

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2020
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00PM 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, City Attorney Susan Moore and Administrative Assistant Missye Varner. City Administrator Valerie Caldwell was not present.

Announcements/Communication

Mayor Hammet talked about the Zoom Virtual Meeting protocol and that it will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00pm for a while longer and that the login information is on the website.

Beavers announced that Lalah Manly reported to her that the food pantry had a good showing on last Saturday for dropping off checks and food donations. Up to date there has been between almost \$5k in donations.

Adoption of Agenda

Bordeaux motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Woods. 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting minutes of 06/02/2020 Council meeting
Woods motioned to adopt, seconded by Hall. 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor initiates Street Renaming Policy

Hammet read the policy that was approved in September 2015 by Mayor and Council initiating the street name from Forrest Road to Forest Road. Debra Tawil will circulate a petition for the owners to sign. If an owner is not available to sign the petition they will be notified by certified mail of the change. The petition process shall be within 90 days. After discussion council to revise the policy to eliminate the requirement that once received the application be publicized using the same process used in zoning hearings. This language was replaced by:

“The City shall notify, by mail or electronic mail, property owners whose DeKalb County tax parcels use an address on the street to be renamed of receipt of the application. The request to rename a street shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular Council meeting occurring at least 15 business days after the City’s receipt of the application.

Bordeaux motioned to approve seconded by Woods. 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update

- Mayor Hammet provided the update and said that there is concern about the Kawasaki Syndrome as it has reappeared and is being monitored throughout the state.
- On the weekly call with state Mayors, Catherine Toomey, State Health Director stated that there have been upticks and declines of COVID-19 numbers and the state is waiting for numbers related to the protestors and public health
- Hammet gave five (5) rulers to live by as it relates to COVID-19:
 1. Monitor state and county vectors
 2. Limit the number of close contacts
 3. Management of the viral load
 4. Keep high risk short
 5. Keep taking basic pandemic procedures, wash hands, social distance and wear masks

Hall said that the World Health Organization (WHO) has updated the mask specifications to be three layers.

Shirley Kinsey, resident, stated that she and her neighbor has donated and delivered 300 masks to healthcare professions to protect from COVID-19.

Public Comments

Bren; new resident and epidemiologist at the CDC commented that she appreciated the letter that was posted from the Mayor regarding what is going on in the world. She said that she was drawn to the community because of the art and the platform to show concern for the black community.

Hammet said that there would be a Town Hall soon to allow people to connect face to face and thanked Ms. Bren for her thoughtful projections and welcomed her to the city.

Danielle Ross; resident, commented on the budget and that the first time that say it she was not aware that the Mayor and Council are basically volunteering and thanked them for the work for the city. She questioned about police brutality and that she is concerned about police and that a large portion of the revenue comes through traffic tickets. Ross went on to say that a large portion of the tickets comes from people of color and how does this look to our neighbors. She also stated that she loves Pine Lake and wants to see it thrive.

Thomas Ramsey; resident, thanked Mayor and Council for putting up the new Black Lives Matter banner up at the city entrance and that someone make a positive remark to him about it. Ramsey provided an update on the Food Pantry and that they have spent \$1,350 and have a substantial balance. He also stated that he is waiting on the Facebook Fundraiser monies in the amount of \$1,100 which will increase the final balance. He said that P.L.A.I.N. was glad to see the new flags at the Club House.

Nicole Fallon; resident, commented that she played taps on Memorial Day and was glad that the tattered flags were replaced.

Moira; resident, thanked Mayor and Council for taking care of the town and that she is worried about speeding on Spruce Drive. She said that there are always kids walking.

Hammet stated that she has received emails on this matter as well as speeding on Forrest and Spring.

Chief Green replied that the Police Department is working on a resolution for the speeding.

Green also stated that mobile speed bumps would interfere with emergency vehicles and that residents will see more police presence in the upcoming days.

Kinsey added that she agrees with Mira about the speeding and that it is occurring throughout the city and that some are using excessive speeds as though they were on a Nascar track.

Hammet said that speed bumps are not cheap and thanked Kinsey for making the masks for healthcare professionals.

Ross commented on an experiment that a little girl did that helped to slow down speeding cars.

Mayor's Comment

There were not any comments from the Mayor.

Council Comments

Hall commented that it is wonderful that many residents are attending the Zoom Meetings and thanked them for coming.

Bordeaux commented that twenty five percent of the City's total revenue comes from tickets and that it is used to cover the full cost of running the court and about 20% of the cost of the police. She also suggested looking at issues to see what can be improved and that the Judge is very creative in finding other alternatives for those who could not afford to pay for tickets and agreed with Ross to look at it.

Brantley commented that the new signage looks great and kudos for the banners of Pine Lake.

Communication Summary

This item was omitted.

Adjournment

8:20pm upon motion by Brantley; seconded by Bordeaux. 5-0

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