

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2021
7:00 PM
Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive Pine Lake, GA**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Melanie Hammet. Present – Mayor Melanie Hammet, Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux, Council members Brandy Beavers (electronically), Tracey Brantley, Brandy Hall and Augusta Woods. Also, present were Acting City Administrator Peggy Merriss, Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner and Chief Sarai Y’Hudah-Green. City Attorney Susan Moore was not in attendance.

Announcements/Communication

Mayor Hammet announced that the City Council Planning Retreat Meeting will be on September 19th from 9:30 AM – 3:30PM at the City of Decatur City Commission Meeting Room, 509 North McDonough Street, Decatur, GA.

Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux announced that ROKS is working to put together a Bar-B-Que at Poplar Park. The event will be on Saturday, November 6th. The time is to be determined and is geared towards bringing both the community and business owners together to get to know each other. The event is the first at the new public park. Roger Byrd is spearheading the business owner segment of the Bar-B-que.

Council member Woods communicated that she and resident Lynne Nygaard met with Pastor Corwin of Blueprint Church, and he agreed to become a member or ROKS.

Mayor Hammet announced she had met recently with representatives from DeKalb County to discuss how to incorporate more arts, larger community involvement, and potential murals along Rockbridge Road in the future.

Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, seconded Council member Hall, and all council members voting “aye,” the agenda was adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 31, 2021.

On a motion by Council member Woods, seconded Mayor pro tem Bordeaux and all council members voting “aye,” the consent agenda was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Foodwell Grant Implementation/Beach House Entrance/Beach Entrance

Council members Hall and Brantley presented an overview of the Foodwell Grant Implementation/Beach House Entrance/Beach Entrance plan to Council showing the scope of work for the project. Ms. Hall discussed the conceptual plan and offered the services of the Shades of Green Sourcing Manager to order the plantings in mid-October. A meeting will be scheduled for early November to further discuss and confirm the maintenance plan for the project area.

Council member Brantley will coordinate with PLAIN to recruit volunteers and Council member Hall will prepare the budget.

On a motion by Council member Woods, seconded by Council member Brantley and all council members voting “aye,” the conceptual plan was accepted.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Staff

Acting City Administrator Merriss reported that the employee group health benefits coverage will be with Humana Insurance Company effective October 1, 2021.

Mayor and City Council

Council member Brantley inquired about an update on the Gazebo regarding the two quotes, one to demolish the gazebo and the other to renovate the gazebo by remove the roof and picnic tables. Acting City Administrator Merriss responded that the City was having difficulty securing contractors to provide proposals for smaller projects, so currently there are no quotes. She added that the three general contractors who were contacted to convert the carport at City Hall into a storage space declined to bid because the job was too small or conflicted with their existing schedule. Ms. Merriss stated that referrals for contractors would be appreciated. Council member Hall commented that she may have a general contractor to refer and will have them contact the administration department.

Information for “The Pine Lake News” eblast:

Food Well Grant Implementation Plan adopted by Council

In 2019 the Food Well Alliance awarded a \$10,000 City Opportunity Agricultural grant to Pine Lake to implement an urban agricultural project. After a year postponement during the

pandemic, we have begun moving forward with the plan. City Council approved the conceptual plan developed by Council member Brandy Hall. Construction of the garden will begin in early November, and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who want to help create this garden that further identifies Pine Lake as Arts' Natural Habitat.

Permits will not be available at City Hall from Oct. 18, 2021, through Nov. 1st, 2021

Permits (building, tree, fence etc.) will not be available during the period October 18, 2021, through November 1st, 2021, due to staffing issues.

Swimming Season will end Sept 27th.

The 2021 swimming season will end September 27th, after a four-week extension.

Adjournment

On a motion by Council member Brantley, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, and all council members voting "aye," the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Missye Varner, Administrative Coordinator