

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA  
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MARCH 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, March 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 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 Bouchie to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2023, 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 Councilwoman Frederic 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.

-- At this time, Mayor Dupree took the personal privilege to recognize Jerome Hunter on his recent promotion to the position of Public Works Utility Director over the Water and Wastewater Departments.

7. Mayor Dupree presented members of the Pineville Junior High 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Teams with a Certificate and City pin. These players brought recognition to our community as both teams recently won the 2023 District Championship for their respective grades. Members of the teams are: 8th graders -- Jordan Anderson, Carlneilous Clark, Marcellous Davis, Trey Dorthy, Ethan Dubriel, Azavier Lyons, Jacoby Mollette, Jyran Pearson, Kelmarion Phillips, Bryson Phoenix, Micah Roberts, Kameron Roller, Gerald Roy, Chris Sanders, and Mason Terbot. 7th graders – Jayton Antoine, Kendrick Ball, Isaiah Berry, Kaleb Coleman, Ja'Won Collier-Erby, Brenden Cyphers, Ferrari Haynes, Jeremiah Hunter, Kordale Jones, Izayah Lewis, Altavis McQuarn, Kayden Sices, Denver Shoup, and Brody Vinson. Head Coach – Scott Spurgeon. Assistant Coach – Mikael Bonnette.

8. ZONING COMMISSION REPORT: Regarding a petition for variance by Focus Outdoor LLC, to allow a billboard on a lot located at 1967 Monroe Hwy. Mr. Tom David, Zoning Commission Chair, stated that it was the Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve this petition. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Dorn to approve the recommendation as requested. The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree stated the reason for this variance is the proximity of another billboard that is on the other side of the highway.
- The owner of Focus Outdoor LLC, Jeremy Lawrence, stated the billboard comes with the technology to adjust the brightness automatically and it can also be adjusted remotely to respond to any issues and safety concerns. Focus Outdoor currently has billboard locations in Oakdale, Leesville, Alexandria, Marksville, and Carencro. Mr. Lawrence expressed the ability to work with City of Pineville to utilize the billboard for emergency announcements that can be uploaded instantaneously.



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

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

9. ZONING COMMISSION REPORT: Zoning Commissioner, Mr. Tom David, stated that is was the Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve a petition for annexation of 0.499 acres of property located at 3620 Monroe Highway, belonging to SCC Pineville Partners LLC. Mr. David noted the petitioner requested to be zoned as C-2 (Commercial) and the Commission has no objections. The motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the recommendation as requested.

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

10. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman Dorn to approve a petition for annexation of 1.996 acres of property located next to 3508 Monroe Highway, belonging to Antoon Holdings LLC.

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

11. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve a resolution to accept Mayor Dupree's recommendation to reappoint Wayne Martin to the Pineville Housing Authority.

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 Frederic to approve a resolution declaring the following item as surplus for the purpose of selling, donating, auctioning or disposing of as necessary.

-- Nimlok portable trade show promotional display, 2-pieces with cases

The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution authorizing Mayor Dupree to move forward with legal proceedings and to execute all related documents necessary to expropriate 0.064 acres of immovable property needed for the planned extension of Edgewood Drive south near the WalGreen's Pharmacy located at 3100 Highway 28 East, in Pineville, Louisiana. The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this small piece of land is needed to access 80+ acres for development and to address a public safety concern by providing area businesses with alternate access via the traffic signal at the corner of Edgewood Drive and Highway 28 East. The owner of this property, CF Net Lease Portfolio II DST (Cantor Fitzgerald), has agreed that expropriation is the best avenue to transfer to the land to the City and they will not contest it.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to table the introduction of an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances relative to Section 4,19, to remove measurement restrictions for restaurants on Main Street in the Downtown Development District in regards to alcohol sales.

The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.



15. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Dorn to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance amending and modifying the Code of Ordinances relative to Section 24-19, to correct typographical errors referring to the wrong Appendix.

The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance amending and modifying the Code of Ordinances relative to Appendix D, to increase the fee for weekday rental and add a fee for weekend rental of Buhlow Lake facilities (including concession and grand stands).

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:

- Mayor Dupree recognized Chief Scott Kessler. This is Chief Kessler's last Council Meeting to attend as Chief of the Pineville Fire Department before retirement.
- Mayor Dupree announced the installation of the new playground equipment at Kees Park will begin on Thursday, March 16th.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman Martin at 6:54pm. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Brett Dupuy, Pastor of Church on the Rock 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 14th day of March, 2023.



Chris Workman, City Clerk