

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 26, 2022, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA**

Call to Order - Mayor Melanie Hammet called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Present: Mayor Hammet, Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux and Council members Brandy Beavers, Tracey Brantley and Augusta Woods. City Administrator ChaQuias Miller-Thornton and Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner were also present. Council Member Brandy Hall, Chief Saria Y'Hudah-Green and City Attorney Susan Moore were not present.

Mayor Hammet announced that on the social media Facebook's Feld Ridge page there is a proposed Movie Studio on Memorial Drive. She communicated that on April 19th she met with Jan Dunaway, purveyor of the Facebook page. The Director of Business Development of the project was also present. Mayor Hammet stated that the reason that Pine Lake is interested in the project is because the movie company has purchased a number of properties and that the development of those properties has the potential to negatively impact the lake from water runoff into the wetlands.

The Mayor inquired what the company's plan was as it relates to the lake and that she will continue to build relationships with the owners to get the answers. The movie studio proposes to retro fit three buildings on the property to lease to film studios and plan to open in July/August 2022.

Mayor Hammet communicated that on April 25th she, Council Member Woods and City Administrator Miller-Thornton met with Commissioner Steve Bradshaw and did a site walk of Rockbridge Road. The county is in the third year of the Rockbridge Road Project. They met with business owners that have been negatively impacted and are requesting the county to place real entrance and exit signs at each business, to delineate driveways, and to install business signage

On May 5th Mayor Hammet, Councilmember Woods and City Administrator Miller-Thornton will also meet with Chief of Operations Zack Williams at Rockbridge Road for a site visit so that he can determine the impact that the project has as it relates to the safety of the community. Mayor Hammet asked the community to support the local businesses and said that they are suffering from the ongoing construction.

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Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was changed to amend Old Business Item A. to remove Council consideration of terms for beach and lake reopening and to add Council consideration of scheduling for beach and lake reopening. The scheduled hours and other beach policies will be voted on during the 05/10/2022 meeting of Council to offer Chief Green an opportunity to weigh in on the public safety perspective.

On a motion by Council Member Woods; second by Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux; and all present voting “aye,” the amended agenda was approved.

Adoption of the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 2022.

Council considered adoption of the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 2022 with the following amendments:

Amendment 1 – Addition of public comment made by resident Laura Smith; and

Amendment 2 – Correction of motion for action on Old Business Item A. Capital Improvements to Lakefront. Action summary should read “On a motion by Council Member Hall; seconded by Mayor pro tem Jean Bordeaux; and all present voting “aye”, to approve expenditures for lakefront improvements [as consented upon by Council].

On a motion to adopt the April 12, 2022 minutes with the stated corrections by Council Member Brantley; second by Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux; and all present voting “aye”, the amended minutes were adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Council consideration of scheduling for beach and lake reopening.

On a motion by Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux to approve a schedule opening of the lake for swimming from June 2nd through September 26th. The motion was second by Council

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Member Brantley; and Council Member Woods voting “aye,” the consideration for the reopening was approved.

Council Member Beavers voted “nay.”

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Clark Patterson Lee – Preparation of Comments for Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD) Audit – Estimated 30-40 hours - \$3,840 - \$5,120 – for approval.

The audit is being conducted to determine the City’s compliance to plan regulations during the period of 2017-2022. The response is due by May 3, 2022.

On a motion by Council Member Brantley; second by Council Member Woods; and all present voting “aye,” this item was approved.

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STAFF

- a. City Administrator’s Report

City Administrator Miller-Thornton’s report is included in the 04/26/2022 agenda packet at www.pinelakega.net under City Government/Council Meetings/Agendas/April 26, 2022.

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Mayor

Mayor Hammet stated that she is always glad to have a room full of people and that usually it is because someone is upset. She commented that she has no problem with disagreeing with others but that it becomes a problem when it becomes personal with assaulting one's character. Mayor Hammet also said that that she and Council were here to work for the city to become better and to move into the future.

The Mayor communicated that she and City Council all work for the betterment of the City. She also said that former Council Member Megan Pulsts worked for 8 years on the Beach/Lake policy and knows its complexity and that she has worked on the policies for 15 years.

Mayor Hammet invited the attendees to be present at the May 10th meeting and that she looks forward to the disagreements.

City Council

Council Member Brantley thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Information for "The Pine Lake News" eblast.

Town Hall Meeting Scheduled for May 25th, 2022

On May 25th we will resume in-person Town Hall meetings. The meeting will be held at 7:00 PM in the Beach House. Topics to be discussed are being determined. If you have a subject that you would like to be discussed, send an email to info@pinelakega.net.

Calendar Schedule for Swimming Determined by Council

Council approved a scheduled opening of the lake for swimming from June 2nd through September 26th. This is in alignment with the sixteen weeks approved in the 2022 budget.

The scheduled hours and other beach policies will be voted on at the May 10th meeting. The vote was postponed until the return of Chief Green since public

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safety is a very important component of this discussion.

Return of Community Events in Beach House and Club House

April 1st marked the return of Community Events inside of City facilities. PLAIN has already had a very successful Spring Fling event at the Beach House and the long-awaited return of **The Pancake Breakfast will be May 7th, from 9:30AM to 11:30 AM.**

Adjournment

On a motion by Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux; second by Council Member Beavers; and all present voting “aye,” the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.