

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 10, 2009**

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Greg Creech  
Bitsy Pitts  
Brent Walker

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Administrator Phil Howland  
City Clerk Valerie Caldwell  
Police Chief Y'hudah-Green

The meeting came to order at 7:30 PM. Motion to appoint Councilmember Walker as acting Mayor Pro-Tem was made by Councilmember Creech, seconded by Councilmember Pitts and was approved.

Councilmember Walker led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Tuesday	08/18	ARB	7:30 PM	Clubhouse
Friday	08/21	DDA	12:30 PM	Take 2
Sunday	08/23	Pet Clinic	3:30 PM	Clubhouse
Tuesday	08/25	TAB	6:30 PM	Beach House
Tuesday	08/25	Council Work Session	7:30 PM	City Hall

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the minutes of the 07/28/09 meeting as presented was made by Councilmember Pitts, seconded by Councilmember Creech and was approved.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:**

Administrator Howland requested that discussion of bonfires on the beach be added to the agenda. Councilmember Walker requested that the tree removal permit ordinance be added to the next agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments at this time

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

Chief Green disseminated the monthly Police Department report. She publically thanked both Councilmember Creech and resident Faye Ridling with the Neighborhood Watch Committee for their efforts with the recent National Night Out, an annual event promoting public safety.

Administrator Howland reported the following:

- Staffing issues with the Public Works Department with one full-time employee out while recovering from eye surgery and the part-time employee reducing his work hours to attend school.
- The trail project had begun with the building of a construction road. Mr. Howland stated that he and the Mayor would be meeting with the Senior Legislative Aid for Senator Hank Johnson, Scott Goldstein, in an effort to encourage the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to establish a budget to support the joint ARRA venture with Pine Lake. With regard to the engineering for the ARRA project, he stated he only anticipated expending \$40,000 or less of the \$50,000 approved for the project.
- All seven buildings discussed at previous meetings had been razed.
- An electrician was installing additional electrical outlets on the side of the Beach House for Lakefest vendors

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Faye Ridling expressed her appreciation to Council members and the City Administrator for all that they do for the City.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Ordinance Requiring Rain Sensor Shut-Off Switches for Irrigation/Sprinkler Systems

Motion to dispense with the second reading was made by Councilmember Creech, seconded by Councilmember Pitts and was approved. Motion to approve Ordinance # 2009-007 as presented was made by Councilmember Creech, seconded by Councilmember Pitts and was approved.

Ordinance Adopting Georgia Stormwater Management Manual as Stormwater Management Technical Standards and Design Criteria

Councilmember Creech provided the second reading of the proposed ordinance. There being no discussion of this matter, motion to adopt Ordinance # 2009-008 as presented was made by Councilmember Creech, seconded by Councilmember Pitts and was approved.

Flood Plain Ordinance

Councilmember Walker provided a reading of the ordinance caption. Motion to approve Ordinance # 2009-006 was made by Councilmember Creech, seconded by Councilmember Pitts and was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Howland stated that he had recently received a request from a group to have a bonfire at the beach. He indicated that although he did not have a problem with the request, he felt it might be prudent for Council to consider what type of requirements would be appropriate for those wishing to have small fires. He stated that he felt the fire should be contained in a fire ring and Fire Station # 24 notified in case there was a problem. The area leveled for the original playground was discussed as a potential site as it is within ten yards of the lake. It was suggested signage could be erected indicating fires were allowed by permit only. A \$25 permit fee was suggested with the applicant supplying their own firewood. It was the general consensus that the city would take care of the clean up due to safety concerns. In further discussion, potential liability issues were identified. Councilmember Walker expressed concern that the proximity of the fire ring to the beach and playground would pose a danger to children. It was determined this issue warranted additional consideration and would be addressed when additional members of council were present to provide input.

Motion to adjourn was made by councilmember Creech, seconded by Councilmember Pitts and was approved. 8:34 PM

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Valerie Caldwell, City Clerk