

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 30, 2017
7:00 PM**

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Melanie Hammet at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Megan Pulsts and Council Members Brandy Hall, Augusta Woods, Jean Bordeaux and Tonja Holder. Also present were Administrator Valerie Caldwell, Chief Sarai Y'Hudah-Green and City Attorney Laurel Henderson.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hammet.

Hammet welcome the attendees and stated that the issue of the Beach House rental party held on May 28th would be addressed and stated that it was a matter of great concern and would have additional discussion after Public Comments.

Announcements/Communication

Pulsts communicated that the Memorial Day Cookout was a success and city purchased grill items will be donated to P.L.A.I N. for the July 4th Cookout at the Beach House.

Holder communicated that she attended the Georgia Council of the Arts Town Meeting on May 19th and the recommended the city to talk about obtaining arts funding from them.

Adoption of Agenda

Pulsts added the May 28th Beach House incident and facility rentals discussion to the agenda and motioned to adopt the amended agenda; seconded by Holder. Vote 5-0.

Public Comments

The Mayor stated that she and the Chief had a meeting and that the Chief has a set of solutions regarding flaws in the policy regarding the rental policy.

Eve Sotus, 525 Spring Drive stated that the city need to have a full-time Beach Monitor for weekends to prevent anything extremely bad from occurring.

John Aberheart, Wildlife Consultant spoke about the beaver issue. He talked about flooding and the ecological benefits of the beavers living in their natural habitat. Aberheart will continue to address the issue later the agenda as noted.

Keri Loomis, 479 Clubhouse Drive requested an update of the mycelium filter installation for the lake/beach and that she had concerns about the beavers. She asked for an update of the boat rack. She said that the arts fence cost about \$4,000 and that a rack would be cheaper. Loomis recommended getting an agreement from Pine Lake Baptist for additional parking. She also thanked the police for not flashing their lights while at the beach.

David Brachman, 4620 Lakeshore Drive complimented Public Works for their fantastic attention to the gazebo which includes a light sensor.

Discussion of the May 28th Beach House incident and Management of Rentals

Hammet stated that there has been feedback regarding the May 28th Beach House rental and its loud music. Also, there was feedback of Pine Lake Lounge's loud music.

Chief talked about solutions for policy and tools for corrective measure:

- the facilities manager to advise the renters of the music levels
- no amplified music or speakers set up on the beach house porch
- explicit music being played
- having an officer to monitor alcohol monitoring

- contact person information provided for officers
- provide literature to renters to offer extra direction
- upload an application on cell phone to determine the decimal level of music
- property damage report for refunds
- recommended an officer on duty after 10:00pm at an additional fee to the renter
- behavioral standards being a part of the rental rules
- decimal level and readings becoming part of existing policy

Normal usage and repairs of the beach house was discussed. The Chief stated that she was contacted many times about the incident and spoke with the officer on duty three times. Pulsts asked Chief for the number of 911 calls and dispatches. Chief responded to four 911 calls and two dispatched calls, including one fight call at 9:21 pm when officer arrived at 9:24 pm the dispute was over and parties dispersed.

Public Comment

May 28th Beach House Incident and Discussion of Additional Facility Rentals

John Weeks, 534 Pine Drive talked about the incident and said that people of Pine Lake think that city government don't care and that it is ridiculous. He talked about the 2:00pm-12:00am time frame allowed for the renter. Weeks also said that he called multiple times and flagged down an officer and was upset with the Police Department.

Eva Sotus, 525 Spring Drive said that she agrees that the music was very loud and that she is working on the music level at the lounge.

Bill Brooks, 442 Magnolia Drive stated that he is a sound engineer and will help with the noise levels. He said that profanity at the lake was bad and recommended not renting on the weekends. Brooks stated that before the renovation of the beach house the residents had more access.

Angela Melendez, 478 Pine Drive said that she called the police and Chief regarding the incident. She said that she moved from Buffalo, NY for peace and quietness and that the incident brought back bad memories and she feared for her safety.

David Brachman stated that education was needed and that the new rental manager was doing a good job and that she needs to educate the renters. He also said that the renters need to know that beach, grass and lake is not included in the rent.

Toula Giavaras, 4539 Lakeshore Drive stated the parking on the sides of the streets and around the lake is a problem. She talked about the number of people at the lake and parties at the gazebo and for more police presence. Tula talked about all of the disgusting trash items that are left at the lake.

George Chidi, 4625 Park Drive recommended tightening the rental contract, rules and the policy. He also suggested not to push people away as it could be a mistake for long term financial benefits.

Mayor Hammet said that the public comments were about listening and that she and council are not judging. She said that in front of each council member was the resolution that was passed days after the presidential election which is the Safe Harbor Resolution promoting diversity and inclusion to keep as their context not as their plan or a way of understanding management of the city because they have to manage the city and failed in management. The biggest context is where is the city is coming from.

Jan Christiansen, 4620 Forrest Road stated that the Mayor and Council cares about the Pine Lake and that it is a safe harbor that brings together the community. She also said that she appreciates what they do; and Public Works and the Police Department.

Susan Lightcap, 451 Clubhouse Drive said that she is concerned the oversight at the beach and that she does not want anything to happen and urged for a trained lifeguard. She said that she is concerned about how late parties can run and addressed the noise ordinance. Lightcap also recommended that the rental agreement and the noise ordinance be revised.

The Mayor stated that she was sorry that John Weeks left and said that she received a text message from him about the not caring issue. She asked are, "Are we managing the city well and ethically?" She said that when she got the text message at 11:00 pm Sunday upon arrival from being out of town for the death of a dear friend; she assured the audience that the only reason they were sitting at the dais was not for the salary, nor climbing the professional ladder but it was because they care about their City. She said that she did not answer his text and if he had not left she would have reminded him of this. In conclusion, the Mayor said that she understands that their peace and quietness was disturbed but do they care terribly. The audience erupts in claps.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of meeting held:

- 05/08/17

Pulsts motioned to adopt the agenda; seconded by Bordeaux. Vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

PLAIN Park Improvement – Greg Creech

Mr. Creech presented a lists of future park improvement items; 4 new grills; picnic tables, trash cans, and pet waste station w/signage that PLAIN would provide along with donations. Holder motioned to approve the list and waive the yard sale deposit of \$10 per house for a Community Tour of Yard Sales on June 24th, seconded by Pulsts and approved 5-0.

Lake Wildlife – Beaver

John Aberheart, Wildlife Consultant gave a presentation of the habitation of the beaver family. Holder will meet with him to come up with a solution and will report the findings at a council meeting.

Establishing Public Hearing Dates for Setting Millage Rate

The dates for the public hearings are June 20th at 7:00 pm; June 24th at 9:00 am and on June 27th at 6:00 pm for the millage rate adoption.

Public Comments

There were not any comments at this time.

Mayor's Comments

Hammet thanked all that attended the meeting and said that she appreciated and thanked the City Council and Staff for their hard work that they do. She stated that the staff also cares for the city and goes beyond the call of duty. Pulsts said that she seconded what the mayor and chief had said prior in the meeting.

Council Comment

Holder is in the process of revising the rental policy and apologized for not making the policy as strict as it need to be and that she has a list of changes that she will run by the city attorney and staff.

Hall thanked the citizens for attending the meeting and for having their voices heard.

Bordeaux thanked Pulsts for being there at the beach house at 11:00 pm and taking responsibility of doing the site visit.

Pulsts thanked Matt Pulsts for accompanying her to the beach house while she checked things out.

Adjournment

Pulsts motioned to adjourn at 8:53 pm, seconded by Holder. Vote 5-0.

Missye Varner, Administrative Assistant