stated that it was the best option for use of the funds in Pine Lake. She also said that the CARES Act funding would be used as a reimbursement for expenses already incurred.

Ramsey asked if there were any funding for some of the businesses affected by COVID-19. Mayor Hammett stated that a portion of the funds may also be used for costs to renovate City Hall for COVID-19 safety compliance.

An unidentified resident asked if revenue from tickets and fines would be reduced because Court had not been held for a period due to pandemic restrictions. Ms. Merriss stated that revenue has been affected, particularly with rentals and that Court revenues would be reduced like all other Courts in Georgia because of the inactivity during the

year. Overall, there would be budgetary impacts from Covid-19 programs on both the revenue and expenditure sides.

Tina Kite, Dahlia Drive asked Chief Green about the issue at the Polo Club Apartments with the installation of an automated alarm system that is meant to deter trespassers and potential robbers, but the alarm goes off loudly frequently during the day and night. Chief Green said that it was a noise nuisance and that she is working with management and has also contacted the alarm company. Chief Green also recommended that Ms. Kite and others that are affected send emails stating that it a nuisance and a disturbance of their peace.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Hammett introduced Ms. Merriss and said that she will be the Acting City Administrator for six weeks. She also stated that Merriss was the retired City Manager for the City of Decatur and has exemplary tools and leadership.

Council Comments

There were no comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm on a motion by Council member Hall; second by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux with unanimous approval.