

Pine Lake City Hall: 425 Allgood Road Q&A

Why are we moving the city administration offices?

Pine Lake is more than the community of beautiful and inviting homes around the lake. City administrations have worked for years to bring together the residential and commercial districts—from the past annexation of additional commercial properties to the current work of our commercial development group and consultant. Bringing a city center identity to our commercial district is a giant step toward creating a holistic municipality. It is also a necessary next move toward the continued development of our uptown corridor and the long-term sustainability of the city of Pine Lake.

This move also consolidates the administrative functions of the city and the court under one roof and provides our police department much-needed space for expansion in its current location. The courtroom will remain in the current location.

How was this funded?

As you may know from our annual financial audits, the city has built and maintained a cash reserve that supports fiscal stability and cash flow year to year. This careful stewardship enabled the Mayor and City Council to determine we were in a position to make a long-discussed move of city headquarters to our commercial district and still maintain a healthy reserve balance.

What is the total cost?

\$137,500 is the building cost; light to medium renovation cost TBD.

When will the new city offices be open?

No heavy renovations or repairs need to be done to the new building, but there will be some retrofitting to accommodate our needs. City Hall and Court administration will move upon completion of those renovations. We estimate sometime in Q2 2019.

What's going to happen to the old building?

What happens to the current City Hall will be determined after the move. The building is in need of some repair. We will consider a future use that fits into our economic development strategy and our budgetary realities.

Why didn't we hear about this until it was final?

By law, there are subjects that Mayor and City Council cannot discuss publicly, such as personnel, legal issues, and real estate negotiations. Discussing real estate publicly can put those negotiations in jeopardy. These discussions were indicated, as you may have seen, in the last several posted city council meeting agendas as line item "Executive Session - Real Estate."

