

CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2014
7:30 PM

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Mayor Kathie deNobriga. Present were Council Members George Chidi, Mike Stuckey, Lynn Ehrlicher and Erika Brown. Also present was City Administrator Valerie Caldwell. Mayor Pro Tem Megan Pulsts and Chief Sarai Green were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Kathie deNobriga read a letter dated June 5, 2014 to Miller Valentine Residential Development written by City Administrator Valerie Caldwell regarding the Aberdeen Drive property. A copy of the letter is available at City Hall.

The Mayor announced that at the advice of the City Attorney the Mayor and City Council cannot answer any questions regarding the Miller Valentine proposed development but they can listen to citizen concerns. She stated that they had sixty (60) days to file an appeal from the date of the letter.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented with no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wanda Cooley 4651 Orchid Drive stated that she has a signed petition from citizens that are against the Miller Valentine Development. She gave the petition to Mayor deNobriga. Ms. Cooley was presented with a floral arrangement from the citizens for her diligent work on the petition.

Barbara Whitlow 526 Pine Drive stated that she was confused after attending the June 6th Town Hall meeting and asked if Miller Valentine were obtaining all four parcels on Aberdeen Drive and the house next door. She asked about the four citations that were issued and inquired about the status of the citations. Ms. Whitlow also inquired about the creek and who has authority over it. In conclusion she questioned the status of the U. S. Corps of Engineers and asked if the city has a fact sheet with questions and answers for the proposed Miller Valentine Development. Ms. Whitlow asked if a Pine Lake representative will be present at the site visit that the Corps of Engineers will have with Miller Valentine at the Aberdeen Drive property.

Mayor deNobriga gave highlights from the June 9th Town Hall meeting to answer Ms. Whitlow's concerns and questions.

Alan Gordon 487 Oak Drive said that he called the Army Corps of Engineer and provided an update that they will be meeting with Miller Valentine Development. He also inquired about the new police vehicle and said that is was not noticeable. Gordon asked what part of the budget it was purchased from. The Mayor answered his questions. He also announced that Aberdeen Drive property owners were present at the meeting.

Phyllis Weist 4557 Ridge Drive asked if all four parcels on Aberdeen Drive were the same zoning. Mayor deNobriga stated that they were and the property was zoned Uptown Transitional and that the zoning is part of the city wide strategy to encourage development.

Rick Sams 573 Aberdeen Drive asked for a speed bump and was advised that he needed to contact DeKalb County Department of Transportation.

Susan Byrd 4740 Aberdeen Drive said that she was at the meeting to support Pine Lake citizens and that she does not support the Miller Valentine type of development. Ms. Byrd also stated that the Pine Lake has the support of her subdivision.

Stephanie Cross 443 Magnolia Drive stated that she has a concern for 24 hour policing for the city.

OLD BUSINESS

There was not any new business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Chidi, seconded by Stuckey and was approved 4-0. Items approved were the Council meeting minutes of 4/14/2014, 5/12/2014 and 5/27/2014.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 Beach Rules

After discussion Stuckey motioned to adopt the Beach Rules to allow fishing, seconded by Chidi and approved 4-0.

Millage Rate

Following discussion, the advertised public hearings were announced being June 12, 2014 at 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the Courthouse, with the third public hearing being June 24th at 7:15 PM in the Clubhouse.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julie Billing 4733 Aberdeen Lane said she is a home owner that does not want her nice subdivision turned into apartment complex and that she hopes the project gets stopped.

Stephanie Cross 443 Magnolia Drive asked about beach monitoring because she fear that something will happen at the beach. She said she was stunned with her property assessment value evaluation and that she does not see where her tax dollar goes. Ms. Cross addressed the apartments adjacent to her residence and the trash service. She also stated that when she calls the city no one answers; however she does get a return call. Ms. Cross said that she is concerned about the city not having 24 hour policing.

Alejandro Toriello 609 Ivy Road asked if a tax increase will get 24 hour policing for the city.

Nikki Rosebooth 440 Spruce Drive stated that she is in support for Pine Lake getting where it needs to be but that a lot of citizens do not get the tax benefit as parents. She said that there is a communications gap in getting information to the police department that needs to be corrected. Ms. Rosebooth complimented the police department and asked about using reserve officers to patrol the beach/lake area. She said that there is a juvenile group home that comes to the beach every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 pm -3:00 pm and they feed the geese large amounts of

food. The group have been asked by police and residents not to feed the geese. She thanked the City for the Eco Arts Summer camp.

Howard Hillman 571 Aberdeen Drive asked if there was a resolution for DeKalb County and the City of Pine Lake for policing and who to call when situations arise. He also addressed the potential Aberdeen Drive potential development and the policing issue.

Joann Davenport 4588 Ridge Drive stated that someone is dumping on the vacant lot next door of her property and has cut down trees and that there needs to be a fence. Stuckey stated that it is the owner's responsibility to care for the vacant lot. He said that they would be issued a citation, possible court and fines for the violation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stuckey announced that the Tree Authority will be meeting on June 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Courthouse.

Lt. Palms gave an extensive police report for Chief Green who is in training. He stated that he will be filling in during her absence. The report is on file at City Hall. He stated there is a letter of commendation addressed to the Chief regarding her action on the barking dog on Orchid Drive.

The Mayor announced that there will be an Officers and Public Interaction Training on June 21st at 8:00 a.m. and encouraged council attendance and participation.

Mayor deNobriga asked Lt. Palms to make sure that the juvenile group home does not feed the geese and thanked the reserve officers for being visible within the community

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor deNobriga stated that the petitions that were delivered earlier in the meeting have 570 signatories.

Stuckey motioned to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter seconded by Brown and approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to reconvene in regular session by Ehrlicher, 2nd by Stuckey and approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Chidi, second by Brown 4-0 at 9:30 pm.

Missye Varner, Administrative Assistant

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