

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 13, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mayor Joe Bishop and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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. Reverend Stewart Holloway, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Pineville, gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Dorn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call	Present:	District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5	Councilman Randy O'Neal Councilman Kevin Dorn Councilwoman Christy Frederic VACANT Councilman Nathan Martin
	Absent:	None	

5. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2025, regular meeting as published. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2025, special meeting as published. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

7. The financial report was given by Finance Director, Mr. David Humphries. Mr. Humphries reported the Pooled Cash beginning balance for the month of December was \$170,056 and the ending balance was \$913,549. Sales tax was up by .47% year-over-year. Mr. Humphries then corrected the November financial report that was given at the last Council meeting. Due to an error, it was reported that sales tax collection was down by .61% year-over-year. However, it was actually up by .29%.

A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to accept the financial report with the corrections noted. There were no further comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

8. Mayor Bishop recognized Fire Chief Casey Cummings on the occasion of his retirement after 21-years of service to Pineville. He presented Chief Cummings with a plaque of appreciation.

9. PRESENTATION by Mr. Steven McKay, of Rozier McKay & Willis, CPAs, of the City of Pineville Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Audit. Mr. McKay reported the City closed out FY25 with just under \$42M in cash and cash equivalents; with 9-months of expenses in the bank, putting the City in a strong financial position. Total expenses for FY25 were \$34M. He specifically noted a new State Law that requires commercial customers of the City's utility services to be charged a two percent State sales tax. The City will collect and forward the money to the State, beginning in February 2026. Mayor Bishop "thanked" our auditor and the State Legislative Auditor for their work and he reminded the public that our financials are open to the public.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Dorn to accept the audit report as provided. There were no further comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

10. PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances by repealing and removing Chapter 8, Article III, Historic Buildings. There were no comments heard.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances by repealing and removing Chapter 8, Article III, Historic Buildings. There was no Council discussion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

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

11. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION calling for the appointment of an Interim District 4 Councilmember in accordance with La. R.S. 18:602. Mayor Bishop opened the floor for nominations: Councilwomen Frederic nominated Ms. Celeste Mobley and Councilman Dorn nominated Mr. John Marcase. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to close the nominations. Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ms. Celeste Mobley:	Councilpersons Frederic, Martin
Mr. John Marcase:	Councilpersons O'Neal, Dorn and Mayor Bishop
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

After each Councilmember member voted Mr. Mark Vilar, City Attorney, stated that in accordance with La. R.S. 18:602, Section A, in case of a tie vote, the Mayor shall vote to break the tie and he was charged with casting the deciding vote. The Mayor then cast the deciding vote in favor of Mr. John Marcase.

-- Mr. Marcase took his place on the dais after being sworn-in by Mr. Vilar.

12. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to serve notice to the property owners of 1101 Melrose Street and schedule a public hearing for condemnation. No comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Dorn to approve a resolution to accept the contract of Artech Construction and Design, LLC, for the project entitled *MILITARY HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT TUDOR STREET TO CLAIBOURNE STREET* as substantially complete. No comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.


14. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Community Water Enrichment Fund application to Replace Air Release Valves and Clear Water Main Right-of-Ways for Access and Clean and Inspect the Interior of Ground Storage Tanks. No comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously


15. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Local Government Assistance Program application for Street Sign Replacements. In response to a question, Mayor Bishop explained this is to put up decorative street signs, with the locations yet to be determined. No further comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Mr. Hugh Halle, 1610 College Drive, asked for confirmation on how long a citizen must live in a Council District to qualify to run for election to that Council Seat. Mr. Vilar explained that as he understands the Statutes, there is a requirement to live in the District for 1-year to qualify for election.


With no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman O'Neal at 5:27 p.m. Reverend Holloway 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 13th day of January, 2026.


Chris Workman, City Clerk