

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
August 12, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mayor Joe Bishop and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville, Louisiana

1. Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order.

2. Councilman Martin gave the invocation.

3. Councilwoman Frederic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call	Present:	District 1	Councilman Randy O’Neal
		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 Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2025, special meeting as published. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6. The June financial report was given by Finance Director, Mr. David Humphries. Mr. Humphries reported the Pooled Cash ending balance for the month is \$1,065,700. Sales tax was down for first time in several months...down by \$17,275 year-over-year. No further comments were heard.

7. Mayor Bishop recognized Mr. Kenny Andrews on his retirement after serving 18-years as the City’s building inspector with the Rapides Area Planning Commission (RAPC). He presented Mr. Andrews with a plaque of appreciation and Mr. Matt Johns, Executive Director of the RAPC, spoke very highly of Mr. Andrews by applauding his career.

8. Mayor Bishop recognized Pineville Firefighters Kenny Kessler, Ron Parker, Russell Boney, Mathew Peterson, Marty Strange and Jakeb Paul for their deployment to Kerrville, Texas, in response to the recent flooding, as part of Louisiana Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 4. Assistant Fire Chief Kessler explained they were part of a 30-man team looking for the bodies of victims from the flooding. They walked up to about 8-miles a day searching through debris. The 17-day deployment was the longest he had been on in his career

9. PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, Article II, Section 34-27, subparagraph (c), relative to Collection of Tax by Dealer. There were no comments heard.

A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to adopt an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, Article II, Section 34-27, subparagraph (c), relative to Collection of Tax by Dealer. There was no Council discussion. Roll call was as follows:

Yea:	Councilpersons O’Neal, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin
Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

10. PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-2, relative to Salaries for the Mayor, City Council, and City Officials and to modify, establish and confirm the compensation of the Mayor, City Council, City Clerk and Police Chief. There were no comments heard.

A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman Dorn to adopt an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-2, relative to Salaries for the Mayor, City Council, and City Officials and to modify, establish and confirm the compensation of the Mayor, City Council, City Clerk and Police Chief. There was no Council discussion. Roll call was as follows:

Yea: Councilpersons O’Neal, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

--At this time Mayor Bishop requested a motion to table Agenda Items 11 through 14 for the September meeting.

- 11. HEAR FROM ZONING regarding a petition to expand the Mobile Home Overlay district to include properties located at 393, 397, 401, 403 and 415 Hickory Street, belonging to Leatherman Aviation, LLC
- 12. HEAR FROM ZONING regarding a petition for De-annexation to exclude properties located at 393, 397, 401, 403 and 415 Hickory Street, belonging to Leatherman Aviation, LLC
- 13. HEAR FROM ZONING regarding a petition to expand the Mobile Home Overlay district to include properties located at 417, 419 and 421 Hickory Street, belonging to Hernandez Homes, LLC
- 14. HEAR FROM ZONING regarding a petition for De-annexation to exclude properties located at 417, 419 and 421 Hickory Street, belonging to Hernandez Homes, LLC

A motion was made by Councilman O'Neal and seconded by Councilman Martin to table Agenda Items 11 through 14 for the September meeting. There were no comments heard. Roll call was as follows:

Yea: Councilpersons O’Neal, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

15. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution to award the contract for the project entitled *MILITARY HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT TUDOR STREET TO CLAIBORNE STREET* to the lowest Quoter. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution to award the contract for the project entitle *WATER MAIN EXTENSION ALONG EDITH DRIVE* to the lowest Bidder. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman Dorn to approve a resolution to adopt Part III. Source Selection and Contract Formation Subpart A. Methods of Source Selection for the purchase of use equipment. Mayor Bishop explained this is a piece of equipment used for patching potholes. This equipment was used for demonstrations and we were able to get a better price for the used equipment. No further comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

18. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution declaring the following items in the Public Works Department as surplus for the purpose of selling, donating, auctioning, or disposing of as necessary.

- 2024 Freightliner Garbage Truck, VIN# 3ALHCYFE6RDUV5133
- 2024 Freightliner Garbage Truck, VIN# 3ALHCYFE8RDUV5134
- 2024 Freightliner Trash Truck, VIN# 3ALACXFE4RDUU6295

There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

19. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to introduce and accept for publication, an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, to add Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-64, relative to Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated. Chief Operations Officer, Darrell Basco, explained during the last Legislative Session, the State added a fee to all fines related to DWI cases, that additional fee causes a DWI to be a "jury trial misdemeanor" at the 9th Judicial District in Alexandria. The 9th Judicial District is overloaded with cases, so we had meetings with the City Judge and City Prosecutor. It is believed placing this ordinance in our Code will keep DWI cases in the Pineville City Court. We are working with the Louisiana Municipal Association, Judge Association and District Attorneys Association to correct the legislation in the Regular Session of 2026. No further comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

-- At this time Mayor Bishop requested to add Item 20 to the agenda, related to a resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Louisiana Christian University. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to add Agenda Item 20. There were no comments heard. Roll call was as follows:

Yea:	Councilpersons O'Neal, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin
Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

20. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and enter into a MOU with Louisiana Christian University. Councilman Martin stated this MOU is the same that has been done in the past. No further comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

-- At this time Mayor Bishop requested to add Item 21 to the agenda, related to a resolution to award the contract for the project entitled *WATER MAIN EXTENSION ALONG RAINBOW DR AND W. SHAMROCK AVE*. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to add Agenda Item 21. There were no comments heard. Roll call was as follows:

Yea:	Councilpersons O'Neal, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin
Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None


21. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution to award the contract for the project entitled *WATER MAIN EXTENSION ALONG RAINBOW DR AND W. SHAMROCK AVE*. City Engineer, Tom David, explained this project is part of the effort to move forward with privatizing the old Central Hospital grounds. We are laying a new 10" water line as infrastructure to support future development and fire protection. No further comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.


At this time Mayor Bishop opened the floor for other business:

➤ Mayor Bishop provided an update on the following projects

- Huffman Creek Drainage Project is about to get underway. The first step is to construct a retention pond on the right side of the expressway, going into Alexandria and then new pumps can be installed at the pump station. This \$12M project will handle the drainage issues of Downtown Pineville from Louisiana Christian University all the way to the river.
- All of Jones Street will be resurfaced later this year.
- Beginning Aug 17th, the southbound lanes of the Wadley Street overpass on the expressway will be closed for DOTD inspections.
- Although DOTD postponed the Hwy 165/167 interchange project to increase the overpass clearance, it is still going to take place
- The City will begin demolition of about 25 condemned houses around Aug 16-18. We will then work on another round of about 25 houses in the early part of 2026.


There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman O'Neal at 5:25 p.m. Councilman Dorn prayed the benediction.


Chris Workman, City Clerk


Joe Bishop, 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 12th day of August, 2025.


Chris Workman, City Clerk