

CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2022, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA

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. City Administrator ChaQuias Miller-Thornton and Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner were also present. Council Member Brandy Hall, City Attorney Susan Moore and Chief of Police Y'Hudah-Green were not present.

Announcements/Communication

Mayor Hammet announced that the agenda packets are published on the website the Friday before scheduled meetings before close of business. Administrative Coordinator Varner also communicated the five locations throughout the city where the agendas are posted.

The Mayor thanked resident Greg Zarus and all the volunteers that cleared the clog in the Wetlands.

Council Member Brantley communicated that there was a meeting today regarding the rental facilities, especially the Club House and that it was a good meeting.

Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux announced that there will be a 4th of July Cookout on Monday July 4th from Noon – 2:00 PM at the beach sponsored jointly by PLAIN and the City.

Council Member Woods thanked everyone for making the first Juneteenth celebration a huge success and gave special thanks to Council Member Brantley, City Administrator Thornton, Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux, Mayor Hammet and Resident Tom Ramsey.

Adoption of Agenda of the Day

Council Member Woods motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; the adoption of the agenda passed unanimously.

Adoption of the Minutes

- **Regular Meeting – June 14, 2022**
- **Public Hearings – June 21, 2022 (11am and 6pm)**
- **Special Called Meeting – June 21, 2022**

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On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; second by Council Member Brantley; the adoption of the minutes passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Copies of the Public Comments are on file in City Hall for reviewing. Please email missyevarner@pinelakga.net to request copy or call at 404-999-4931 to schedule an appointment to review the copy on file.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 2022-02 - To Amend Chapter 22 of the City Code of Ordinances to Prohibit Private Decentralized Wastewater Systems – Second Read/Adoption

Mayor Hammet conducted, and Council entertained, second read of Ordinance 2022-02. On a motion by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; second by Council Member Woods; the adoption of Ordinance 2022-02 passed unanimously.

- B. Ordinance 2022-03 – To Set the Millage Rate for Property Taxation for Fiscal Year 2022 – Second Read/Adoption

Council Member Woods motioned to set the millage rate; seconded by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux and discussion followed with clarification of the rate, taxation and addressing concerns as to how to better serve the senior population with the burden of increased taxes.

Council Member Brantley motioned to set the 2022 millage rate at 18.422, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; the adoption of the millage rate passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

There was not any new business.

Public Comments

There were not any additional public comments.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Staff

There were not any staff reports.

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Mayor

Mayor Hammet extended her appreciation for the feedback taken into consideration for setting the millage rate. The mayor commended staff and the elected officials on their communication skills for working on behalf of the city including the failures.

City Council

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux extended a heart filled thank you to resident Pamela Poole-Starks for her contribution for making the 1st Juneteenth event a huge success.

Information for “The Pine Lake News” eblast.

June 28th News Brief correction - please use the following corrected version of the millage rate article. We apologize for the confusion.

Council Sets Millage Rate

Council has set the 2022 millage rate at 18.422. This rate will be an increase of 0.954 mils over the roll back rate of 17.468 and will be a 5.46% tax increase. A tax increase at 18.422 for a home with a fair market value of \$225,000 is approximately \$95.40. A tax increase at 18.422 for a non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$47.70.

Property Tax Exemptions.

During our most recent Town Hall and the Millage Rate Hearings, the question of property tax exemptions came up several times. Here is a link to the Georgia Department of Revenue [exemptions page](#). If you determine that you may be eligible for any of the listed exemptions, the best way to get information and/or apply is to visit the Property Tax Office. We are lucky to have an office very close on Memorial Drive:

Central Property Tax Office

4380 Memorial Drive Suite 100
Decatur, GA 30032
Hours: M-F 8:00am – 5:00 pm

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the Wetlands.

Neighbors came together over the weekend to solve the problem of the dried-out wetlands. There is much left to do, but the water is flowing again. You all are awesome!!!

SEED sponsors Cleanup in the Eastern Wetlands. Sunday, July 3rd 8:00 am –10:00 am

Volunteers will be clearing "Air Potatoes" that line the trail. **Wear:** gloves, boots, hat, sunscreen, bug spray. **Bring:** paper lawn bags, hand pruners.

4th of July Cookout to be sponsored jointly by PLAIN and the City.

The cookout will be held on Monday July 4th. From Noon – 2:00 PM. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs (veggie and meat) will be available. You are invited to bring side dishes and desserts to share with your neighbors.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.