

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
June 30, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mayor Rich Dupree and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in special session on Friday, June 30, 2023 at 12:00 Noon 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 June 13, 2023, regular meeting as published. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

-- PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Dupree opened the Public Hearing by explaining the Hearing is for Agenda Items 6 and 7, to adopt an Ordinance to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and to adopt an Ordinance to appropriate the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2023 which begins on July 1st, 2023.

- Mayor Dupree introduced David Humphries, Finance Director, to provide an overview of each budget that is before the Council. Mr. Humphries pointed to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Amended Budget Summary to highlight the projected budget was \$21,302,500 and the amended budget is \$21,424,430 ... an increase of \$121,930, which is 0.57%. He then explained the difference was mostly due to large price increases with just about everything the City uses, such as supplies, parts, hot mix/concrete, etc. Mr. Humphries continued by pointing to the Fiscal year 2023-2024 Budget Summary and explaining the continued increased cost is projected at \$106,900 over last fiscal year.
- Mr. Humphries explained to the Council that an employee paid \$25,000 per year, actually costs the City about \$48,700 after we have paid all the benefits. He pointed out that he is budgeting for all the vacant positions this year.
- Mr. Humphries explained the reason there is a decrease of over \$200K in Public Works Administration this year over last is because we are now allocating the various insurance costs to each proper Department. In the past, all insurances for the City were charged to Public Works.
- Mr. Humphries explained that although we are not expecting to receive more Federal stimulus money again this year, we are still working on many Capital Improvement Projects (CAP). The problem is, probably 75% of them are for projects that will not be noticed, like sludge removal, sewer, or water projects.
- Mayor Dupree commended Mr. Humphries for his work in learning about the many various bank accounts the City has for the many avenues in which the City receives various revenue and determining expense allocations to ensure we have "true" numbers for each department.
- Mr. Humphries explained we have \$3.7M budgeted for CAP expenses in 2023-2024. We do not have that money on day one to buy everything on the list, so we have prioritized the CAP list and will approve CAP purchases as the Sales Tax money comes in each month.
- Mr. Humphries explained that he is being cautious with projecting a decrease in Sales Tax revenue, because the Fed is expected to raise interest rates two more times and he is concerned it may negatively impact the Sales Tax coming in.
- Mr. Humphries noted, although we have a lot of construction in progress around the City, we will not see this in Ad Valorem Tax until next year, because the Tax is always a year behind.

- Mayor Dupree commended Department Heads for working within the constraints of reorganizing and shrinking the budget in areas to allow for increased costs in other areas to make the most out of their work.
- Mayor Dupree opened the floor for any final questions. There being none, he closed out the public hearing.

6. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to adopt an ordinance amending the operating budget for the City of Pineville fiscal year 2022-2023 and other matters with respect thereto. The floor was opened for public comment.

- Councilman Martin noted the budget is only required to be amended if it is over 5%, and this is only .5%, so the staff has done an amazing job.

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


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

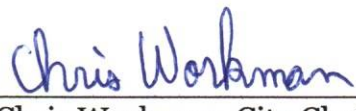
7. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway seconded by Councilman Bouchie to adopt an ordinance adopting and appropriating the operating budget for the City of Pineville fiscal year 2023-2024 and other matters with respect thereto. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

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

8. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution to accept the contract of Southern Craftsman Construction, for the project entitled PINEVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS as "Substantially Complete." The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

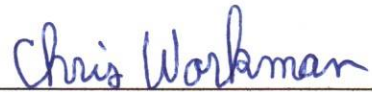
The floor was opened for any final public comment. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman Martin at 12:34pm. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Dupree closed the meeting with the benediction.


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 30th day of June, 2023.


Chris Workman, City Clerk