

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2018
7:00 PM**

Call to order

Mayor Melanie Hammet at 7:00pm. Council members present were Megan Pulsts, Jean Bordeaux, Augusta Woods, and Brandy Hall. Also present was Chief of Police Sarai Y'Hudah-Green and City Administrator Valerie Caldwell. City Attorney Laurel Henderson was not present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hammet.

Swearing in of Council Members Jean Bordeaux, Brandy Hall and Augusta Woods

Hammet administered the oath of office to the three above listed council members to begin their four- year terms.

Announcements/Communication

- Pulsts announced that there is a group of citizens that are interested at looking at the city's waste management system as it relates to composting, trash time pick up and recycling. She said that she would get the group with report. Hall recommended contacting Compost Wheels for compost pickups. Bordeaux said that the contract needs to be revisited.
- Bordeaux communicated that the goal for getting all the pages on the new website was near completion and testing will begin soon. The rollout is scheduled for March.
- Hammet communicated that she received a message from a Greenhaven representative stating that she wanted to get with her to talk about the city's annexation plan and map.
- The mayor announced that starting January 10th there will be two different programs; filming and total renovations to the house on Spring Drive in conjunction with the television show Flip or Flop of HGTV. Hammet said that they had a conversation as what it would look like for the city and this will be good and positive thing for Pine Lake's image. The lots on both sides of the homes were recently purchased for single family dwellings. Filming
- Hammet stated that there is funding to add a small second Municipal Arts Grant for the first quarter of the year.

Hammet received a letter from CEO Michael Thurmond asking for a representative to be on the Steering Committed for DeKalb County Water and Waste Water Master Capacity 50-year strategic Plan to guide infrastructure investments that will support the county's economic development. The Mayor selected Hall to be the representative for the city.

Adoption of Agenda

Pulsts motioned to approve with amendments adding discussion of 4th of July fireworks and management strategy for warm weather management of recreation areas seconded by Bordeaux and approved 4-0.

Public Comments

Resident Susan Turnover, inquired if the Flip or Flop people purchased the property on the back side of the purchased properties. Hammet stated that she did not know. The resident stated that the representatives of Greenhaven were being very pro-active in moving forward with their agenda. Bordeaux recommended posting updated information on the Greenhaven issue to the new website once rolled out to keep the residents informed.

Setting date for Council Retreat Date

The date is set for 01/18 at 9:00am – Noon at a location to be determined.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve as presented by Hall; seconded by Woods and approved 4-0.

- Minutes from 12/11/17 Council meeting
- Adoption of 2018 meeting calendar
- Annual Appointments –
 - City Attorney- Laurel Henderson
 - Municipal Judge - L'Erin Wiggins
 - City Auditor - James Whittaker
 - Legal Organ – DeKalb County News

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem

Nomination of Bordeaux by Woods second by Bordeaux. Self-nomination by Pulsts second by Hall. Bordeaux voted Mayor Pro-Tem by vote of 3-2 with Hammet breaking the tie.

Adoption of Resolution # 01-2018 calling an election to elect a council member to fill to fill the unexpired term of the seat previously held by Tonja Holder

The adoption of the resolution was approved 4-0 upon motion by Hall and seconded by Bordeaux.

4th of July fireworks discussion

The Mayor said that the 4th of July, 2017 fireworks display had three main issues and that she was a personal witness to the chaos. The issues are public safety, duration of the fireworks and the amount of trash generated and deposited in the lake that is not biodegradable. She recommended specific hours and location to shoot the fireworks and for the community to apply what is reasonable as it comes fireworks and the dangers that can result from them. She suggested that council start shaping a fireworks policy to have in place by March 2018. The Mayor said that the policy sculpting for the 4th at the beach should be non-conflicting for neighbor against neighbor. Woods said that time limited, location designation and cleanup will make it safe for everyone. Pulsts suggested ending at 10:00pm.

Management strategy for warm weather management of recreation areas

Mayor Hammet stated that she met with many residents to begin green space strategy and is interested in putting together a Citizen Collective to work on this subject. Hall talked briefly about ecology as it relates to the beach/lake. Pulsts talked about having a parking policy as it will relate to recreation areas management and it possibly would have to be digitally. Bordeaux suggested having parking as a component to this strategy and said that parking is a problem throughout the city and recommended parking on only side of the street. Hammet said that getting the current 33 parking spaces under control is a priority topic.

Budget Adjustment

The adjustment was approved 4-0 upon motion by Bordeaux, seconded by Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

There was not any old business.

Public Comments

Susan Turnover, 439 Spring Drive stated that the discussion of parking and asked if the city had reached out to Pine Lake Church which is now Woodstock Church of Stone Mountain for additional parking. Woods stated that the new pastor was interested in meeting with the city leadership.

Dejuan Kellon, Owner of PGA Consultants, 4600 Rockbridge Road Suite D stated that he was at meeting to ask the city for a form of leniency as it relates to the marketing capacity of businesses within city limits. Kellon stated that his business has been in the city for four years and he has been subjected to the policies regarding banners, flyers and that he takes issue with it. He also said that the firm is a seasonal insurance and tax and he would like to have

the flexibility to hang banners. He said that the consensus of the business owners within the city would like some help from the city on this matter. He said that he has been cited by the Chief and that the banners are only out two and on half months. Mr. Kellon asked for mercy and that he would pay the fines.

Council Comment

There were not any council comments.

Mayor's Comments

Hammet recognized Megan Pulsts whom has acted as Mayor Pro Temp for six years and thank her for her service to the city.

Adjournment was at 8:05 on motion by Bordeaux, seconded by Pulsts.

Missye Varner, Administrative Assistant

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