

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13 2014  
7:30 PM**

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The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kathie deNobriga @ 7:32 PM. Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Megan Pulsts and Council Members Erika Brown, Mike Stuckey, and Lynn Ehrlicher. George Chidi was absent. Also present was Chief of Police Sarai Y'Hudah-Green and City Administrator Valerie Caldwell.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor deNobriga communicated that DeKalb County will no longer test the lake due to reasons of implication of the results that it is safe to swim. The Mayor stated that a conversation and further research is needed for independent testing and for swimming at your own risk.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Ehrlicher moved to accept the amended Adoption of Agenda, seconded by Pulsts and the vote passed 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**COMMENDATION FOR GEORGIA POWER**

**COMMENDATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

**COMMENDATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS** moved to New Business

**AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR CLUBHOUSE**

Brown motioned to accept the amended Consent Agenda with a second from Pulsts. The motion passed 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON 08/26/2014 AND 09/08/2014**

After a brief discussion of corrections Pulsts motioned to accept the amended minutes; seconded by Ehrlicher and passed 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE REGARDING UNINHABITED STRUCTURES**

The Mayor stated that the Judge has declined to review the ordinance because he did not feel comfortable because he might have to rule on it. She also stated that we have the approval from the city attorney for the ordinance. After a brief discussion the item was placed on the October 28<sup>th</sup> Work Session with voting at the November 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMENDATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES**

Ehrlicher read the commendation and it was discussed for revision. Brown motioned to accept the amended commendation with a second from Pulsts. The motion passed 4-0.

**DISCUSSION OF POLICY FOR USE OF BODY CAMERAS**

Chief Green talked briefly about the original draft and the Mayor stated that she does not want to wait for DeKalb County's policy. Brown recommended to get an update of the county's timeline for the policy. Mayor deNobriga recommended to place this item on the October 18<sup>th</sup> Agenda as not to place delay on the city.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**TREE COMMITTEE**

Stuckey reported that Resident Karen Styes handed out Arbor Day and Tree Ordinance material at her booth at Lake Fest. The Mayor stated that Ms. Styes is collecting names of citizens that are willing to have trees planted on their property. Mayor deNobriga will contact Trees Atlanta and schedule a workshop to educate the citizens on tree species and planting at specific sites. She also said that the city has lost many trees from the canopy this year. The Mayor will get with Raoul Martinez, Public Works Supervisor on locations that additional trees can be planted.

The Mayor advised that the Monthly Staff Meeting will be on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

Mayor deNobriga reported that Lake Fest was extremely successful with over 3,000 in attendance and a net of approximately \$960.00 which will be applied to 2015 Lake Fest. She commended Martinez for assisting in moving items at Lake Fest. The Mayor also stated that the generator is working and that a test run will follow.

Ehrlicher stated that the Lake Fest poetry stage was a success and well attended.

Pulsts stated that ARB did not have their scheduled meeting because there was not a quorum.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**None**

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Ehrlicher talked about Dark Skies and finding a way to darken buildings at night with specific lightning. She also said that it has an effect of bird navigation, other animals and human behavior. Resident Melanie Hammet suggested the city having a Dark Skies Initiative. The Family Dollar was referenced due to its position on the hill on Rockbridge Road. The Mayor asked Chief Green to check with Family Dollar and request for the lights to be turned off or down at night. Chief stated that the amounts of lights could be for security purposes.

Mayor deNobriga stated that work will begin on the Service Delivery Strategy and the Atlanta Regional Commission consolidation for 2040.

The Mayor commented that progress is being made for the 2015 budget.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Brown motioned to adjourn executive session and reconvene in regular meeting; seconded by Ehrlicher and approved 4-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned on motion by Pulsts; seconded by Ehrlicher and approved 4-0 at 8:14 p.m.

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Missye Varner, Administrative Assistant

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