

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 22, 2022  
7:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
459 Pine Drive Pine Lake, GA**

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**Call to Order:** Mayor Melanie Hammet called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Mayor Hammet; Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux; and Council members Tracey Brantley and Augusta Woods. Acting City Administrator Peggy Merriss, Chief Saria Y'Hudah-Green and Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner were also present. Council members Brandy Hall and Brandy Beavers attended virtually. City Attorney Susan Moore was not present.

**Announcements/Communication**

Mayor Hammet communicated that resident Valerie Boyd had passed away and noted she was a valuable community member and a significant part of Pine Lake. The Mayor thanked resident Nivea Castro is helping out with Ms. Boyd's estate.

The Mayor also communicated that the Foodwell Edible Garden was in the final stages of completion and thanked the community for all the volunteer participation. She gave a special thanks to Council members Hall and Brantley for making the garden happen.

Mayor Hammet announced that on February 15<sup>th</sup> she, Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux and Council member Woods attended a Town Hall meeting hosted by Atlas Construction regarding the impact of Rockbridge Road construction on the businesses along the corridor.

They Mayor communicated that the current estimated construction completion is scheduled for December 2022 and that at this point there is no way to complete the work any sooner. Business owners and residents expressed concern over the lack of upkeep of the driveways and the lack of clear openings to the businesses and that these items are being addressed.

Mayor Hammet also stated that are all inconvenienced by the construction on Rockbridge, but businesses are being stressed beyond measure. Please consider patronizing these businesses whenever possible. We do not want to end up with a brand-new road and sidewalks with no businesses left to get to.

## **Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor Hammet amended the agenda to add a discussion of the Pollination Celebration, the opening of public buildings and changing the time of the March 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. On a motion by Council Member Brantley; second by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; and all voting “aye,” the amended agenda was adopted.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Adoption of the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 2022.  
Adoption of the Minutes of the Executive Sessions of February 4, 2022, and February 7, 2022.

On a motion by Council Member Woods; second by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; and all voting “aye,” the consent agenda was adopted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Adoption of Resolution R-01-2022 confirming the Executive Session of February 4, 2022.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; second by Council member Brantley, and Mayor pro tem Bordeaux and Council members Brantley, Hall and Woods voting “aye,” Resolution R-01-2022 was adopted. Council member Beavers recused herself from the vote.

Adoption of Resolution R-02-2022 confirming the Executive Session of February 7, 2022.

On a motion by Council member Woods, second by Council member Brantley, and Mayor pro tem Bordeaux and Council members Brantley, Hall and Woods voting “aye,” Resolution R-01-2022 was adopted. Council member Beavers recused herself from the vote.

## **Discussion of Pollination Celebration**

The Pollination Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm – 5:00pm at the beach. Also included will be a small concert spearheaded by Dianne Durrett.

## **The Opening of Public Buildings**

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; second by Council Member Brantley and all voting “aye,” beginning April 1, 2022, the Club House and Beach House will be open to Pine Lake residents for community-wide events only at no charge with a two-week notice provided to the City. Rentals will be considered at a later date.

Change of Time for the March 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

After discussion, the March 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting only will begin at 6:00pm.

#### Mask Requirements

Beginning March 8, 2022, masks will not be required for attendance at the Council meeting or in public spaces as it will be a personal choice to wear a mask. The Council acknowledged that masking rules are subject to change in the future depending on the status of the pandemic.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Confirmation of the Refined Scope of Work for the Oak Drive Repair and Maintenance Project

Acting City Administrator Merriss provided a summary of the of the refined scope of work and base bids. Ms. Merriss recommended that Council confirm the new scope as presented in the agenda packet documents.

By consensus, the refined scope of work for the Oak Drive Repair and Maintenance Project was approved.

### **REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

#### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#### Staff

There were no staff comments.

#### Mayor Hammet

The Mayor reiterated the change of time to 6:00pm for the March 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting only.

#### City Council

Information for "The Pine Lake News" eblast:

### **Facilities to be reopened for Community Events April 1st.**

The Beach House and Clubhouse will be available for community events starting April

1st. Community events are open to all Pine Lake residents and have a specific positive impact on the entire community. If you wish to sponsor such an event an application must be completed a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. Request application forms from City Hall. Please note that facilities rental has not resumed as new guidelines are under consideration of the Council.

**Pollination Celebration Save the Date - Sunday March 27th.**

Celebrate the start of Spring and the official opening of the Foodwell Edible Garden with music and merriment outside the Beach House.

**Pine Lake City Council Meetings**

Please Note: The March 8th Council meeting will begin at 6:00 PM rather than 7:00 PM.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, second by Council member Woods; and all voting "aye," the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.