

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA  
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
JULY 12, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.  
**MINUTES**

Mayor Rich Dupree and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville, Louisiana

1. The Mayor 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 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 Councilwomen Galloway to accept the minutes of the June 30th, 2022 meeting as published. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried.

6. A motion was made by Councilwomen Frederic and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to accept the financial report as read by Finance Director, Paige Weatherford. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried.

7. The Mayor made a special presentation to nine-year-old Jonathan "Buddy" Lewis, Jr., of Pineville, recognizing him for winning National All-Around Champion of the NGS Gymnastics Competition in Orlando, Florida, in June 2022. Buddy will be featured in an upcoming edition of the *Inside Gymnastics Magazine*.

8. The 2022-2023 Senior Members of the Pineville High School Football Team were recognized, along with Head Coach Bryant Bell, for "their commitment to represent our High School and our City. The very qualities you have shown in your time as a Rebel, enthusiasm, hard work and self discipline, to name a few, are the very characteristics that will spell success later in life. You are a true student athlete and may the years ahead be everything you wish them to be."

9. Due to a paperwork technicality discovered after the agenda was published, a motion to table this item relative to a petition for annexation of the property located at 3231 HWY 28 East, belonging to Pints and Pitchers, LLC was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Dorn. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried.

Roll call was as follows:

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

10. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwomen Galloway to approve a resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Pineville City Council is the governing body of the City of Pineville;

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy was created in the position of City Clerk due to the voluntary resignation of Katherine Hayes Devine from the position of City Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Rich Dupree has recommended to the Pineville City Council that Chris Workman be appointed to fill the vacancy in the position of City Clerk.

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pineville City Council accepts the recommendation of Mayor Rich Dupree and appoints Chris Workman to serve as City Clerk, effective July 1, 2022.



The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried.

Roll call was as follows:

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

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Gilbert McKee is hereby re-appointed to the Central Louisiana Regional Port Authority, effective July 1, 2022.

The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried.

Roll call was as follows:

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pineville received the following bids on June 13, 2022 for the City of Pineville 47X Set-Back Axle Shuttle Truck:

1. Timmons Truck Center	\$97,182.00
2. iTA Truck Sales and Service	\$118,777.77

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the purchase of the 47X Set-Back Axle Shuttle Truck is hereby awarded to the apparent low Bidder, Timmons Truck Center of Alexandria, Louisiana, for the Base Bid in the amount of \$97,182.00, per unit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all contracts and change orders between the City of Pineville and the successful Bidder. The floor was opened for public comment.

- Councilman Dorn asked "What is the lead time on this truck?" The response was referred to the Finance Director, Paige Weatherford, with the answer of "it is believed to be a year."

On vote, the motion carried.

Roll call was as follows:

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

13. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve a resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pineville received Bids on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 for Lot 5 - 301 Singer Street (Case No. 2021-30) Demolition and Clearance of Dilapidated and Blighted Structures, FY2019 LCDBG.

**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, D'Argent Construction, LLC, for the Base Bid of \$14,975.00. This award is made contingent upon the following:

1. Receipt of approved "Verification of Wage Decision(s) and Contractor Eligibility - Form B-5" from the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute contracts and change orders between the City of Pineville and the successful Bidders. The floor was opened for public comment.

- This being the last home on the list for the FY2019 LCDBG Grant, Councilman Dorn asked "How many blighted homes did we demolish?" The response was referred Tom David with the answer "including this home at 301 Singer Street, a total of 24 were demolished."
- Tom David spoke: This property was condemned in May 2021. In July 2021, the petitioner asked the Council to give him time to renovate the property. However, to this date, no progress has been made. Now we are moving forward with the condemnation after notifying the petitioner. After this last property is torn down,



there will be less than \$10,000 remaining from the grant money. The State will be asked to reimburse recording fees and advertising costs. Whatever money is left, whether or not the State agrees to the reimbursement, will be returned to the State by Pan American Engineers.

