

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 11, 2015**

The regularly scheduled council meeting was called to order by Mayor deNobriga at 7:30 PM. Present were Mayor deNobriga, Mayor Pro-Tem Megan Pulsts (arriving at 7:36 pm), Council members Erika Brown, George Chidi, Lynn Ehrlicher (arriving at 7:33 pm), and Mike Stuckey. Also present were Chief Sarai Y'udah-Green and City Administrator Valerie Caldwell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMUNICATIONS:

Caldwell stated she anticipated the tax digest the following week.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved 3-0 upon motion by Chidi and second by Stuckey.

Item approved: Minutes of April 28, 2015 Council meeting.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CITY SPOKESPERSON

Mayor deNobriga read the draft resolution prepared by the City Attorney. To begin discussion, Brown made a motion to approve, that was seconded by Pulsts. Stuckey moved to amend by changing to the term "spokesperson" for consistency throughout the resolution. Brown seconded the amendment. As discussion began, Brown stated the Mayor should serve as the designated spokesperson for the City. The Mayor stated she would like the Chief to be spokesperson for the Police related issues. Chidi proposed the Mayor or City Administrator. Availability was discussed, and council appointment of an alternate should the Mayor be out of town for an extended period of time. Council approved the Resolution, as amended 4-0, with the spokespersons being designated as the Mayor, the Administrator, and the Police Chief for police related matters when authorized by the Mayor. **RES. # R-06-2015**

DISCUSSION OF USE OF CLUBHOUSE

Pulsts stated that while at the Clubhouse for Town Hall meeting, she had seen additional holes in the wall from the installation of artwork for the (then) upcoming Second Saturday concert. Eva Sotus asked if her e-mail stating the holes were preexisting had been received. Pulsts disagreed, and based upon past issues stated she now had a trust issue with Ms. Sotus. Brown suggested installation of picture molding in the Clubhouse. Pulsts acknowledged the value of the Second Saturday concerts to the City. Brown stated she had attended the most recent one

and it had been “great.” Mayor deNobriga stated that she, Brown and Caldwell would be meeting with Ms. Sotus later this week to discuss possibly restructuring the Second Saturday series to make this a city event. Staff was directed to install a picture rail in the Clubhouse.

DISCUSSION OF AQUARIUM IN PUBLIC SPACE

Resident John Weeks stated he would like to install a 55-gallon aquarium near the lake to help educate children. He stated he would create a native habitat in the tank, and has discussed his concept with the EcoCamp Director. All that would be needed would be a shady area and a 110 outlet. Various locations were discussed and council expressed support for the concept. Mr. Weeks was asked to work with Public Works for installation at the most appropriate location.

Mr. Weeks then expressed concern about the large number of people fishing the lake, opining some were “sustenance fisherman”. He stated the lake was “getting hammered” and suggested checking licenses. Mr. Weeks stated he would look into state regulations on limits.

He then suggested that the city look into a “lake keeper” which he stated is typically an unpaid position. Lastly, he warned that there were currently tufts of cattails at the intake of the lake and warned of the possibility of spreading.

REPORT ON TOWN HALL MEETING

Chidi presented a brief synopsis of the meeting and suggested that many more Town Halls were needed as this zoning rewrite progresses. ARB Chair Jean Bordeaux had reviewed and compiled the survey results. She was thanked for her hard work in this endeavor.

DISCUSSION OF GARAGES AND CARPORTS

Bordeaux distributed the areas of the code in which garages and carports are discussed and briefly walked through the ARB discussions on these areas.

TIME LINE FOR ZONING ORDINANCE

Mayor deNobriga stated she, Brown, Bordeaux, Pulsts and Caldwell had met with the Planner and Attorney to formulate a roadmap for the rewrite. She outlined the process and stated that the Definitions, Streets and Blocks, R-1 R-1-PD and R-2 districts would be reviewed together, followed by the UP, Mixed Overlay and Open Space Districts, and lastly Special Permits, Variances, Amendments, Appeals, Administration and General and Supplemental Regulations would comprise the last section. A public meeting would be held to solicit comments after the completion of the draft of each section with a final Public Hearing to be held at the end of the process. She also announced that the residential component may be enacted prior to the end of the process but with subsequent re-adoption with the remaining components. Council then discussed scheduling a Town Hall meeting in June, with the date to be determined after a check of participant availability. Lastly, she stated she would speak to the city’s webmaster about having the survey results posted on the website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Melanie Hammett stated that when the current code had been adopted there had been countless hours spent vetting. She felt there was a reason that the fence height was established

at 42”; possibly due to “ecology of community.” She felt it was worth researching the reason prior to change.

Barbara Whitlow, 526 Pine, thanked Eva for her work coordinating Second Saturday concerts, PLAIN for their many contributions, the Easter Egg Hunt sponsors and all volunteers that make Pine Lake special. She asked why the swimming area was smaller, if information on the upcoming election could be on the city’s website and if the Mayor Pro-Tem would not automatically act as City Spokesperson if the Mayor was out for an extended period.

Christine Slocum discussed improving the tax balance by fair evaluations, the permitting process being costly and difficult, and historic significance designation through the Department of Community Affairs.

Melanie Hammet stated that one element of the city that was deemed historic was the granite curbstones throughout the city. She suggested the possibility of grant funding combined with stormwater money be used to reset the historic curbstones.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Chidi voiced his support for the work Eva Sotus does with the Second Saturday concert series. He also requested discussion of the policy on body cameras be placed on the work session agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned upon motion by Pulsts and second by Stuckey. 9:16 pm.

Valerie Caldwell
City Administrator