

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 13, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mayor Rich Dupree and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville, Louisiana

1. Mayor Dupree called the meeting to order
2. Rev. Buddy Martin, founder of Christian Challenge Worship Center, gave the invocation
3. Councilman Bouchie led the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call

Present:	District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5	Councilwoman Mary Galloway Councilman Kevin Dorn Councilwoman Christy Frederic Councilman Tom Bouchie Councilman Nathan Martin
Absent:	NONE	
5. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2022, regular 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 Councilman Martin to accept the financial report submitted by Finance Director, Paige Weatherford and read by Doug Gann, Director of Economic Development. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
7. Mayor Dupree presented the Pineville Police Department's newest officer, Michael Good, with his badge. Officer Good's parents, Robert and Maria, were present to pin the badge on Good's uniform. Good just graduated from the police academy where he received the David Ezernack Top Firearms Cadet Award.
8. CONDEMNATION HEARING regarding property at 305 Andrews Street, owned by Peter Metoyer, listed with the address of 305 Andrews Street, Pineville, Louisiana, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. The owner was duly served notice of this hearing on November 22, 2022. There was no one present representing the property. City Engineer, Mr. Tom David, reported the house is severely dilapidated and beyond renovation. He recommended the owner be given thirty (30) days to voluntarily demolish and clear the property. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to accept the recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote the motion carried unanimously.
9. CONDEMNATION HEARING regarding property at 306 Andrews Street, owned by Alphaeus Latracy Burton, listed with the address of 5778 Good Acre Land Trace, Alexandria, Louisiana, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. The owner was duly served notice of this hearing on November 22, 2022. There was no one present representing the property. Doug Gann reported that this property has been demolished and cleared. As a result of the hearing notification sent to the property owners, they took it upon themselves to demolish it. City Engineer, Mr. Tom David, recommended this hearing be tabled with no further action necessary, based on the report of Mr. Gann. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to accept the recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

10. CONDEMNATION HEARING regarding property at 330 Andrews Street, owned by BRYCO Holdings LLC, listed with the address of 511 Post Oak Blvd, Alexandria, Louisiana, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. The owner was duly served notice of this hearing on November 22, 2022. There was no one present representing the property. City Engineer, Mr. Tom David, reported the house only has walls standing, has no value and cannot be restored. He recommended the owner be given thirty (30) days to voluntarily demolish and clear the property. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to accept the recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

11. CONDEMNATION HEARING regarding property at 612 Monett Street, owned by Lula T. Peterson, listed with the address of 612 Monett Street, Pineville, Louisiana, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. The owner was duly served notice of this hearing on November 22, 2022. There was no one present representing the property. City Engineer, Mr. Tom David, reported the house is severely deteriorated with rot. The foundation is in terrible shape and the house is not feasible for renovation. He recommended the owner be given thirty (30) days to voluntarily demolish and clear the property. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to accept the recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment.

- Ms. Sharon Taylor asked the City to contact her cousin Charles Jones about this property to inform him of what is happening. They are both family members of the deceased Lula Peterson and Mr. Jones is managing the estate. Mayor Dupree asked for the phone number and assured Ms. Taylor we would make contact.
- Mr. David then explained the city only takes these condemnation actions when a property gets to such a state that there is no reasonable course for renovation. The City hopes the property owner is able to demolish and clear the house themselves. If the owner is not able to, the City will hire a contractor to do so and place a lien on the property. Therefore, if the property is ever sold, the City may be able to get reimbursed the expenses associated with the condemnation through the process of the sale

On vote the motion carried unanimously.

12. CONDEMNATION HEARING regarding property at 303 Baker Street, owned by James E. Joseph, listed with the address of 303 Baker Street, Pineville, Louisiana, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. The owner was duly served notice of this hearing on November 22, 2022. There was no one present representing the property. City Engineer, Mr. Tom David, reported this is a mobile home that is dilapidated and a blight on the community. He recommended the owner be given thirty (30) days to voluntarily demolish and clear the property. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn to accept the recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a call for a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at 4:30pm in the City Council Chambers. The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this meeting is a mid-year look at City expenses for the Fiscal Year that operates from July 1 – June 30. This provides the opportunity to discuss any changes as needed. This is a public meeting.

