

A MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Mayor Clarence R. Fields and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville, Louisiana.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.
2. Councilman Martin gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Dorn led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Roll Call:

Present:	District 1	Councilwoman Mary Galloway
	District 2	Councilman Kevin Dorn
	District 3	Councilwoman Christy Frederic
	District 5	Councilman Nathan Martin
Absent:	District 4	Councilman Tom Bouchie
5. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting as published. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to accept the financial report as read by Finance Director, Mark Roberts. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried.
7. Mr. Nick Blackstone spoke about what the Louisiana National Guard's Youth Challenge Program (YCP) at Camp Beauregard has to offer adolescents who are seeking an alternative educational program as opposed to the traditional high school classroom.
 - Mr. Mike Francis spoke about the upcoming election for Public Service Commissioner and his candidacy for the District 4 seat which is currently held by Mr. Clyde Holloway.
 - Ms. Mary Werner, also a candidate for Public Service Commissioner, District 4, addressed the Council and audience members about her candidacy in the November 8th primary as well.
 - The Mayor recognized audience member and former President of Louisiana College, Dr. Aguilard.
8. Finance Committee Chairperson, Councilwoman Frederic, gave a report of the meeting held on Monday, August 22, 2016. The report and the Committee's recommendations on monthly water and sewer rates are as follows:

Observations by administration, staff, external auditor and city engineer prompt the Finance Committee to recommend adjustment of rate schedules for water and sewer services by the City of Pineville. The last time City rates for water, sewer, sanitation and trash services were adjusted was 12 years ago, in 2004. It is commendable that despite rising costs of manpower and equipment Pineville's sanitation and trash services have been sustained as well as they have. The Committee found this demonstrated serious expense management and "belt-tightening" many constituents and City Council Members look for and expect from City Administration. At this time the Finance Committee does not recommend any change to those rates.

In the water and sewer realm, however, no amount of “belt-tightening” is sufficient to cover growing regulatory pressures, aging infrastructure failures and expectations by residential and commercial users for RELIABLE and safe water service and sewer function every time they turn on a tap or flush a toilet, whether at home or in their businesses.

Therefore rate adjustments are recommended for revenue requirements to meet:

- costs of ongoing and new regulatory compliance for these systems including growing requirement for operator qualifications, and for required commitments by the City for regulatory compliance expenditures.
- aging water and sewer infrastructure and critical failures often requiring immediate repair.

The matter of aging and failing infrastructure is being dealt with across Louisiana and across America. All providers of crucial water and sewer services are addressing costs and expectations from users of these important services.

The Finance Committee considered these matters carefully and at length. We were sensitive to the impact of requirements upon City systems and the expectations of those using City water and sewer services.

The recommended rates by the Finance Committee place the City of Pineville's charges for these services at or below the median of some 50 Louisiana municipalities providing similar services.

The rates per month recommended by the Finance Committee:

<u>Inside City Limits:</u>	
Residential water service including 3,000 gallons-	\$14.78
-additional gallons per 1,000	\$ 3.51
Residential sewer service including 3,000 gallons-	\$14.78
-additional gallons per 1,000	\$ 3.51
Commercial water service including 3,000 gallons-	\$23.77
-additional gallons per 1,000	\$ 3.83
Commercial sewer service including 3,000 gallons-	\$23.77
-additional gallons per 1,000	\$ 3.83
<u>Outside City Limits:</u>	
Residential water service including 3,000 gallons-	\$27.62
-additional gallons per 1,000	\$ 4.59
Residential sewer service including 3,000 gallons-	\$27.62
-additional gallons per 1,000	\$ 4.59
Commercial water service including 3,000 gallons-	\$43.03
-additional gallons per 1,000	\$ 4.59
Commercial sewer service including 3,000 gallons-	\$43.03
-additional gallons per 1,000	\$ 4.59

After considering the intrinsic value of essential water and sewer services, and compared across the state of similar services, and compared to costs of many consumer goods and services across the market, the Committee respectfully recommends these rates to the City Council as necessary and fair.

On motion by Councilwoman Frederic, seconded by Councilman Martin and passed, it was resolved to accept the report as read. The floor was opened for public comment.

On vote, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

Yea	Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Martin
Nay	None
Abstain	None
Absent	Councilman Bouchie

9. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to call for hearing and adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Pineville, Louisiana, By Amending Sections 40-42, 40-43, 40-44 and 40-45 To Provide For the Increase of Rates Charged For Water. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

Yea	Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Martin
Nay	None
Abstain	None
Absent	Councilman Bouchie

10. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Dorn to call for hearing and adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances City of Pineville, Louisiana, By Amending Sections 40-46, 40-47, 40-48 and 40-49 To Provide For the Increase of Rates Charged For Sewer Service. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

Yea Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Martin
 Nay None
 Abstain None
 Absent Councilman Bouchie

11. On motion by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic, it was resolved to authorize the Mayor to declare as surplus the following item(s) that are no longer useable by the City of Pineville, so that they may be sold, auctioned, donated, or disposed of as necessary.

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Vin#</u>
Streets	DUMP TRUCK	INTERNATIONAL	1HTSCAAN3SH665840
Drainage-DOC	2005 E-350 XL	FORD	1FBNE31L05HA86408
Drainage-DOC	2005 E-350 XL	FORD	1FBNE31L25HA86409
Recreation	8' Brush Cutter	Woods	1049713
Public Works	misc non-working office equipment & parts thereof		

The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

Yea Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Martin
 Nay None
 Abstain None
 Absent Councilman Bouchie

12. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve a resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Pineville has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development will be accepting applications for FY 2017/2018 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an LGAP Application for fire hydrants - repairs and replacements and to execute all assurances and certifications required for the application; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to work with the City Engineer, Pan American Engineers, LLC on the development of the LGAP Application. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried.

Roll call was as follows:

Yea Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Martin
 Nay None
 Abstain None
 Absent Councilman Bouchie

- The Mayor recognized audience member, Ms. Melissa Becker, Rapides Area Planning Commission.

The floor was opened for public comment and the following was heard:

- Ms. Terry Coleman, 3225 Cloverland Drive, Pineville, LA, addressed the Mayor and Council about her concerns relative to Bell Road and the surrounding area.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to adjourn the meeting. There being no public comment, on vote, the motion carried. Mr. Lawrence Foster closed with the benediction.

/s/ Clarence R. Fields, Mayor
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/s/ Ellen Melancon, Clerk
 Ellen Melancon, Clerk

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Ellen Melancon, Clerk of the City of Pineville, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct record of the official action taken at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Pineville, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, in legal session convened on the 13th day of September, 2016.

/s/ Ellen Melancon, Clerk
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