

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OCTOBER 11, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mayor Rich Dupree and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville, Louisiana

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order
2. Councilman Martin gave the invocation
3. Councilman Bouchie 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 4	Councilman Tom Bouchie
	District 5	Councilman Nathan Martin
Absent:	NONE	
5. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2022 special meeting as published. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to accept the financial report as read by Finance Director, Paige Weatherford. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
7. The Mayor made a special presentation to recognize Pineville Police Officer, Lieutenant Corey Clark for being awarded the first KALB Golden Shield Award and the inaugural City of Pineville First Responder of the Quarter Award. Lt Clark demonstrated heroism, bravery, and selfless compassion on August 26, 2020, when he talked a suicide jumper down from the Jackson Street Bridge.

-- The Mayor also presented a Proclamation to Police Chief Don Weatherford on the occasion of his retirement from 38-years of service in the law enforcement community; having spent the last 12-years as the longest tenured Police Chief in Pineville. The Mayor and City Council proclaim October 15, 2022, as Don Weatherford Day.
8. Zoning Commission Report: Zoning Commissioner, Mr. Tom David, stated that it was the Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve a petition for rezoning property located at 2250 Highway 28 East, belonging to Gerald (Pete) and Kathy Ferrington, from C-1 (Commercial) to C-2 (Commercial). Mr. David continued, the recommendation came with three stipulations to the Walker Automotive Group, who wish to purchase the property and develop it as a used automobile dealership: 1) Consideration be given to adjacent residents with regards to onsite lighting. 2) They build a solid wood fence as a buffer between the residential area and the development. 3) Restrict loud speaker usage to regular business hours. The motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve the recommendation as requested. The floor was opened for public comment.
 - Councilman Martin stated that any solid fence would be acceptable. Councilman Dorn stated the finished side of any fence should be facing the citizens' residence. Mr. David replied the preference will be given to the residents. Councilman Bouchie expressed concern about the use of the word "consider". Mr. David reiterated there will be a buffer fence unless the residential property owner does not consent. Councilwoman Frederic stated that area has had two homes flooded in the past and she wants to ensure every effort is being made to ensure the residents will not be impacted. Mr. David assured the Council the developers have been made aware of the flooding concern.
 - Mayor Dupree expressed gratitude toward Mr. Walker for this development and asked his representative to convey his comments.

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

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

9. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Pineville, authorizing the City to adopt a reapportionment plan.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this is something we have to do every 10-years after the census data is reported. We need to reapportion our five Council Districts according to population with the objective being around 2,800 in each district.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to call for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, relative to the proposed reapportionment plan.

The floor was opened for public comment.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve a resolution:

WHEREAS, the Pineville City Council is the governing body of the City of Pineville; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department and City Hall Administration have requested approval from the Pineville City Council to declare the following items as surplus property to dispose of; and

WHEREAS, the Pineville City Council has the authority to declare items as surplus that are no longer deemed necessary or adequate to properly perform the duties of the city government as prescribed by law.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to surplus the following items that are no longer useable by the City of Pineville, so that they can be sold, auctioned, donated or disposed of as necessary.

Dept	Item	Make	Model	Serial No.
Fire Dept	Truck	Ford	2013 Explorer	VIN# 1FM5K8AR6DGB15805
City Hall Admin	2ea Mailbox Bins	In-House	None	None
City Hall Admin	Desk	Unknown	None	None

The floor was opened for public comment.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Pineville received the following Bids Wednesday, September 28, 2022 for the Sludge Removal and Disposal Services at Aerated Lagoon Wastewater Treatment Plant (2nd Phase of Multiphase Program),

CONTRACTOR		BASE BID
1.	Vapor Industries, LLC	\$798,000.00
2.	TEH enterprise, LLC	\$967,500.00
3.	Synagro South, LLC	\$1,184,320.41
4.	American Process Group, Inc	\$1,209,305.00
5.	Noble Environmental Specialty Services, LLC	\$1,679,241.39

WHEREAS, the Bids have been checked and tabulated by Pan American Engineers, LLC, with a recommendation of award being made to the low Bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for said construction is hereby awarded to the low Bidder, Vapor Industries, LLC, for the Base Bid of \$798,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute contracts and change orders between the City of Pineville and the successful Bidder. The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree stated the original projected bid was around \$550K

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn to approve a resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Pineville has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Section will be accepting applications for FY2023 LCDBG; and

WHEREAS, the City has held a public hearing to provide information on the application process and to obtain public input on potential projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an LCDBG application for Street Improvements, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and is directed and authorized to act as the official representative of the City of Pineville in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mr. David stated as a result of the State's creation of the Water Sector Program, the State shifted focus of LCDBG funds away from water/sewer/street improvements toward just street improvements. Now LCDBG funding applications need to be for streets. To provide us the best chance for funding, we will submit the worse streets that impact the most low-moderate income families. The maximum amount of money we can apply for is \$1.6M, so we will throw everything we can at the grant to get as much as we can.
- Mayor Dupree stated the administration has been cataloguing two street lists: one list for this LCDBG grant and the other for Capital Improvement Projects.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Martin to introduce, accept for publication, and refer to Zoning a petition for variance by Melvin LLC, to allow a manufactured home on the property at 118 Hickory Street. The floor was opened for public comment.

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

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

-- After consulting with City Attorney Mark Vilar and for convenience of the public, the floor was opened for public comment prior to entering the Executive Session.

- Madonna LeBlanc, Special Events Coordinator, made the following event announcements:
 - Family Fall Festival is Oct 27th, at Kees Park, 6:00pm-8:00pm. Admission is \$1.00.
 - 5th Saturday Market on Main is Oct 29th, 9:00am-2:00pm.
 - Veterans Day Parade is Nov 11th, 10:00am. The route begins at the Levee Flag Pole and continues up Main Street to Shamrock Street. There will be a special Veterans Day Program starting at 9:00am at the flag pole.
 - Christmas Parade is Dec 9th at 7:00pm.
 - Christmas in the Pines Market is Dec 10th, 2:00pm-7:00pm
 - There is also a Corporate 5K Relay Race coming up, with more information on our website and Facebook page
 - Mardi Gras Parade is Feb 10th, 7:00pm.
- Councilwoman Galloway announced on Oct 21st, 6:00pm, the Food Truck Park on Main Street will have a Trunk or Treat event.
- Mayor Dupree announced that Fire Chief Scott Kessler, along with Kenny and Shane Kessler, who are also Pineville first responders in the Fire Department, lost their father early Sunday morning. The funeral is Oct 12th, 1:00pm, at Hixson Brothers Funeral Home...visitation begins at 11:00am.

15. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to enter into an Executive Session to discuss Civil Suite #270,281 Pineville City Court et al v. City of Pineville et al.

The floor was opened for public comment.

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

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

-- Upon reentering the Council Chambers a motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to exit Executive Session.

The floor was opened for public comment.

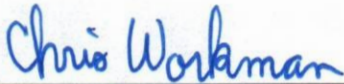
On vote, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Dupree closed the meeting with the benediction.



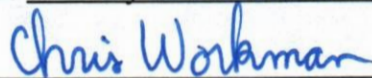
Rich Dupree, Mayor



Chris Workman, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Chris Workman, Clerk for the City of Pineville, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes 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 11th day of October 2022.



Chris Workman, City Clerk