

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
Courthouse & Council Chambers  
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Hall called the Special Called Meeting to order at 6:00PM.

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

**Announcements/Communications**

Mayor Hall advised that she had held a staff appreciation lunch, and thanked Administrative Coordinator Varner for organizing.

The Mayor continued that her and City Manager Hawthorne would be attending the Georgia Downtown Association Conference, and added that she looks forward to reporting back information learned from the *Block Grants* and *Main Street 101* courses.

**Adoption of the Agenda of the Day**

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

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**Adoption of the Minutes**

- **June 24, 2025 – Regular Meeting**
- **July 8, 2025 – Work Session**
- **July 15, 2025 – Special Called Meeting**

Council Member Ramsey moved to adopt the Minutes; Council Member Torrent seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

- 1. Resolution R-2025-50, Alcoholic Beverages Privilege License Application – Silver’s Caribbean Restaurant, 4634 Rockbridge Road SW – On-Premises Retail Sale and Consumption**
- 2. Resolution R-2025-51, Establishing 2025 Municipal Election Qualifying Dates**
- 3. Resolution R-2025-52, Rejection of 2025 LMIG Resurfacing Project Bids**

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt all items within the Consent Agenda; Council Member Goldberg seconded.

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All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**New Business**

**1. Resolution R-2025-53, AECOM Task Order #3 – Pine Lake Dam Inspection**

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt Resolution R-2025-53; Mayor pro tem Bordeaux seconded.

Public Works Director Kendrick recapitulated his August 12<sup>th</sup> Work Session presentation.

Council Member Torrent inquired as to the cost of clearing the dam of vegetation prior to the inspection taking place, as well as whether the project required a bid process. Mr. Kendrick advised that the project includes specialized work, such as slope mowing, and added that of the six (6) vendors who were approached with the project scope, only one responding party had the appropriate equipment to complete the job.

Council Member Torrent inquired as to whether there was a write-up of the (433) hours included in the AECOM Task Order #1 proposal. Mr. Kendrick responded that the first invoice associated with Task Order #1 had recently been submitted, showing only (6) hours. Mr. Kendrick continued that the proposals are an estimate of the total work required over an extended project scope.

Council Member Ramsey asked for clarification that there is no shared language between Task Orders #1 and #3. Mr. Kendrick replied that there is indeed shared language, but confirmed that any work accomplished in Task Order #3 that can be applied to the checklist for Task Order #1 would be.

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux asked for a follow-up on a previous conversation regarding cosmetic vegetation management on the dam. Mr. Kendrick responded that he has received an estimate, but considers the project separately, adding that the most cost-effective approach would be to wait until the end of the growing season to address overgrowth.

Mayor Hall called for a voted.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**2. Resolution R-2025-54, Records Management System (RMS) Upgrade**

Council Member Woods moved to adopt Resolution R-2025-54; Council Member Ramsey seconded.

Chief Green discussed with the Governing Authority the merits of upgrading the Police and Court records management system. The resource impact, Chief Green stated, was “a wash,” as the upgrade includes adjustments to fees incorporated into each fine and/or forfeiture through citation adjudication.

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux inquired whether Government Window would remain as the City’s point-of-sale system for the Court Department. Chief Green responded that further research would be necessary in order to provide a response.

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All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**3. Resolution R-2025-55, City of Milton Multi-City Amicus Brief**

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt Resolution R-2025-55; Council Member Woods seconded.

City Attorney Balch presented a thorough recapitulation of a court case out of City of Milton, which has been elevated through the State Appellate Court and is now due to be heard before the State Supreme Court. As the ramifications of the court decision bear potential future impact on municipalities and utility providers across the State, the City Attorney recommended passage of a resolution signing on an amicus brief.

Multiple questions were fielded by the City Attorney from City Council regarding what objects currently in the City's various rights-of-way may qualify as a roadway obstruction, should the final ruling be opposed to the City of Milton.

Council Member Ramsey inquired as to whether the terms of the City of Pine Lake's insurance policy could be set so that the City would be required to be notified ahead of any and all settlement negotiations. Mr. Balch responded that since the City's liability insurance provider (Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency, *aka GIRMA*) is a mutual organization providing blanket policies to many municipalities, fine tuning Pine Lake's policy would likely not be possible.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

Members voted 4-1-0. Mayor pro tem Bordeaux; and Council Members Goldberg, Torrent, and Woods voted in favor of the motion; Council Member Ramsey voted against; no members abstained. The motion carried.

**4. Resolution R-2025-56, Embrace Civility (City of Civility *Renewal*)**

Council Member Goldberg moved to adopt Resolution R-2025-56; Mayor pro tem Bordeaux seconded.

Mayor Hall introduced the item, describing it as reaffirming the Governing Authority's commitment to engaging in respectful and civil discourse.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**Reports and Other Business**

- City Council

Council Member Torrent announced that the Stewards of Environmental Education and Design (SEED) had partnered with the Public Works Department to attend to McAllister Meadow. Mr. Torrent further described the vision as “not a path, but a hangout area” with a focus on avian habitat enrichment.

Council Member Ramsey announced that he had attended three (3) webinars discussing disaster preparedness, and found them informative.

**Adjournment**

Council Member Torrent moved for adjournment at 6:59PM.

*Ned Dagenhard*

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Acting City Clerk