On vote the motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn 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 Mayor and City Council desire to maintain the best sanitation service possible to keep the City of Pineville clean and a role model for other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance expenses for the current sanitation fleet of garbage and trash trucks is continually increasing; and

WHEREAS, the condition of the current garbage and trash trucks make it difficult to maintain the desired service; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has determined it may be more cost effective to lease a sanitation fleet than it is to maintain the current fleet or purchase new garbage and trash trucks.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Cadence Equipment Finance for the lease of garbage and trash trucks to be used in the Sanitation Department.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained the City has been looking into leasing trucks for quite some time, so they are rotated every couple years instead of purchasing and running them until they stop. The particular garbage truck being looked at has three-times the tonnage capacity then what is currently in use. It will make us more productive on the routes as we do not have to make as many trips to the transfer station in Woodworth. There will also be less down time due to maintenance issues. We are still doing our due-diligence, but this resolution will allow for contract negotiation.

On vote the motion carried unanimously.

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to maintain the best public safety and public works services possible to the citizens of the City of Pineville; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council realize a modern fleet of vehicles will assist to provide those services; and

WHEREAS, the City’s current passenger vehicle fleet is continuously aging, with 35 percent of the fleet over 11-years old or having an odometer reading over 100,000 miles; and

WHEREAS, the current passenger vehicle fleet is becoming more and more costly to maintain and operates with higher fuel costs due to fuel inefficiencies; and

WHEREAS, having a proactive plan through a vehicle lease program to replace vehicles with new models for increased fuel efficiency and reduce expected maintenance costs will save a significant amount of money in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has determined it may be more cost effective to lease the passenger vehicle fleet than it is to maintain the current fleet or continue the current pace of cycling through the fleet.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for the leasing of the City of Pineville’s passenger vehicle fleet.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this is another means to try to make us more productive and save the City money. We are working with a company that has a proven track record helping municipalities across the state to assist us with our 100+ vehicle fleet. Again, this resolution will allow for the negotiation process.

On vote the motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman Dorn to approve a resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Pineville received the following Bids Thursday, November 17, 2022 for the Water Main Replacement on Comanche Drive and Forest Street,

CONTRACTOR		BASE BID
1.	McLemore Service Contractors, LLC	\$281,555.75
2.	Womack & Sons Construction, LLC	\$283,212.50
3.	Rylee Contracting, Inc.	\$284,858.80

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, McLemore Service Contractors, LLC, for the Base Bid of \$281,555.75; 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 explained that over the years we have identified over a dozen “dead-end lines.” Several months ago we made a commitment to fix them and this is the contract for the first two lines.
- Councilman Bouchie indicated City workers have been going to Comanche Drive a couple times a week to flush the lines for the citizens.

On vote the motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to introduce, accept for publication, and refer to Zoning a petition for variance by Dexter and Tomika Martin, to allow a manufactured home on the property at 218 Fairbrook Street.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree corrected the record. Although the agenda indicates 111 McDermott Street, as initially submitted in the petition. The two lots owned by the Martins are on the corner of McDermott and Fairbrook Streets. Confirmation was received by the Rapides Area Planning Commission this morning, the actual address of record is 218 Fairbrook Street.

On vote the motion carried unanimously.

18. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn 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 Pineville Police 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, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to surplus the following items from the Police Department that are no longer useable by the City of Pineville, so that they can be sold, auctioned, donated or disposed of as necessary.

Nomenclature	Make	Model
42ea Mobile DVR Cameras	ICOP Digital	20/20W
14ea Magazine Pouches	Safariland	77
20ea Gun Holsters	Safariland	6360

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

Desk, Bookcase, and Printer Stand for Finance Director Office
Desk, Credenza, and Hutch for Accounts Payable Office

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Interim Police Chief Darrell Basco said all patrol officers have new body cameras. These new cameras integrate with the new in-car cameras that have replaced those on this list. Among other capabilities, we will be able to watch live streaming and streamline our process in getting cases to the court system.
- Councilman Martin asked if the cameras on our list are usable. Chief Basco replied that these old cameras are not usable by another department because the software to operate them is completely outdated...probably 10 to 15-years old.
- Council Martin expressed gratitude that the department is updating the technology.

On vote the motion carried unanimously.

