

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 14, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mayor Rich Dupree and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 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. 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 4	Councilman Tom Bouchie
	District 5	Councilman Nathan Martin
Absent:	District 3	Councilwoman Christy Frederic

5. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2023, regular meeting as published. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

-- At this time, Mayor Dupree took the personal privilege to welcome the following elected officials in attendance:

Steve Berry, our representative on the Rapides Parish School Board

Joe Bishop, our representative on the Rapides Parish Police Jury

Jacques Roy, Mayor of Alexandria, who addressed the audience to offer congratulations to Darrell Basco on his "soon to be" appointment to Pineville's Chief of Police.

6. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to accept the financial report as read by Finance Director David Humphries. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

7. Mayor Dupree presented members of the Pineville Junior High Cheer Team with a Certificate and City pin. This team brought great recognition to our community for winning first place in the National Cheerleading Association's National Competition in Dallas TX, on January 22, 2023. They are the Junior High National Cheerleading Champions for 2023. Members of the team are: 8th graders – Taylor Britton, Rileigh Guidry (Co-Captain), Kelsey Hammond (Captain), Leah Parpart, Chassidy Racca, Madison Rainwater, Brooklyn Spencer, Laylah Turner; 7th graders - Zeke Elie, Christina Mitchell, Harmony Norris; 6th graders – Makenzie Culbert, Haleigh Meynard, Ayvah Norris, Addie Wills; Coaches – Robin Meynard, Beth Wallace; Assistant Coaches – Gianna Friklin, Ashton Hanson, Brittyn Sanders.

8. PRESENTATION was given by Gabby Harding, Account Executive for Enterprise Fleet Management and Billy Dovitch, Louisiana Director for Enterprise Fleet Management. They were introduced by Mayor Dupree to provide the Council information regarding the potential for leasing city vehicles for fleet management.

- Enterprise Fleet Management is an affiliate of Enterprise Rent-A-Car and works with 75-80 entities in Louisiana, to include the Rapides Parish Policy Jury and they have a partnership with LaMATS through the Louisiana Municipal Assoc.
- Typically cities use a 5-year approach to implement the program, with oldest vehicles considered for replacement first, since they are the most costly. A study of Pineville's vehicle fleet indicates a recommendation to replace about 39 vehicles in the first year.
- It can take anywhere from 30-45 days or depending on the vehicle, up to 6-12 months before a vehicle arrives once it is ordered. Traditionally vehicles are set up on a 5-year rotation plan. However, resale capability can dictate when a replacement is needed to maximize return. Enterprise owns the vehicles, so they do not have to go through public auction to sell them. This means an estimated additional 15 percent on return back to the City upon resale.

- Enterprise does not have maintenance facilities, so they facilitate repairs and maintenance by outsourcing to local shops. They also partner with WEX Fleet Fuel Cards and Geotab Fleet Tracking to provide other options to the City. The goal is to get vehicles in and out of service to reduce the operating expenses with warranty coverage. By maintaining a newer fleet, we will also see a decrease in fuel costs due to the increased fuel efficiency.
- Vehicle condition does have an impact on fair market value upon resale. However, this program is a commercial lease not the traditional “walk-away” lease. Vehicle are resold as commercial vehicles. However, municipal vehicles are usually in substantially better condition than commercial clients under this program.
- Repairs and Maintenance is done by ASE certified technicians. They have a web-based database to track maintenance data and reporting. There will be an individual assigned to the City to assist, using the data, with strategy/planning fleet maintenance and rotations.

9. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve a resolution to accept Mayor Dupree’s recommendation to appoint Hugh Halle to the position of Public Works Director. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution to accept Mayor Dupree’s recommendation to appoint Darrell Basco to the position of Chief of Police. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

