

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
September 9, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mayor Joe Bishop and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 9, 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 Dorn gave the invocation.

3. Councilman O'Neal 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 August 12, 2025, regular meeting as published. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6. The August financial report was given by Finance Director, Mr. David Humphries. Mr. Humphries reported the Pooled Cash ending balance for the month is \$516,447. Sales tax was up 11.4%...\$160,644.09 year-over-year. Occupational License Collection was up by over \$7,000. No further comments were heard.

7. PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of 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. There were no comments heard.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to adopt 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. There was no Council discussion. Roll call was as follows:

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

8. ZONING COMMISSION REPORT regarding a petition to expand the Mobile Home Overlay (MHO) District to include properties located at 393, 397, 401, 403 and 415 Hickory Street, belonging to Leatherman Aviation, LLC. City Engineer, Mr. Tom David, reported that it is the Zoning Commission's recommendation to not expand the MHO District, but instead to approve a variance for these particular properties that allow for mobile homes to be rentals and that mobile homes placed on the properties be allowed to be no older than 10-years of age. There were no further comments heard.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a variance for properties located at 393, 397, 401, 403 and 415 Hickory Street, belonging to Leatherman Aviation, LLC, that allows for mobile homes to be rentals and that mobile homes placed on the properties be allowed to be no older than 10-years of age. City Attorney, Mr. Mark Vilar, responded to Councilmembers' concerns to assure them this action does not set a precedent. Each variance request stands on its own merits and are considered on a case-by-case basis. No further Council discussion was heard. Roll call was as follows:

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

-- Councilman Bouchie interjected that perhaps it is time to reconsider the MHO Ordinance that limits the age of a mobile home placement to 5-years of age, because mobile homes are now built better than they were when the ordinance was instituted. Mr. David echoed that sentiment and suggested we look at the entire MHO Ordinance.

9. ZONING COMMISSION REPORT regarding a petition for De-annexation to exclude properties located at 393, 397, 401, 403 and 415 Hickory Street, belonging to Leatherman Aviation, LLC. The Petitioner withdrew this petition, so no action was taken.

10. ZONING COMMISSION REPORT regarding a petition to expand the MHO District to include properties located at 417, 419 and 421 Hickory Street, belonging to Hernandez Homes, LLC. Mr. David reported it is the Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve a variance for these particular properties that allow for mobile homes to be rentals and that mobile homes placed on the properties be allowed to be no older than 10-years of age. There were no further comments heard.

A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a variance for properties located at 417, 419 and 421 Hickory Street, belonging to Hernandez Homes, LLC, that allows for mobile homes to be rentals and that mobile homes placed on the properties be allowed to be no older than 10-years of age. There was no Council discussion. Roll call was as follows:

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

11. ZONING COMMISSION REPORT regarding a petition for De-annexation to exclude properties located at 417, 419 and 421 Hickory Street, belonging to Hernandez Homes, LLC. The Petitioner withdrew this petition, so no action was taken.

12. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, to add Chapter 24, Article IV, Section 24-51, relative to Leasing of Airplane Storage Space at the Pineville Municipal Airport. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, to add Chapter 24, Article IV, Section 24-52, relative to Fixed Base Operator at the Pineville Municipal Airport. Councilwoman Frederic reiterated that this is just the introduction of the Ordinance. Councilman Martin expressed appreciation to the Airport Fixed Base Operator, Mr. Lonnie Lucius, for attending and for his many years of service. No further comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, to add Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-72, relative to the Prohibition of Parking or Storing Dual Axle Trailers on City Streets. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to introduce and accept for publication and ordinance to amend and modify he Code of Ordinances, to add Chapter 38, Article II, Section 38-45.1, relative to Reckless Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution to appoint Trey Crump to the England Economic and Industrial Development District Board of Commissioners. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution to ratify the acceptance and execution of the donation of a particular parcel of immovable property, owned by Janell Lucille Scroggs and The Harvey & Odell Scroggs, LLC, to the City of Pineville. Mayor Bishop explained this is the old Red River Rarities and Harvey Scroggs State Farm building on the corner of Main and Shamrock Streets. The City will demolish that building, removing the blind spot on the corner and turn the area into a "green space" that can be used for events. He expressed appreciation to the Scroggs family for this donation to the City. No further comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

18. A motion was made by Councilman O'Neal and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for improvements at the Pineville Municipal Airport. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

19. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution declaring the following items in City Hall Administration and the Public Works Department as surplus for the purpose of selling, donating, auctioning, or disposing of as necessary.

- 2019 Ford Expedition, VIN# 1FMJU1FT2KEA12443
- 5ea Shure PG81 Microphone
- 1ea Peavey EC-11 Microphone

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

20. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution to reappoint Kristetta Miller as a commissioner, representing the City of Pineville, on the Pineville Downtown Development District Board. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

21. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution to confirm the Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce reappointment of Bradley Perkins as a commissioner on the Pineville Downtown Development District Board. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

-- At this time Mayor Bishop requested to add Item 22 to the agenda, related to a petition for annexation of 6.046 acres of property located at 2445 Military Highway, belonging to William Leatherman and Alvin Hernandez. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to add Agenda Item 22. There were no comments heard. Roll call was as follows:

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

22. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to introduce, accept for publication and refer to zoning a petition for the annexation of 6.046 acres of property located at 2445 Military Highway, belonging to William Leatherman and Alvin Hernandez, to be zoned as Residential (R-1). There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

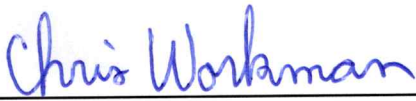
At this time Mayor Bishop opened the floor for other business:

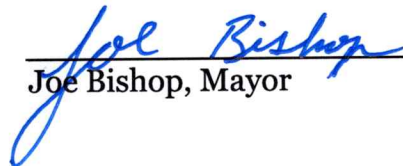
- Councilman Dorn "thanked" Giles Automotive for their kind donation to Pineville High School
- Mr. David provided a quick update to the Huffman Creek Drainage Project. He reported a stormwater retention pond is under construction on the right side of the expressway near the levee and the next step will be a new pump station on the opposite side of the expressway. This project is about a \$10M or \$11M with funds received from a Louisiana Watershed Grant. This is our largest project in the last 20-years. There will be a ground breaking ceremony with the State on September 23 @ 10am.

➤ Mayor Bishop made the following announcements

- Rainbow Drive will be closed for street repairs for a couple days beginning tomorrow. The Department of Health and Hospitals was going to shut down the road because they had no way to make the repairs. The City stepped up to make the repairs to prevent the street from being closed. The City will be accepting responsibility for that road as it gets transferred to the City.
- There will be a 75th Anniversary celebration of the Martin Library on Shamrock Street, on Sep 18 @ 5:30pm.
- Construction has began for the pickleball courts at the Ward 9 Sportsplex. There will be six courts completed before the end of this year.
- This year's Fall Fest will be located at the Ward 9 Sportsplex, which will be a safer location and there are 32 vendors at this time.
- Also next month we have the BBQ Cookoff on the Riverfont

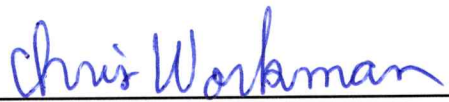
There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman O'Neal at 5:28 p.m. Councilman Martin prayed the benediction.


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 9th day of September, 2025.


Chris Workman, City Clerk