

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019  
7:00 PM**

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**Call to order**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by the Mayor.

**Announcements/Communication**

Hammet:

- announced that ROKS met on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and have several things going and continue to look at several Rockbridge Road improvements.
- announced that the 2019 art wall photos will be relocated to the 13 acres on Rockbridge Road for a limited time.

Hall:

- communicated that there is a grant offer available for the city and that the chances look good for the city.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Bordeaux motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Hall. 5-0

**Public Comments**

Shirley Kinsey 579 Spruce Drive commented that she is making good progress on the making of the benches for the Club House covered porch. The benches are made from the wood of a one-hundred-year-old-eighty-foot tree that was on her property. Ms. Kinsey also passed out samples of the wood.

Allison Brook 4538 Ridge Drive commented about the gun discharges and fireworks and that it was creating a sense of unsafety. She also stated that safety was a huge concern and is why she moved to Pine Lake.

Sarah Spencer 653 Olive Road commented about the gun fire all the time at Polo Apartment and Haverly Apartments and that she is frightened. She also stated that the gunfire was getting closer and asked what to do to be safe.

Suzanne Hurley 4553 Park Drive commented that she heard gunshots and echoed the other comments. Hurley said that a group of residents met, and that the first thing is to be connected and call 911. She recommended different policing and detailing reports for safety.

Allison Brooks commented that the topic for the neighborhood meeting should be to form an active Neighborhood Watch and for someone to teach how to actively monitor their street so they can jump into action while waiting for the DeKalb Police but to do it safe and smart. She said that her neighbor is beyond scared and that her windows rattle from the shots and fireworks.

Chief Green thanked the residents for speaking up and that the Police Department was doing what they were supposed to do and that the discharge of fire arms and fireworks were a fire hazard and that they have noticed the increase since the legalization of fireworks. The Chief said that she will be meeting with the Neighborhood Watch meeting and encouraged them to attend. Mayor Hammet said that she will attend the meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Minutes of 08/27/19 and 09/09/19 Council Meetings and 09/12/19 Town Hall Meeting

Casariego motioned to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Pulsts. 5-0

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Pulsts provided the second reading for the public hearing. Hammet opened the public hearing for the Adoption of new Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, including standards for review of zoning decisions and procedures for conducting public hearings. Henderson lead the discussion and Pulsts motioned to adopt; seconded by Bordeaux and adopted. 5-0

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Keeping of Fowl within City Limits

Pulsts motioned to present the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Hammet opened the public hearing. Henderson presented. No comments were forthcoming. Seconded by Bordeaux. 5-0. This item scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 10/14/19.

### **Progress Report for Peace Pole:**

The Mayor provided an update on the entrance at the city island. She also reported that the peace poles will be installed in the spring of 2020 and that there will be a couple displays at the Town Square.

### **Public Comments**

There were not any comments.

**Executive Session - Real Estate:** 7:48pm Pulsts motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter; seconded by Casariego. 5-0.  
Executive session adjourned upon motion by Bordeaux; seconded by Woods. Approved.

**Mayor's Comments**

There were not any comments.

**Council Comment**

There were not any comments.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.