

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
Pine Lake Courthouse  
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Hall called the Work Session to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Mayor Brandy Hall, Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, Council Member Jeff Goldberg, Council Member Thomas Torrent, Council Member Tom Ramsey, and Council Member Augusta Woods. Also present were Interim City Manager Billy Beckett, Chief of Police Sarai Y'hudah-Green, City Attorney Susan Moore, Public Works Special Projects Manager Bernard Kendrick, and Assistant City Clerk Ned Dagenhard.

**Announcements/Communications**

Mayor Hall thanked Special Projects Manager Bernard Kendrick for his work in administering the Courthouse Renovation project.

The Mayor continued that she and Council Member Goldberg had attended a meeting with the DeKalb Municipal Association, and expressed gratitude toward exiting-DMA President, Bill Floyd.

Finally, Mayor Hall welcomed to the meeting the finalist-candidate for City Manager, Mr. Stanley Hawthorne.

Council Member Goldberg informed City Council and attendees of a town hall Commissioner Ted Terry would be facilitating on December 11<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of discussing a proposed increase in water utility fees.

**Adoption of the Agenda of the Day**

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux moved to adopt the Agenda of the Day; Council Member Ramsey seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**Public Hearing**

**1. Proposed FY2025 Budget**

Mayor Hall opened the public hearing at 6:02pm.

The public hearing took place.

Interim City Manager Beckett notified City Council that he had engaged in a meeting with Finance Director Danny Lamonte and Mayor pro tem Bordeaux to discuss the City's financial commitments and the upcoming ARPA fund-allocation deadline. In the context of that meeting, Mr. Beckett stated that it was his recommendation that City Council adopt the FY2025 Budget as-is, and address any policy incongruencies with the new City Manager through a budget resolution/amendment at the start of the fiscal year.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Beckett, and cited the administrative leadership transition as necessitating added diligence on the part of the Interim City Manager.

Seeing no further requests for comment, Mayor Hall closed the public hearing at 6:08pm.

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**New Business**

**1. Introduction and Discussion – The Hiring of the Recommended Finalist for the Position of City Manager for Pine Lake**

- **Employment shall be subject to completion of mutually-acceptable contract terms and conditions**

Mayor Hall invited Mr. Stanley Hawthorne to introduce himself and field questions from City Council.

Interim City Manager Billy Beckett recommended City Council authorize Mayor Hall to complete a final contract negotiation with Mr. Hawthorne.

Council Member Ramsey moved for the aforementioned authorization; Council Member Woods seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motioned carried.

**2. Proposed Appointment of Judge Ad Hoc Tracey Morgan**

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux moved to appoint Judge ad hoc Tracey Moran; Council Member Goldberg seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**Reports and Other Business**

**Public Safety – Chief Sarai Y’hudah-Green**

The supplemental report presented is available to the public upon request. Please contact Asst. City Clerk Ned Dagenhard at (404) 999-4901 or [neddagenhard@pinelakega.net](mailto:neddagenhard@pinelakega.net) for more information.

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**Public Works – Special Projects Manager Bernard Kendrick**

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**Mayor**

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Kendrick again, and commended P.L.A.I.N. for their collaboration in the annual “Lighting of the Lake” event.

**City Council**

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux echoed the Mayor’s gratitude to members of P.L.A.I.N., specifically thanking Ms. Tracey Brantley, who has repeatedly assisted with this event in particular.

Council Member Ramsey expressed a desire to check-in on two policies adopted in 2024: the collaboration with P.L.A.I.N. in scheduling resident-use of the recreational facilities; and the Short-term Rental Ordinance.

Council Member Goldberg proposed monthly town-hall events with a rotating panel of Council Members.

**Adjournment**

Council Member Ramsey moved for adjournment at 7:06pm.



Ned Dagenhard  
City Clerk or Delegate

