CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA Public Hearing & Special Council Meeting

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL

June 30, 2025 – 12:00 Noon

MINUTES

Mayor Joe Bishop and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in special session on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville, Louisiana

- Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order. 1.
- Councilman Dorn gave the invocation. 2.
- Councilwoman Frederic led the Pledge of Allegiance. 3.

Councilman Randy O'Neal Roll Call Present: District 1 4.

Councilman Kevin Dorn District 2

District 3 Councilwoman Christy Frederic

Councilman Tom Bouchie District 4 Councilman Nathan Martin

District 5

None Absent:

- A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2025, regular meeting as published. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- PUBLIC HEARING for the adoption of an Ordinance to amend the operating budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to adopt an ordinance amending the operating budget for the City of Pineville fiscal year 2024-2025 and other matters with respect thereto. Councilwoman Frederic reiterated that an amended budget is not necessary, because we finished the year within the variance allowed by law. However, we do so anyway to keep everyone updated on expenditures. No further comment was heard. Roll call was as follows:

Yea:

Councilpersons O'Neal, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin

Nay:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

PUBLIC HEARING for the adoption of an Ordinance adopting and appropriating the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 and other matters with respect thereto. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Martin to adopt an ordinance adopting and appropriating the operating budget for the City of Pineville fiscal year 2025-2026 and other matters with respect thereto. Councilwoman Frederic explained this budget is less than one percent difference from the amended budget...it is really tight, which she feels is appropriate to be conservative because of the unknowns with sales tax. She commended Finance Director, Mr. David Humphries, and the department heads for a great job. Mr. Humphries explained that since the presentation to the Finance Committee, he has been in contact with the Secretary of State's Office regarding next year's election. They informed him the election expense will be as much as \$35K, so Mr. Humphries added that expense to the budget. He also pointed out that the "prosecutor reimbursement and city court juvenile fees" have been corrected to just prosecutor reimbursement since the city court juvenile fees will be eliminated. Councilwoman Frederic mentioned the upcoming franchise agreement with Vexus Fiber and a potential franchise agreement with AT&T. Any revenue from these will be shown in the next amended budget. Councilman Bouchie explained the City Council has followed the advice of the Legislative Auditor and now has their own expenses separated out. Councilman Dorn expressed appreciation toward Mr. Humphries and wished to see more capital improvement money spent on roads. Councilman Bouchie expressed appreciation for the added mid-year budget update.

Mayor Bishop expressed his gratitude to City employees for working together to keep the City operating "in the black." No further comment was heard. Roll call was as follows:

Yea:

Councilpersons O'Neal, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin

Nay:

None None

Abstain: Absent:

None

The floor was opened for any final public comment and there were none. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman O'Neal at 12:15 p.m. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Councilman Martin closed the meeting with the benediction.

Joe Bishop, 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, 2025.

Chris Workman, City Clerk