

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 25th, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Pine Lake Courthouse & Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA**

Call to Order: Mayor Hall called the Regular Meeting 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 City Manager Stanley Hawthorne, Chief of Police Sarai Y'hudah-Green, City Attorney Chris Balch, Public Works Special Projects Manager Bernard Kendrick, and Assistant City Clerk Ned Dagenhard.

Announcements/Communications

Mayor Hall thanked Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner, as well as Council Members Torrent and Woods, for organizing a “community meet-and-greet” with the new City Manager and City Attorney.

Council Member Ramsey announced that he and Council Member Torrent would be attending DeKalb Day at the State Capitol the following day.

Council Member Goldberg announced that he and Council Member Woods would be attending a luncheon hosted by Georgia Power the following day.

Adoption of the Agenda of the Day

Council Member Ramsey moved to adopt the Agenda of the Day; Council Member Torrent seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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Adoption of the Minutes

- **January 28, 2025 – Public Hearing (6:00PM) & Regular Meeting**
- **February 11, 2025 – Public Hearing (11:00AM)**
- **February 11, 2025 – Public Hearing (7:00PM) & Work Session**

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux moved to approve the (3) sets of Minutes; Council Member Torrent seconded.

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux cited an error in the February 11, 2025 Work Session Minutes, stating that the date decided on for the Spring City Council Retreat was March 28th, striking March 25th.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor of approving the Minutes as amended, and the motion carried.

Executive Session

Council Member Torrent moved to initiate Executive Session; Mayor pro tem Bordeaux seconded.

Mayor Hall called for a vote. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

An Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Council Member Woods moved to adjourn Executive Session and re-enter the Regular Meeting; Council Member Torrent seconded.

Mayor Hall called for a vote. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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Old Business

1. Resolution R-2025-07 – HB 581, Statewide Homestead Exemption Opt Out Election

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux moved to approve the Resolution R-2025-07; Council Member Ramsey seconded.

Council Member Ramsey stated he was pleased to see DeKalb County had elected to opt-out of HB 581.

Council Member Torrent echoed Mr. Ramsey's comment, adding that a similar action would be "easy to feel good about."

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2025-01, Domestic Partnerships – Discussion & Potential First Read

Council Member Ramsey moved to approve Ordinance 2025-01, with the clerical edit of correcting the Ordinance number prior to final execution; Council Member Torrent seconded.

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New Business

1. Resolution R-2025-08 – Appointment of Special Projects Manager Bernard Kendrick as City of Pine Lake Public Work

Council Member Torrent moved to approve Resolution R-2025-08; Council Member Goldberg seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

2. Resolution R-2025-09 – Women’s History Month Recognition and City’s Co-sponsorship of Women’s History Series: “Our History Is Now,” Featured at Beach House March 2025

Council Member Torrent moved to approve Resolution R-2025-09; Council Member Woods seconded.

Council Member Goldberg expressed excitement at the prospect of the Women’s History Series.

Mayor Hall thanked Mayor-emeritus Melanie Hammet for advancing the program, adding that it helped “keep [the City] relevant in greater DeKalb.”

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3. Resolution R-2025-10 – Rules of Procedure for Consent Agenda

Council Member Ramsey moved to approve Resolution R-2025-10; Mayor pro tem Bordeaux seconded.

City Manager Hawthorne summarized the concept of a consent agenda, recapitulating a conversation from the February 11th Work Session. The City Manager continued that during development of meeting agendas, he would recommend certain items to be added to a consent agenda, but added that the resolution generously allows Council Members to pull items for individual vote and/or discussion without justification. Mr. Hawthorne stated that an additional goal would be utilizing work sessions to recommend items for a future consent agenda.

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4. Resolution R-2025-11 – Acceptance of Three Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) Donation from Georgia Transmission

Council Member Torrent moved to approve Resolution R-2025-11; Mayor pro tem Bordeaux seconded.

Chief Green provided the Governing Authority with context for the donation, explaining that she expressed a need for AED devices at meeting with the vendor *Georgia Transmission*. The organization offered a donation opportunity, the Chief stated, and she enthusiastically initiated the process for accepting the devices. Chief Green added that there is much public demand within the City for these devices to be available at our facilities.

Council Member Torrent inquired as to whether one of the devices could be available inside the Beach House. Chief Green responded that as the Beach House is often locked, and officer response time is rapid, an emergency at the recreation area would be better met by a trained-Officer responding with the device in hand.

Mayor pro tem posed a similar question regarding a device at City Hall, to which Chief Green provided a similar response to that given to Council Member Torrent—negligible time loss given rapid police response time to City Hall.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Reports and Other Comments

Mayor

Mayor Hall offered no additional comments.

City Council

Council Member Torrent announced that the previous evening had seen the first 2025 Pride Lake planning committee meeting, adding that the date and theme had been decided: September 13th, 2025; and “Love Thy Neighbor,” respectively.

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Adjournment

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux moved for adjournment at 7:48pm.



Ned Dagenhard
City Clerk or Delegate

