

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
September 12, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mayor Rich Dupree and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville, Louisiana

1. Mayor Dupree called the meeting to order.
2. Councilman Martin gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Bouchie led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Roll Call
Present: District 2 Councilman Kevin Dorn
District 3 Councilwoman Christy Frederic
District 4 Councilman Tom Bouchie
District 5 Councilman Nathan Martin
Absent: District 1 Councilwoman Mary Galloway
5. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman Dorn to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2023, regular meeting as published. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Dorn to accept the financial report as read by Finance Director David Humphries. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
7. Mayor Dupree recognized the following members of the Pineville Fire Department who deployed to assist with wildfires in Sabine and Beauregard Parishes: Daniel Deloach, Dale Doine, Kenney Kessler, Jakeb Paul, Michael Richard, Dustin Schneider, and Marty Strange. Assistant Chief Kessler explained these firefighters stepped “outside the box” for this deployment as they were tasked with supporting Oklahoma Task Force 1 on the frontline of this forest fire, instead of the usual structure fire. They represented the City of Pineville well.
8. CONDEMNATION HEARING CONTINUANCE regarding property at 607 Melrose Street, owned by Stewart V. Kittling c/o Erma Jean Howard. Mayor Dupree deferred to City Attorney, Mr. Mark Vilar, for a report. Mr. Vilar explained to the Council that the property owner lives out of state and the attorney he had appointed to represent the home owner withdrew from the case after very recently quitting her job and moving to another area of the State. Mr. Vilar requested the hearing be continued another month to allow for time to appoint another attorney to continue with the legal process. Mr. Doug Gann, Chief of Staff, interjected that he has personally spoken to the family who owns the property and reported they have no desire to do anything with the property and wants the City to take care of it. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to “continue” the Condemnation Hearing in October. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
9. The Council was to hear a Zoning Commission Report regarding a petition for variance by Doris Sheppard, to allow a manufactured home on the property located at 821/823 Erion Street. However, Mayor Dupree explained that communication between the Administration and Ms. Sheppard had resulted in a compromise that was satisfactory. Therefore, Ms. Sheppard withdrew the petition. As a result, no action is required by the Council.
10. A motion was by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Dorn to open discussion regarding Agenda Item 10 which was to introduce/accept for publication/refer to zoning a petition for variance by Quentin LaFleur, to allow a mobile home on the property located at 198 Rogers Street. After testimony and question/answer session by the Mayor and Council, Mr. LaFleur decided to withdraw his petition. As a result, no action is required by the Council.

11. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to introduce/accept for publication/refer to zoning a petition for rezoning 1.000 acres of property located at 1319 Military Hwy, belonging to TDMM, LLC, from Zone R-1 (Residential) to Zone C-3 (Commercial) for the purpose of developing a business. The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this particular lot is the only one along this section of the Military Hwy corridor that is not zoned as C-3.
- The owner, Mr. Anthony Tradewell, corrected the record as the lot size is actually 0.15 acres, not 1.000 acres. They plan to open a small business, to employ college students, that will compliment the Wayback Arcade, which is next to the lot.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to introduce/accept for publication/refer to zoning a petition for rezoning 0.389 acres of property located at 514 Bragg Street, belonging to Louisiana Health & Rehab Center, Inc, from Zone R-1 (Residential) to Zone C-1 (Commercial) for the purpose of operating a residential/substance abuse treatment facility. The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this piece of property has housed several treatment/group/therapy related type facilities for a long time. It was discovered the zoning was incorrect when Louisiana Health & Rehab Center approached the Administration with their plan to reopen the facility and bring it up to current standards.
- A representative of the company was present and stated they are grateful for the opportunity to come to Pineville and their target open date is Nov 1, 2023.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance amending and modifying the Code of Ordinances relative to Section 6 Article 11, to allow the Mayor to establish various fees related to animal adoption and to remove the associated Fee Schedule from Appendix D. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution declaring the following items as surplus for the purpose of selling, donating, auctioning or disposing of as necessary.

NOMENCLATURE	VIN/SER NO.
Ben Q Projector Model PB6100	99J8677BEA43501676T
Acer Projector Model DNX 0009	EYJBV01009101011E45921
2005 Ford Excursion	1FMNU40P85EB36719
HP Officejet Pro 8710 Printer	CN808W080

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

15. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Dorn to approve a resolution authorizing the City's participation in the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority and appoint Mayor Dupree to the organization's Board of Directors.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this will be an additional avenue to potentially obtain Bonds for projects. There is no cost to join the organization.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Mayor Dupree recognized Alexandria City Councilman Reddex Washington. Councilman Washington announced he is running for the office of State Representative for District 26, which includes part of Pineville.
- Mr. Rob Stewart complimented the Administration on the new Animal Control facility and expressed appreciation for adding a Veterinarian to the staff.
- Mr. Hugh Halle announced Daniel and Rebekah Stellwagon, both City employees, will celebrate the arrival of their first born on tomorrow, Sep 13th.
- Councilman Martin announced that our own Coach Rachal just lost his wife Charlene to a long illness. Additionally, Councilman Dorn announced that Former City Councilman Larry Foster, who prayed the benediction at last month's meeting, recently suddenly passed away. We should keep both these families in our prayers.
- Madonna LeBlanc, Special Events Coordinator, announced the 5th Saturday Market on Main Street for Sep 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with a BBQ Cookoff to take place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The location has been changed to the riverfront area at end of Main Street by the flag pole, which will be the event's new permanent location. Fall Fest is on Oct 26th at Kees Park, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Christmas Parade is scheduled for Dec 8th and finally she teased a new event called Christmas in the Keys...stayed tuned for more information.

The floor was opened for any final public comment. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic at 6:56 p.m. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Dupree 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 September, 2023.



Chris Workman, City Clerk