

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Courthouse & Council Chambers
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 Members Jeff Goldberg, Tom Ramsey, Thomas Torrent, and Augusta Woods. Also present were City Manager Stanley Hawthorne, Chief of Police Sarai Y'hudah-Green, City Attorney Chris Balch, Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick, and Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner. Finance Director Danny Lamonte and Acting City Clerk Ned Dagenhard were not in attendance.

Announcements and Communications

Mayor Hall congratulated Public Works Director Kendrick on his one-year "workiversary," adding that the City is in better hands than when he started.

The Mayor continued that the Pollination Celebration event had been successful, thanking Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner and other members of the ad hoc planning committee.

Adoption of the Agenda of the Day

Council Member Woods 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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New Business

1. Code Enforcement Chapter Rewrite Draft

City Attorney Balch explained the timeline for potential adoption of a Code Enforcement Chapter rewrite. Mr. Balch stated that the draft before City Council offered a broader alternative to the current Code, expanding enforceability.

The City Attorney proceeded to summarize proposed changes within the draft, largely based around property maintenance. Other aspects of the conversation included fishing, abandoned vehicles, and absentee ownership of buildings. Adjudication and fine schedules, and the role of the municipal court judge, was also discussed.

No action was taken by City Council.

2. Property Tax Calculator: Understanding Property Taxes

City Manager Hawthorne presented a plethora of information related to property tax calculations, including comparisons with other states as it relates to assessed value calculation.

No action was taken by City Council.

3. A Proposed Resolution to Establish a Tiered Property Tax Relief Program for Senior Citizens Based on Income Levels by Council Member Ramsey

Council Member Ramsey proposed a resolution draft, which would permit the City staff to perform an impact study related to potential tiered property tax relief for senior citizens. Upon citing vagueness related to certain figures such as median home value, a consensus was not observed to move forward. Citing this, Council Member Ramsey requested discontinuing discussion. However, Mr. Ramsey, the Mayor, and members of Council expressed a desire to revisit the issue in a future meeting.

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4. First Task Order Recommendations: AECOM, City's Engineering Consultant

Public Works Director Kendrick proposed the first task order for AECOM, which would allow AECOM and the City to pursue modification of the Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide 3 Permit ahead of reparative designs for the Eastern Wetland system.

A discussion took place related to the cost proposal, project timeline, as well as what actions may take place following response from the Army Corps of Engineers.

No action was taken by City Council.

Adjournment

Council Member Ramsey motioned for adjournment was made at 8:57PM.



Ned Dagenhard
City Clerk or Delegate