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

WHEREAS, Section 38-223 of the Pineville City Code allows for the disposition of unclaimed bicycles that have been stored at the Pineville Police Department for over 90 days.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to release said unclaimed bicycles in accordance with Pineville City Code. The floor was opened for public comment.

- Councilwoman Frederic asked about how many bicycles do we have. Chief Basco replied that we have approximately 70 to 90 in storage. The law now allows us to do this every 90-days, so we may be able to do this process more frequently.

On vote the motion carried unanimously.

20. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie seconded by Councilman Martin to approve a resolution:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) is implementing a Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) on College Drive (State Project No. H.014536 and Federal Project No. H014536); and

WHEREAS, the Project will include rehabilitation of the concrete pavement on College Drive from Reagan Street to approximately 100' beyond Taylor Street; and

WHEREAS, LDOTD will review and accept the plans and specifications, advertise, receive bids and award the Contract for the proposed concrete pavement; and

WHEREAS, a construction of the project will be funded through LDOTD using Federal funds and matching City funds; and

WHEREAS, the City shall assume ownership of and be responsible for all maintenance and operation of the concrete pavement installed under the Project, upon completion of the Project's construction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon completion of the Project's construction, the City agrees to own, maintain, and operate the concrete pavement installed under the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the contract with Progressive Construction Co., LLC for State Project H.014536, College Drive Pavement Rehab.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this is a bid the state put out and we are fortunate that a local contractor was awarded the bid. Mayor Dupree has already signed the contract by authority, but DOTD desires a resolution that is project specific.
- Councilman Martin thanked Matt Johns and the Rapides Planning Area Commission for their assistance with this project through the Transportation Improvement Program, that is being funded 80 percent by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the City will fund 20 percent. It has been in the works for at least six to seven years.
- Mr. Tom David stated we estimated the project at around \$1.3M, but the low bid came in at just over \$1.8M. The City will share about \$370K.
- Councilman Bouchie asked, since we are tearing up the road and also replacing the sewer while we can, will the sewer be relocated from beneath the street. Mr. David replied "no", we will be pipe bursting it, rebuilding the main and then the services off of it.
- Mayor Dupree pointed out that although the actual project is for the road, we are getting the benefit of replacing the sewer since they are tearing up the road.

On vote the motion carried unanimously.

21. A motion was made by Councilman Martin seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution:

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

WHEREAS, the City of Pineville has determined the purchase of the following tract of land located on Susek Drive, Pineville, Louisiana, to be in the best interests of the City of Pineville and its citizens, provided the purchase price does not exceed the property's appraised value:

-- 0.330± ACRE (14,385± SQ. FT.) TRACT, LOCATED IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, CITY OF PINEVILLE, RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA, OWNED BY DONALD T. BARONE JR.

(See attached Exhibit A)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase the tract of land from Mr. Donald T. Barone, Jr., on behalf of the City of Pineville with the intent to build a pump station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized and empowered to take any and all action necessary in connection therewith, including the negotiation and execution of any and all agreements or contracts that may be required to complete the purchase, provided the purchase price does not exceed the Property's appraised value. The floor was opened for public comment.

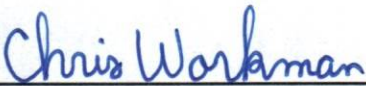
- Mr. Tom David stated this is part of a project to replace the sewer lines in the Pinehurst/Susek Drive area because the current system is overloaded due to the growth in the area. Near Huntington Ridge there is pump station that has issues with access and flooding due to a nearby creek. As options to correct this became fewer, Mr. Barone agreed to sell us this tract of land so we can relocate the pump station.
- Mayor Dupree indicated this new pump station will double the capacity of service. The overall project, that was approved by the Council, is around a \$2.5M sewer improvement.
- Councilman Martin expressed appreciation toward Mr. Barone for being great to work with on several projects..."he has been a great citizen."


On vote the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Mayor Dupree thanked everyone involved in making our Christmas Parade a huge success. It was two-hours long and quite an accomplishment by our Special Events, Public Works and Public Safety teams.


There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman Dorn at 6:55pm. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Councilman Martin closed the meeting with the benediction.


Chris Workman, City Clerk


Rich Dupree, Mayor

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 13th day of December, 2022.


Chris Workman, City Clerk