

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
August 8, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mayor Rich Dupree and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 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 Councilman Bouchie to accept the minutes of the July 11, 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 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.
 - Councilman Martin noticed that although the City's Sales Tax collection was up 4.38%, the Parish Tax collection was down almost 1%. Mr. Humphries explained the parish-wide collection was down as a lot of jurisdictions were, but he attributed the City's increase to all the new construction and business growth we have in the City.On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
7. Mayor Dupree recognized members of the Pineville All-Star Dixie Angels Softball team for winning the State Tournament and representing Louisiana at the Dixie World Series, where they finished fifth. Mayor Dupree presented each player with a Certificate of Recognition that cited their undefeated record in the State Tournament, outscoring their opponents 34-2. Team members: Abby Bertrand, Rylee Catteruccia, Harper Cavanaugh, Harley Chandler, Aadisyn Felix, Annie Garlington, Olivia Jones, Ava Richard, Addylee Saylor, Kyla Thiels and Mylah Turrubiartes. Team coaches: A.J. Richard, Ahsley Richard, Tyler Thiels and Billy Chandler.
8. CONDEMNATION HEARING CONTINUANCE regarding property at 607 Melrose Street, owned by Stewart V. Kittling c/o Erma Jean Howard. Mayor Dupree deferred to City Attorney, Mr. Mark Vilar, for a report. Mr. Vilar explained to the Council that the property owner lives out of state and he had to appoint an attorney. Mr. Vilar is in communication with the appointed attorney, named Brittney Beckham, and requested the hearing be continued one more month to resolve this issue. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn to "continue" the Condemnation Hearing in September. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
9. CONDEMNATION HEARING CONTINUANCE regarding property located at 219 Iris Park Drive, owned by Tim Tullos ET AL. Councilman Bouchie reported that he has seen recent attempts to improve the property's condition. He made a motion to "TABLE" the Condemnation Hearing indefinitely, but to leave it on the consideration list to provide opportunity to monitor the situation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Martin. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve a resolution to accept Mayor Dupree’s recommendation to appoint Taylor Cottano to the England Economic and Industrial Development District Board of Commissioners. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve a resolution declaring the following item as surplus for the purpose of selling, donating, auctioning or disposing of as necessary.

DEPT	YEAR	MAKE	VIN/SER NO
101	Unknown	30gal Air Compressor	01773
102	2008	Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP71V88X180551
102	2013	Ford Taurus	1FAHP2M88DG150645
102	2010	Ford Crown Vic	SFABP7BV7AX106489
102	2011	Ford Crown Vic	2FABP7BV9BX157171
105	1999	Sutphen Fire Truck	1S9A1BLD3X1003014
110	Unknown	Toyota Forklift	FG4510211
110	Unknown	White Star Bus	12C48040536BNACD
111	1977	HERC Trailer	0877799
113	2011	Ford F-150	1FTMF1CM6BKDo4980
113	2014	International Garbage Truck	1HTWCAARXEJ496627
114	2006	Ford F-150	1FTRF12W76NA86688
114	2016	Ford E-350XL	1FBZX2ZM5GKB25132
202	2014	Ford F-350	1FD8X3GT1EEA86196
204	2006	Ford F-150	1FTRF12W96NA86692

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Councilman Martin reminded those in attendance of the upcoming surplus auction the City is having on August 19th at 9:00 a.m., at Buhlow Lake.
- Chief of Staff, Doug Gann, explained there will be reserve (minimum) bids, but they will vary individually because of all the different vehicles. There are no high reserves as the intent is to sell everything. Mr. Gann further explained all items will be sold “as is” at the auction. The vehicles are in a wide range of condition as some were sitting in the yard for several years, so the condition is not so good. There are a number of vehicles that were driven daily.
- Public Works Director, Hugh Halle, explained most all the vehicles were driven to Buhlow Lake except the few that were towed. He gave kudos to everyone who has been involved in this process.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Pineville received the following Bids Thursday, July 20, 2023, for the AUXILIARY POWER GENERATORS AND SWITCH GEAR IMPROVEMENTS AT PRIMARY WATER WELLS (Cappel Street, LA Hwy 107, Janet Drive and Papermill Road):

CONTRACTOR		BASE BID
1.	Central Electric Co. of Alexandria Inc.	\$545,900.00
2.	Ernest P. Breaux Electrical, L.L.C.	\$864,000.00

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, Central Electric Co. of Alexandria Inc., for the Base Bid of \$545,900.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute contracts, change orders and other documents related to the project between the City of Pineville and the successful Bidder.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this project is part of our \$27M Capital Improvement Plan.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn to introduce, accept for publication, and refer to Zoning a petition for variance by Doris Sheppard, to allow a manufactured home on the property located at 821/823 Erion Street.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this is the reintroduction of an item we heard once already as the petitioner withdrew the petition the first time.
- Councilman Bouchie stated that he can find only two mobile homes in the area between Shamrock Avenue and Louisiana Christian University. He did not support the referral to zoning before and still does not.

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

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

14. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Waste Connections Bayou, Inc, for SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Councilman Dorn explained this is not the City privatizing our sanitation. This is for disposal; we will still collect our garbage and trash.
- Mayor Dupree explained this is the contract renewal to dispose of our garbage and trash at the Transfer Station on Hwy 165. This is a 5-year contract with a 5-year extension, so it is a 10-year agreement we are working toward. The tonnage cost will not be the same that was negotiated 10-years ago. Although we do not have any other choice, the goal of negotiations is to get as low as we can. We are working on the placement of two more recycling containers provided by the Louisiana National Guard.
- Councilman Martin recognized the administration on being proactive with the recent recycling efforts to try to minimize the tonnage that will be disposed of.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Celeste Mobley of Commanche Trail expressed appreciation to the City for getting the water issue fixed on Commanche Trail. Mayor Dupree explained this was one of several dead-end water lines the City is correcting. With the project's completion, the City is now working on two others that are all part of our Capital Improvement Plan to try to eliminate all of our dead-end water lines. The water line on Commanche Trail now connects to Apache Drive and into the Indian Hills area, so there is a constant flow of circulation and we no longer have to flush the lines weekly.
- Madonna LeBlanc, Special Events Coordinator, announced the 5th Saturday Market on Main Street for Sep 30th, with a BBQ Cookoff, a band and craft/food vendors. The Market will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the BBQ Cookoff will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The location will be the end of Main Street at the flag pole by the river. Fall Fest is on Oct 26th at Kees Park.

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 6:33 p.m. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Former Councilman Larry Foster closed the meeting with the benediction.

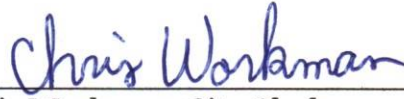


Chris Workman, City Clerk


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 8th day of August, 2023.



Chris Workman, City Clerk