

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 30th, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA**

Call to Order: Mayor Brandy Hall called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Mayor Brandy Hall, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Bordeaux, Council Member Augusta Woods, Council Member Jeff Goldberg, and Council Member Thomas Torrent. Also present were City Manager ChaQuias Miller-Thornton, Chief of Police Sarai Y'hudah-Green, City Attorney Susan Moore, and Assistant City Clerk Ned Dagenhard.

Announcements/Communications

Mayor Hall announced that herself, Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux, and Public Works Laborer DeAndre Hodges performed a walkthrough of the Wetlands in an ongoing effort to develop maintenance processes.

Mayor Hall accepted a City of Civility award on behalf of Pine Lake. The Mayor nodded at the subtitle of the award, which makes mention of the city government prioritization of pluralism, active listening, and compassion.

Chief Green made mention of a walkthrough of Rockbridge Road performed by herself, Melanie Hammet, Mayor Brandy Hall and an authority of the Rockbridge Road project. A “punch list” was established, with a final completion date to be determined.

Adoption of Agenda of the Day

Council Member Woods moved to adopt the agenda of the day; Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the Minutes

- Regular Meeting – January 9th, 2024
- Special Called Meeting – January 25th, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux moved to adopt the Minutes from the January 9th, 2024 Regular Meeting and the January 25th, 2024 Special Call Meeting; Council Member Goldberg seconded, and the motion passed 3-0-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux, Council Member Goldberg, and Council Member Torrent voting in favor of the motion. No members voted against the motion, and Council Member Woods abstained.

Old Business

None.

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New Business

1. Grazing Lease Agreement and General Assumption of Liabilities – between the John Wierwille dba Ewe Can Do It Naturally and the City of Pine Lake

The Mayor and City Council discussed the lease agreement and timeline for removal of overgrowth along the Pine Lake dam and inner berm. Terms of contract were deliberated, and Council decided that a town hall would be scheduled prior to commencement of the sheep grazing services.

Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux moved to approve the Lease Agreement and General Assumption of Liabilities; Council Member Torrent seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the City of Pine Lake (“Participating Agency”)

City Manager Miller-Thornton introduced the Mutual Aid Agreement with GEMA as a renewal and provided some benefits of participation.

Council Member Woods moved to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement; Council Member Torrent seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance 2024-01 - Amendment to Chapter 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2 of the City of Pine Lake Code of Ordinances Regarding Council Meetings

Mayor Hall introduced Ordinance 2024-01. Council Member Torrent performed the first read.

No action was taken by Council.

4. Resolution R-01-2024 – In Support of Legislative Charter Amendments to Annex Property and to change from Mayor - Council to Council - Manager form of Government

Mayor Hall introduced Resolution R-01-2024. Legislative charter amendments were discussed at length during the January 25th Special Called Meeting.

Council Member Goldberg moved the adopt Resolution R-01-2024; Council Member Torrent seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Declaration of Surplus Property – Golf Cart – Police Department Request

Chief Green introduced the request for declaration, which categorizes a cost-prohibitive asset for appropriate disposal.

Council Member Woods moved to approve the Declaration; Council Member Torrent seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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6. Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Poplar Park Planning Ad Hoc Committee

Mayor Hall presented mayoral appointments to an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of recommending a plan for the approved park at Poplar Road and Rockbridge Road. Appointees are Council Member Augusta Woods (who will serve as Committee Chair), Council Member Thomas Torrent, and members of Rockbridge Opportunity Kick Starters (ROKS) Tom Ramsey and Jan Christiansen.

Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux moved to confirm the appointments; Council Member Goldberg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Resolution R-02-2024 – Authorizing Official Signatures for TRUIST Bank Accounts, Establishment of SPLOST II account, Close of DeKalb SRF Account, and Close of Municipal Court Pass Through Account

City Manager Miller-Thornton introduced the resolution, which closes two Pine Lake bank accounts and transfers remaining moneys from the closed accounts into the General Fund bank account, and creates a new account for SPLOST II moneys, the first of which are expected in April 2024.

Additionally, Mayor Hall will replace Mayor Hammet as a signatory on the city's bank accounts, and Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux will continue as an additional signatory. City Manager Miller-Thornton will continue as custodian of the accounts.

Council Member Torrent moved to authorize execution of Resolution R-02-2024; Council Member Woods seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports and Other Business

ChaQuias Miller-Thornton — City Manager (Director of Administration, Courts and Public Works)

Please refer to [the link](#) to access the City Manager's report dated January 30th, 2024. Please email neddagenhard@pinelakega.net to request a copy or call (404) 999-4931 to schedule an appointment to review the copy on file.

Chief Sarai Y'Hudah-Green — Chief of Police, Public Safety

Please refer to [the link](#) to access the Police/Public Safety report dated January 30th, 2024. The Police/Public Safety reports are on file at City Hall for reviewing. Please email neddagenhard@pinelakega.net to request a copy or call (404) 999-4931 to schedule an appointment to review the copy on file.

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Upcoming events:

Virtual Town Hall to Discuss Sheep Grazing Project – February 8, 2024 at 6pm. Virtual access information to be announced.

March 12th Elections: On March 12th, 2024, a special election will be held in conjunction with the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election, to fill the vacancy in the office of Pine Lake City Council. The special election will be held to fill the unexpired term of Brandy Hall set to expire December 31, 2025.

The last day to register to be eligible to vote in this election or any runoff election, is February 12, 2024. Advanced voting will be held Monday February 19th through Friday, March 8th, 2024.

The special election will be held in the regular polling place, City of Pine Lake Clubhouse, 470 Clubhouse Drive, Pine Lake, Georgia 30072. The polls will open at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment: Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux motioned for adjournment at 8:39pm.

Ned Dagenhard
Assistant City Clerk

ChaQuias Miller-Thornton
Acting City Clerk