-- Mayor Dupree then administered the Oath of Office to Chief Darrell Basco

11. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve a resolution to accept Mayor Dupree’s recommendation to appoint Jerry Cripps to the Pineville Housing Authority. The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained the City of Pineville has five commissioner appointments to serve on the Pineville Housing Authority and Mr. Cripps will fill the vacancy.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Pineville to participate in additional *NATIONAL SETTLEMENTS* as expressed in the recent national *Pharmacy Defendants’ Settlement Agreements* (CVS, Walgreens and Walmart Defendants), and any future Settlements with any additional Defendants or other parties arising from the City of Pineville’s claims in the National Opioid Litigation (the “National Settlements”), in conjunction with and pursuant to the previously agreed to Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office, as well as any subsequent Formal Agreements necessary to implement the Louisiana MOU or effect participation in the National Settlements, including but not limited to, any Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s)/Agreement(s), Release(s) or other documents required by any Settlement Agreements arising from or relating to resolution of the City of Pineville’s claims in the National Opioid Litigation. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to introduce, accept for publication, and refer to Zoning a petition for variance by Focus Outdoor LLC, to allow a billboard on a lot located at 1967 Monroe Highway. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to introduce/accept for publication/refer to zoning a petition for annexation of 0.499 acres of property located at 3620 Monroe Hwy, belonging to SCC Pineville Partners, LLC.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this is part of the vacant land between the Wal-Mart entrance and Popeye’s on Monroe Hwy. This is the lot adjacent to the Wal-Mart entrance.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn to introduce/accept for publication/refer to zoning a petition for annexation of 1.996 acres of property located next to 3508 Monroe Hwy, belonging to Antoon Holdings, LLC.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this is the rest of the vacant land mentioned in agenda item 14, between the Wal-Mart entrance and Popeye's on Monroe Hwy...this lot being next to the Popeye's. The goal of the Antoon family is to divide it into two lots, thus resulting in three commercial lots on that vacant land.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

-- A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to add item #16 to the agenda, to authorize the City of Pineville to state their intent to maintain permit requirements as set forth by National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System to prevent wastewater permit violations and other matters with respect thereto. The floor was opened for public comment.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program (MWPP) is a program developed by the Environmental Protection Agency to prevent wastewater permit violations and to maximize the useful lives of the publicly-owned treatment works (POTW) through effective operation and maintenance, financial management and reduced wastewater flows and loadings by ensuring timely planning and financing for future needs prior to the occurrence of wastewater permit violations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pineville is required by National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. LA0033464 to submit information found in the audit each year along with a resolution from the governing body outlining specific action; and

WHEREAS, the following findings were found for the aerated lagoon treatment plant:

-- The aerated lagoon had sludge removal and since this project was completed, all permit limits have been met

-- The aerated lagoon was last modified 24-years ago

WHEREAS, the following findings were found for the activated sludge treatment plant:

-- The activated sludge plant was last modified 15-years ago

-- In 2022, one permit exceedance, low pH, and one sanitary sewer overflow in the collection system was noted

WHEREAS, the Administration and City Council in consultation with the City's engineer has outlined a plan of action to address a system wide rate increase, sludge removal at aerated treatment plant and inflow/infiltration abatement of collection system; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and City Council continues to monitor compliance of the effluent through the DMRs and authorize City personnel to make necessary changes in operational procedures to maintain compliance; and


WHEREAS, the Administration and City Council hereby recommends approval of this item.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pineville City Council hereby authorizes the City of Pineville to state their intent to maintain permit requirements as set forth by NPDES to prevent wastewater permit violations. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Mr. Tom Murphy addressed the Council to propose consideration of garbage roll out containers to be placed throughout the City in neighborhoods and commercial areas in an effort to reduce pickup time for sanitation workers and cost for citizens and businesses. These containers would provide less stops for the trucks as they would no longer be picking up from every address in the City. He also proposed a new landfill in the area for Pineville and other local communities' use. Mayor Dupree indicated City Staff would take a look at his proposal for roll out containers and explained that we already have a green-waste landfill site that is very difficult for the City to maintain. Another landfill for garbage/trash, although an outstanding idea, is not feasible because of requirements, cost and difficulty to maintain. Mayor Dupree expressed appreciation for the recommendations.
- Mr. Murphy then expressed concern for an erosion issue. Several years ago the Greer Road bridge spanning the creek washed out and the City added a third culvert beneath the bridge. That third culvert is now washing directly into the creek bank during times of heavy storms causing erosion. Mr. Murphy asked for help from the City in placing a diversion wall along the bank to stop the erosion. Mayor Dupree explained we will have the City Engineer take a look at the proposal and begin discussion as to what the City's responsibility is and how we can address the issue.


There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway at 6:54pm. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Dupree 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 14th day of February, 2023.


Chris Workman, City Clerk