

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Kathie DeNobriga
Councilmember Greg Creech
Councilmember Bitsy Pitts
Councilmember Melanie Hammet
Councilmember Brent Walker

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

Mayor Pro-Tem deNobriga called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thursday	10/01	7:30 PM	PLAIN Meeting	Clubhouse
Friday	10/02	8:00 PM	First Friday Comedy Night	
Saturday	10/03	10AM-6PM	Lakefest	Lake Front
Saturday	10/03	8:00 PM	Beach Party	Beach House
Sunday	10/04	Noon-6PM	Lakefest	Lake Front
Monday	10/05	7:00 PM	PLEAS Meeting	Beach House
Tuesday	10/06	7:30 PM	ARB	Club House
Monday	10/12	7:30 PM	City Council Meeting	City Hall
Thursday	10/15	7:30 PM	Pine Lake Local	Club House
Friday	10/16	12:30 PM	DDA	Take 2
Sunday	10/18	3:30 PM	Pet Clinic	Club House
Tuesday	10/20	7:30 PM	ARB	Club House
Thursday	10/22	7:00 PM	Neighborhood Watch	Beach House
Tuesday	10/27	6:30 PM	TAB	Beach House
Tuesday	10/27	7:30 PM	City Council Work Session	City Hall
Friday	10/30	12:30 PM	DDA	Take 2
Saturday	10/31	4:00 PM	Halloween Party	Beach House

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Pro-Tem deNobriga announced she and the City Clerk had attended the 2009 Flood Disaster Summit in DeKalb. The purpose of the summit was to brief those affected and provide information as to how to obtain disaster relief.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Appointment to ARB was removed from the agenda.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 09/14/09 meeting was made by Councilmember Creech, seconded by Councilmember Hammet and was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 08/25/09 meeting was made by Councilmember Hammet, seconded by Councilmember Creech and was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

[Michael Stuckey had submitted the necessary paperwork and fee to qualify to run for office in the upcoming municipal election, but was subsequently disqualified following a hearing conducted by the County Board of Elections]

Mr. Stuckey contended that the basis upon which he was disqualified by the County Board of Elections was inapplicable. He stated that there had been a change in the City Charter which prohibited anyone removed from office being eligible to again hold elected office. Mr. Stuckey stated the subject change had been enacted after he was removed as Mayor and as such, was not applicable to him. Following some discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem stated the matter would be taken under advisement.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

This item has been deferred to the October 12th meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARB – Councilmember Hammet reported that the Architectural Review Board would have the winning float in Floatzilla at the annual Lakefest celebration.

TAB – With respect to the contract for the City Arborist, Chris Barneycastle, Councilmember Walker reported that Mr. Barneycastle would be willing to work with the City for whatever amount was available. Councilmember Walker asked if Mr. Barneycastle's work on other City projects was being paid out of the grant funds from the Forestry Commission. Mr. Howland indicated there was an issue with the set up of accounting procedures for the grant funded projects, but stated that if he were allowed to set up the other grant budgets, he would be happy to see funds were properly disbursed.

PLEAS – Councilmember Pitts stated the next PLEAS meeting was scheduled for the following Monday.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – Councilmember Creech announced the next meeting was to be held on 10/22 to discuss Halloween and requested Chief Green attend the meeting.

ARTS FESTIVAL – Mayor Pro-Tem de Nobriga stated the festival would be held this upcoming weekend and encouraged attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Stuckey encouraged Council to expend funds necessary to place cameras in all Public Safety vehicles (upcoming agenda item).

OLD BUSINESS:

Consideration of Police Cameras

Chief Green encouraged purchase of the video microphones for the officers stating that they would pay for themselves. Officer Regan gave a video presentation of the equipment which replaces the standard shoulder microphone for the police radios with a unit that serves not only as a microphone, but with the capacity to video tape. These tapes are a digital recording, downloaded to a computer with password protected software. Officer Regan stated that the chain of custody would hold up in court. Councilmember Creech stated he felt it was a great investment. Chief Green stated there was sufficient funding in the Public Safety Budget under small equipment. It was the general consensus of Council that the Chief move forward with the purchase of the equipment as requested.

Adoption of Budget Schedule

Motion to approve as presented was made by Councilmember Creech, seconded by Councilmember Hammet and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Stuckey informed Council that it was not proper to vote at a Work Session.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter was made by Councilmember Pitts, seconded by Councilmember Hammet and was unanimously approved.

Present in executive session were all members of Council, City Administrator and City Clerk.

Motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene in regular session was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Pitts and was unanimously approved.

It was announced that no action had been taken in executive session

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Hammet and unanimously approved. 8:45 PM

Valerie Caldwell, City Clerk