

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING ACTION
AGENDA August 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA**

Call to Order Mayor Pro tem Jean Bordeaux called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux, Council Members Tracey Brantley, Brandy Hall, and Augusta Woods. Also present were City Manager ChaQuias Miller-Thornton, Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner, Assistant City Clerk Ned Dagenhard, and Chief of Police Sarai Y’Hudah-Green. Mayor Melanie Hammet, Council Member Nivea Castro and City Attorney Susan Moore were not in attendance.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adoption of Agenda of the Day

Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux amended the agenda to place staff reports before the second public comments section. Council Member Hall motioned to adopt the amended agenda; seconded by Council Member Woods; and the motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the Minutes

- Regular Meeting – July 25, 2023

Council Member Woods motioned to adopt the minutes for Regular Meeting of July 25, 2023; seconded by Council Member Brantley, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – 3 minutes each please

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

Old Business

There was no “Old Business”.

New Business

**1. Swearing in of Officer to the Pine Lake Reserve Officer Program
Officer Craig Wright**

Police Chief Y’Hudah-Green introduced new Public Safety Officer Craig Wright to the Council. Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux then administered the oath of office for Reserve Officer Craig Wright.

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2. City Sponsorship of Pine Lakefest 2023 – Requestor, Kathie deNobriga, President, Pine Lakefest Inc.

Requestor Kathie deNobriga was not in attendance and Lakefest representative and Pine Lake resident Holly Mitchell presented in Ms. deNobriga's stead. City Manager Miller-Thornton expressed that all factors would remain equal in reference to the city government's allotment for Pine Lakefest (compared to Pine Lakefest 2022), except for the newly introduced fee waiver for use of public space and land. Ms. Miller-Thornton provided a city sponsorship value comparison between the terms of the 2022 and the 2023 Council Member Woods motioned to approve \$500 for City Sponsorship of Pine Lakefest 2023; seconded by Council member Brantley, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Donation of Repairs to the Pine Lake Tennis Courts – Private Entity, Donor and Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors, Conduit

Calvin Burgamy, PLAIN Chair presented the request for Donation of Repairs to the Pine Lake Tennis Courts – Private Entity, Donor and Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors, Conduit to include pickleball. City Manager Thornton asked if the donor is wanting to donate repairs towards the specific use for tennis/pickleball or if the donor would be amenable to donating repairs towards multi-purpose use of the space. Current use of the tennis court area is a generic, multi-purpose recreation area for adults, children, and pets. PLAIN presented that an alternative to dog park use is establishing a dog park at the lot across from the Police Department building. Reasons were given for why the lot across from the Police Department may not be a viable option for dog park activities. Councilmember Hall made mention of a park presently located on North Decatur Road just outside of Pine Lake, as a meantime-recommended alternative. Mr. Burgamy will report back to the council a list of contractors and quotations for the tennis court repairs to include fencing repairs. The donor involved has offered a range of \$8-12,000 for the rehabilitation/renovation of the tennis court space to include resurfacing and striping of the court and potentially replacement/repair of fencing. Additionally, City Manager Miller-Thornton added that if PLAIN would potentially oversee the project, the Administration and City Attorney would need to closely monitor any changes to city asset functionality, and to ensure that any proposed contracts entered into would provide the necessary warranties to the city. Council Member Woods motioned to approve donations of repairs to the tennis courts for tennis and pickleball use; seconded by Council Member Brantley, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Rental Agreement – Pride Lake Gayla Event – August 26, 2023 – PLAIN Sponsor

Thomas Torrent, Chair of Pride Lake, requested approval of a rental agreement for the 2023 Pride Lake "Gayla," which will take place on August 26th (see eBlast for details). The event will host a silent auction, as well as dinner and libations. The "queer of the

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year” award will be presented, and attendees can enjoy a showing of the movie *The Bird Cage*. The event serves as a fundraiser for the 2023 Pride Lake Event to be held in September and donations are requested in the amounts of \$35 (in advance) and \$50 (at the door) for attendance to the Gayla. Council Member Hall motioned to approve the Rental Agreement – Pride Lake Gayla Event – August 26, 2023 – PLAIN Sponsor; seconded by Council Member Brantley, and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

ChaQuias Miller- Thornton — City Manager (Director of Administration, Courts and Public Works)

Please refer to [the link](#) to access the City Manager’s report dated August 8, 2023. The City Manager reports are on file at City Hall for reviewing. Please email missyevarner@pinelakega.net to request a copy or call (404) 999-4931 to schedule an appointment to review the copy on file.

Chief Sarai Y’Hudah-Green — Chief of Police, Public Safety

Please refer to [the link](#) to access the Police/Public Safety report dated August 8, 2023. The Police/Public Safety reports are on file at City Hall for reviewing. Please email missyevarner@pinelakega.net to request a copy or call (404) 999-4931 to schedule an appointment to review the copy on file.

Reports/Comments

City Council

Councilmember Hall referenced the ongoing process of SEED collecting data points related to the efficacy of the temporary fishing moratorium and expressed anticipation for the August 29th report referencing the subjects of lake and wildlife health.

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Information for “The Pine Lake News” eblast

Upcoming events:

August Brunch with The Lounge: PLAIN will combine with Pine Lake Lounge in August for a Second Saturday Musical Brunch on August 12th, 11:30-2:30, music starts at noon. \$10 is a suggested donation for the musicians (Ian Hunter Rowland and

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Preston Woodruff). On the menu for sale ala carte: quiche, croissants, fruit and libations.

Fundraiser for PrideLake: The PrideLake Gayla will be August 26th, from 6-9 pm. Prepaid donations are \$35, which includes salad, dinner (with a vegan option), beer, wine, soda, water. Seats are limited to 50 due to space and prep needs, so order soon! For more info pridelake@gmail.com or find us at the August 12th Brunch with The Lounge where we will have an information table setup.

Other news:

Call for Volunteer Beach Monitors: Our current beach monitor, Kemarkus is heading off to college. We thank him for his watchful eye and wish him well in his new endeavors. The city has thus far been unable to re-fill this position. If you would be willing to take a shift and sit in the “big chair” please contact City Hall. Shifts are 3-6 and 6-9 on Fri, Sat, Sun beginning the weekend of 8/19 and ending the weekend of 9/23.

Qualifying For Elected Office: If you are interested in running for one of the three 2024 open seats (2 council seats; Mayor) please contact City Hall. The qualifying period is August 21 - 23, 2023; City Hall; 8:30am-4:30pm. Forms will be available at City Hall beginning Monday, July 31, 2023. Each of the open seats is for a four-year term.

Ongoing:

Pine Lake City Council Meetings are held the second and last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber / Courthouse at the corner of Forest and Pine.

Food Assistance Available to Pine Lake Neighbors: PLAIN's Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) program assists Pine Lake neighbors in need. If you or someone you know is food insecure or needs other assistance, please call 404 491-0774 and leave a message. A volunteer will call back to discuss needs and help available. All contacts are kept confidential.

Adjournment

Council Member Brantley motioned for adjournment at 8:05pm; Council Member Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.