

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
Courthouse & Council Chambers  
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Hall called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01PM.

Present: Mayor Hall, Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, Council Members Jeff Goldberg, Tom Ramsey, and Thomas Torrent. Also present were City Manager Stanley Hawthorne, Chief of Police Sarai Y'hudah-Green, City Attorney Chris Balch, Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick, Finance Director Danny Lamonte, Assistant City Clerk Ned Dagenhard and Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner. Council Member Augusta Woods was not in attendance.

**Announcements/Communications**

Mayor Hall thanked Council Member Goldberg and members of staff for assistance in organizing a "successful" town hall meeting. The Mayor continued that the public appear to look forward to more information as the wetland maintenance project evolves, adding thanks to Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick.

**Adoption of the Agenda of the Day**

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux moved to adopt the Agenda of the Day; Council Member Ramsey seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**Adoption of the Minutes**

- **April 29, 2025 – Regular Meeting**
- **May 13, 2025 – Work Session**
- **May 21, 2025 – Town Hall Meeting**

Council Member Torrent motioned to adopt the Minutes; Council Member Goldberg seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**Proclamations**

**1. Georgia Municipal Court Clerk Week**

Mayor Hall performed the reading of the proclamation.

**2. National Public Works Week**

Council Member Ramsey performed the reading of the proclamation.

**3. Purple Heart City**

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux performed the reading of the proclamation. Mayor Hall, on behalf of the City Council, extended gratitude to the veteran honorees of the Purple Heart program.

Council Member Torrent motioned to approve all three (3) Proclamations; Council Member Goldberg seconded.

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**Consent Agenda**

- 1. Resolution R-2025-30, Street Sweeping Program**
- 2. Resolution R-2025-31, Local Road Assistance (LRA) Funding**
- 3. Resolution R-2025-32, LakeFest Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**
- ~~4. Resolution R-2025-33, Pride Lake Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)~~**
- 5. Resolution R-2025-34, Task Order 001 Proposal: Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 Permit and Buffer Variance Application**
- 6. Resolution R-2025-37, Agreement for DJ/Music Entertainment Services – Juneteenth Celebration**

Council Member Ramsey motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, provided that Resolution R-2025-33 be moved from Consent Agenda Item 4 to New Business Item 4; Council Member Goldberg seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**New Business**

**1. Resolution R-2025-35, Acceptance of Bid for Auditing Services, Auditor Request for Proposal (RFP) Award**

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux motioned to approve Resolution R-2025-35; Council Member Torrent seconded.

City Manager Hawthorne stated that though *McNair McLemore Middlebrooks and Co.* was the sole respondent to the City's RFP, Finance Director Lamonte is familiar with the firm.

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux inquired as to whether separate audits would be required for special programs. Finance Director Lamonte responded that Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds would be included in the General Fund audit, but that special funds such as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds would require a separate audit.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**2. Resolution R-2025-36, 2025 Property Tax Millage Rate Process**

Council Member Ramsey motioned to approve Resolution R-2025-36; Council Member Torrent seconded.

City Manager Hawthorne explained that the resolution would set a tentative millage rate and public hearing schedule. Mr. Hawthorne recommended amending the resolution, instead holding the latter two hearings at 11:00AM on June 23, 2025; and 7:00PM on June 24, 2025 (*NOTE: These dates were later amended at the June 10, 2025 Special Called Meeting. Please see these Minutes for the amended dates and times, or refer to published documentation in the DeKalb Champion and/or City's website*).

Mayor Hall added clarification, stating that the adopted rate would not and could not exceed the current rate of 19.400 mils.

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**3. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 16, Public Nuisances**

Mayor Hall performed the first read of Ordinance 2025-02.

A lengthy discussion took place between the City Attorney and the Governing Authority, regarding use of tent-like structures and fire pits on public land, as well as whether fishing can be regulated by the City.

Mayor pro tem expressed concern over the size of the Ordinance, at one point asking whether the document could be segmented out for deliberation and adoption. This resulted in a brief conversation between Mayor Hall and City Attorney Balch regarding impact to the Ordinance adoption schedule.

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux then motioned to table to Item; no second was observed.

No further action was taken by City Council.

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**4. Resolution R-2025-33, Pride Lake Addendum, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between City of Pine Lake and the Pine Lake Association for Involved Neighbors (PLAIN)**

Council Member Torrent motioned to approve Resolution R-2025-33; Mayor pro tem Bordeaux seconded.

The City Attorney explained why the indemnification clause was removed from the document, citing the City's inability to hypothetically waive sovereign immunity to indemnify PLAIN.

Mayor Hall inquired as to whether the item should be tabled, since the substantive change had not yet been presented to PLAIN. City Manager Hawthorne recommended proceeding, since PLAIN still reserved the right to reject the MOU following the City's adoption/approval.

Council Member Ramsey expressed concern, citing past experiences with PLAIN-sponsored events and liability. Mr. Ramsey added his discomfort regarding PLAIN not having reviewed the document.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

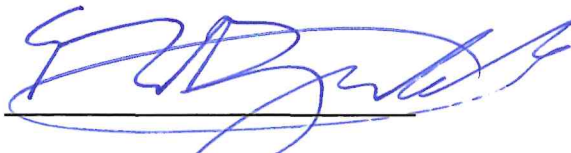
Members voted 3-1-0. Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, and Council Members Goldberg and Torrent voted in favor of the motion; Council Member Ramsey voted against; no members abstained. The motion carried.

**Reports and Other Business**

Council Member Torrent reminded attendees that the Pine Lake Swim Season would begin Saturday, May 31, 2025.

**Adjournment**

Council Member Torrent motioned for adjournment was made at 8:06PM.



Ned Dagenhard  
Acting City Clerk