On vote, the motion carried.

Roll call was as follows:

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

14. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to nominate Councilman Tom Bouchie as the Mayor Pro-Tempore for FY2022-2023.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Councilman Bouchie express gratitude for the nomination and confidence in him with the appointment.

On vote, the motion carried.

Roll call was as follows:

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

15. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve a resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Pineville City Council is the governing body of the City of Pineville;

**WHEREAS**, in early 2022, Mayor Clarence Fields announced that he would retire as Mayor of the City of Pineville effective June 30, 2022, and would not seek re-election;

**WHEREAS**, an election was held and Rich Dupree was elected Mayor of the City of Pineville effective July 1, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, Katherine Hayes Devine recently announced her resignation as City Clerk for the City of Pineville effective June 30, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2022, the Pineville City Council elected Councilman Tom Bouchie as Mayor Pro Tempore for FY2022-2023; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the above, the City of Pineville desires to amend the list of persons who are authorized to access information from and sign on behalf of the City of Pineville for all accounts held by Red River Bank.

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, that immediate past Mayor Clarence Fields and immediate past City Clerk Katherine Hayes Devine are hereby removed from the list of persons authorized to access information from and sign on behalf of the City of Pineville for all accounts held by Red River Bank;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mayor Rich Dupree, Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Bouchie, and City Clerk Chris Workman are hereby authorized to access information from and sign on behalf of the City of Pineville for all accounts held by Red River Bank; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED**, that current City of Pineville Finance Director Kristen P. Weatherford is allowed to access information from all accounts held by Red River Bank, but, Kristen P. Weatherford is not a person authorized to sign on any account held by Red River Bank.

The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried.

Roll call was as follows:

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




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

- Deborah Gunter, 101 Chaudoir Drive: Since the completion of the new railroad crossing on Military Hwy, she has seen more traffic on that road and seen less on Hwy 28 East. She is grateful the congestion on Hwy 28 East has been eased and credits that toward the completion of the railroad crossing. The Mayor expressed that businesses along Military Hwy have also benefited.
- Madonna LeBlanc: Beatrice Percy (Aunt Bee) has been placed in a nursing home. She frequently attended the City Council Meetings, so folks in attendance may know who she is. Madonna requested those in attendance to keep her in their thoughts and prayers.
- Doug Gann announced the following events:
  - Reflected on the great success of the recent Fireworks Over Buhlow on July 3, 2022...crediting the great work of the Police Dept, Fire Dept, Public Works and the rest of the City employees.
  - Saturday, July 30, 2022, is the 5th Saturday Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The event has been moved to the area between Reagan and Barrett Streets to incorporate the businesses in that area of Main Street. The Main Street Truck Park will host the live music, utilizing their outdoor stage and they will conduct a Cornhole tournament (bean bag toss). The First Baptist Church of Pineville will allow us to utilize their grassy area that fronts Main Street. At this time, there are approximately 25-26 local craft vendors, as well the food trucks
  - Central Louisiana's own Mr. Ben Waites will be singing on America's Got Talent tonight. He is a Tioga native who graduated from Tioga High School and Louisiana College.
- Mayor Dupree stated Ben is scheduled to sing at the Louisiana Municipal Association Prayer Breakfast during the LMA Annual Convention on Friday, July 29, 2022. Former Pineville Mayor, Mayor Clarence Fields will be the featured speaker for the Prayer Breakfast.
- Councilman Bouchie stated, since Councilman Martin and Mayor Dupree took on the Prayer Breakfast 10-years ago, it has grown into probably the most attended event at the LMA Convention. Those two have done a great job of taking an event that was dwindling down in attendance and making it a big success.

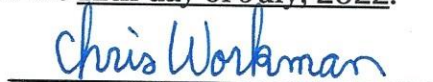
There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman Martin. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried. Mr. Doug Gann closed the meeting with the benediction.

  
Rich Dupree, 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 12th day of July, 2022.

  
Chris Workman, City Clerk