

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
AGENDA
OCTOBER 12, 2015
7:30 PM**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kathie deNobriga at 7:30 PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Megan Pulsts and Council members Erika Brown, Mike Stuckey and George Chidi. Also present was Valerie Caldwell, City Administrator. Chief Saria Y'hudah Green was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements/Communication

Mayor deNobriga thanked City Council and Staff for the sympathy cards and for the contribution that was made in honor of her late father. She also said that she was deeply moved and touched.

Pulsts made a public commendation to the Lake Fest Committee for a job well done for Lake Fest 2015.

Adoption of Agenda

No action was taken at this time. The Mayor stated that the minutes needed to be taken off of the Consent Agenda because of an error.

Public Comments

Karen Bernheimer, 495 Clubhouse Drive asked who the candidates were for the November 3, 2015 election. The candidate names were provided to her by Pulsts. The Mayor said that she will post the candidate information on Pine Lake Announce.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes – 09/14/15 and 09/29/15

Pulsts motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Stuckey and passed 4-0. The amendment was for corrections to the 9/14/15 minutes. Pulsts motioned to approve the 9/14/15 minutes and seconded by Chidi and passed 4-0.

Chidi motioned to approve the 9/29/2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Pulsts and passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of Alcohol Ordinance

Stuckey motioned to postpone the Second Reading of Alcohol Ordinance to the November 9th Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Brown and passed 4-0.

There was discussion for questions that needs to be addressed to the city attorney before the second reading. City Council requested that Laurel Henderson, City Attorney attend the November 9th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of County's SPLOST Initiative

The Mayor stated that the SPLOST Initiative will affect the city by decreasing the tax that the residents pay and it would end the city's HOST designation. The money that the city sees in the budget would not be there any longer. Mayor deNobriga said that the initiative would be a county referendum in the Spring of 2016. If the referendum fails in the election it will be another two years before it could be placed back on the ballot as a referendum. Stuckey said that that DeKalb County wants to put the referendum on the ballot the same time as the primary election in 2016 and to increase the taxes to 8%.

Brown stated that basically the county can put two items on the ballot without municipalities' agreement and that both items have to pass. Brown said that one is EHOST and SPLOST and that EHOST works differently from HOST because it is divided by population amongst the cities and county. She also said that the cities and county would get a portion for infrastructure improvements. Brown stated that it would be a good thing for Pine Lake if it passed because the city would receive more funding than from HOST. Chidi stated that this is the argument that is being made about HOST and SPLOST. The Mayor said that the city would have to tell the county how they would spend the monies if the referendum passed.

Resolution authorizing budget transfers

Pulsts motioned to approve the resolution and was seconded by Stuckey. Brown motioned to amend the budget transfer from \$1,500 to \$900 and seconded by Chidi. There was discussion to amend the transfer of Other Professional Services. The motion passed 3-1 with Stuckey opposing. The motion as amended to approve the resolution authorizing budget transfers passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Pulsts reported that the Architecture Review Board continues to work on the zoning codes changes. She also said that the city attorney was looking to change ARB to a Planning Review Committee. Pulsts stated that ARB would like to see the residential code portion passed sooner than the overall code and that the commercial code had not been started. She also stated that this would be better for the homeowner and that it would be an easier process and more streamlined.

Brown recommended an ordinance creating a planning commission and recommended not passing it now. She also stated that it would slow down the adoption of a residential code and it would empower them to become educated and they could process the reviews. The Mayor said the city attorney wants to approve the codes as a whole but that the residential portion could be approved and that the city could later approve both.

Stuckey reported on behalf of the Tree Board that there will be a meeting on October 13th at 7:00 pm at the Club House. He also reported that on November 7th after the P.L.A.I.N. Breakfast there will be a presentation for the Arbor Day Celebration. Mayor said that the Tree City Application need to be filed before the end of the year to fulfill one of the requirements.

Public Comments

Melanie Hammet, 648 Laurel Road stated that she attended the last code study session at the Beach House and that there was talk about the commercial zoning district. She said that she has some concerns about the commercial zoning study and what the City Attorney and Zoning Administrator are doing on their own. She stated that the commercial district is tiny and is aspirational verses Anywhere USA. Hammet said that some people are seeking something different when they move here and that the commercial district should reflect some of that. She also said that she would like to see more work with the residents and that the nut must be cracked that drives the millage rate. She also suggested the city attorney and zoning administration slow down the process and that the money that the city is spending be spent with guidance an input from leadership.

Hammet inquired as to where were the other persons that were running for office and that they should attend meetings and encouraged that they be contacted. Hammet and Pulsts were the only candidates in attendance for the council meeting. Brown said that she is appalled that there has not been any input from the community regarding the revision of the code. Pulsts said that she wants to see public meetings regarding the commercial code. Hammet recommended tying the millage rates to conversation regarding the commercial code. Hammet also thanked Pulsts for her work for the community. Pulsts stated that the city has an aspirational code but how does the city get to the point of being a destination and demand businesses to fill the demands.

Brown suggested a special meeting in November and December. The meeting dates and times were not established. The Mayor suggested revisiting and updating the re-zoning time line at the meeting. Caldwell will establish the meeting with the City Attorney and Zoning Administrator.

Mayor deNobriga appointed Faye Ridling and Molly Croft to serve on the Vote Review Panel for the November 3, 2015 election subject on their acceptance of the appointment. The Mayor also appointed Nita Towns to serve as the alternate subject on her acceptance of the appointment. Stuckey motioned to accept the appointment and seconded by Chidi. The motion passed 4-0.

Council Comment

Stuckey stated for the record that fortunately he will only vote for one person for the November 3rd election and that he already knows who he will vote for because of past service to the city and to the citizens of Pine Lake. The other council seat he is asked to vote for two and he already knows one that he will vote for because of past service. He also stated that he has served for the United States Navy and he is not unfamiliar with profanity but here what he has to say to those people who are not here. He said that he cursed you all and that he will not vote for more than one person and for the other two council seats. He said that he respectfully request that his comments be as verbatim as possible be entered into the record.

The Mayor announced that there will not be a council meeting on December 29, 2015.

The Mayor stated the 2016 Budget and hearing from Allison Dunson and Bill Johnston regarding the Comp Plan will be items for the October 27th Work Session. The Second Reading of the Alcohol Ordinance will be placed on the Nov 9th Council Meeting agenda.

Chidi asked about Wi Fi at the Beach House and Pulsts stated that it was. The password will be accessible to the citizens of Pine Lake.

Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate and Review Executive Session Minutes

Brown motioned to go into Executive Session and seconded by Stuckey at 8:28 p.m. 4-0.

Council adjourned Executive Session and reconvened in regular meeting upon motion by Pulsts and seconded by Stuckey. Motion was made by Chidi to approve Executive Session minutes dated 9/14/15 and 9/29/15 and seconded by Pulsts. 4-0.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM upon motion by Pulsts and seconded by Brown.

Missye Varner, Administrative Assistant

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