

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
November 14, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mayor Rich Dupree and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 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 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 Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Martin to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2023, regular meeting as published. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to accept the financial report as read by Finance Director David Humphries. The floor was opened for public comment.
 - Mayor Dupree explained we have now seen 15-months of continuance sales tax growth while other communities around us are either flat or down.On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
7. Mayor Dupree recognized John and Margaret Lucas of 133 Huntington Ridge for their support of City employees. Mayor Dupree presented them with a Pineville Proud Award for their civic mindedness in providing sanitation workers with a cooler of cold drinks whenever the route takes them through the Huntington Ridge neighborhood.
8. Mayor Dupree recognized Bailey Manasco, a Pineville High School Senior, for winning the Veterans Administration Annual Veterans Day Essay Contest – High School Division, with an essay entitled “*What is a Veteran to Me.*” Mayor Dupree presented Bailey with a Pineville Proud Award.
9. CONDEMNATION HEARING CONTINUANCE regarding property at 607 Melrose Street, owned by Stewart V. Kittling c/o Erma Jean Howard, listed with the address of 5351 San Onofre Terrace, San Diego, California 92114-6228, according to the Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. The owner’s known heirs were contacted by the appointed Curator Ad Hoc, R. Morgan Briggs, on October 25, 2023. There was no one present representing the property. City Attorney, Mr. Mark Vilar, reported this is a property for which the City has gone through a legal process of appointing Mr. Briggs to contact out-of-state heirs and publish a notice in The Town Talk, because the owner is deceased. He said the Council is now able to proceed with condemnation if it so chooses. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to condemn the property at 607 Melrose Street. The floor was opened for public comment.
 - Mayor Dupree indicated there has not been any interest in saving the structure, so it will be removed and a lien placed on the property for the City to recoup costs.On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
10. CONDEMNATION HEARING regarding property at 103 Bragg Street, owned by Mark Charrier, listed with the address of 401 Riverside Drive, Pineville, Louisiana 71360, according to the Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. The owner was duly served notice of this hearing on October 19, 2023. There was no one present representing the property. Mayor Dupree reported Mr. Charrier has met with the administration and

agreed to remove the structure from the property and has purchased the demolition permit for said purpose. Therefore, Mayor Dupree requested the council to remove this item from the agenda and reserve the right to readdress if no action takes place by the owner. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to remove the item from consideration. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

11. **ZONING COMMISSION REPORT:** Zoning Commissioner, Mr. Tom David, stated that it was the Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve a petition for the rezoning of property located at 312 Wall Street, belonging to Bishop Enterprises, LLC, from R-1 (Residential) to R-2 (Residential) for the purpose of building a duplex. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Dorn to accept the Zoning Commission's recommendation.

The floor was opened for public comment and there were none.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously. 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 Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Sustainability Partners, LLC, for the replacement of City-wide water meters.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mr. Peter Ford asked about the cost of potential damage to the homeowner's side of meter during the replacement process. To which, Mr. Troy Burns, Utility Administration Supervisor, replied we switch out meters almost daily. The process for the new meters will be the same and is very easy.
- Mayor Dupree explained the meters we are installing have the latest technology so we do not have to send employees to every meter for a reading. The meters are automated to send readings to City Hall hourly and will be able to detect leaks. The meters will make our reading process much more efficient, accurate and save money.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to introduce, accept for publication and refer to zoning a petition for annexation of 1.512 acres of property located on Lord of Lords Avenue relative to Lots A, B and C in the Kings Center Subdivision, belonging to Lourdes of Louisiana LLC.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained these lots are behind McDonald's on Hwy 165.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance amending and modifying the Code of Ordinances Chapter 28, to add Section 28-18, requiring residents to place household garbage in plastic bags and then into containers for disposal.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this is a missing piece to our Sanitation Ordinance that other municipalities in the region have.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

15.. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance amending and modifying the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4 – Alcoholic Beverages, to include Class E (Exception) Permit to allow businesses that provide a service or a retailer, that does not meet Class A, B or R Permit definitions, to sell for consumption on or off the premises.

The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this is in response to requests from small businesses like salons, spas and jewelry stores who wish to serve their customers alcohol. Doing so requires a permit. The Parish and our sister cities have this permit. The same requirements have to be met as other permits, whether they want to sell or give away the alcohol as a token of appreciation.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

-- 2016 International Garbage Truck, VIN# HAWCSTR1GL427820

The floor was opened for public comment and there were none.
On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve a resolution authorizing and approving execution of an equipment-lease purchase agreement with Cadence Equipment Finance, a division of Cadence Bank, for *one(1) 2024 Freightliner M2-106 Truck with Heil 25 yard Read Loader Body*.
The floor was opened for public comment and there were none.
On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

18. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to accept the contract of Williams Equipment Services, LLC, for the project entitled *BURNS STREET GRAVITY SEWER REPLACEMENT AND ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION* as "Substantially Complete."
The floor was opened for public comment.

- Mayor Dupree explained this project fixed collapsing sewer lines, a long time drainage issue and sidewalk problems.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The floor was opened for any final public comment.

- Councilwomen Galloway asked attendees to keep the family of Ted Fontaine in their prayers over his passing. He was a Police Juryman whose district included part of Pineville.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway at 6:40 p.m.
On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Councilman Martin closed the meeting with the benediction.



Chris Workman, City Clerk



Rich Dupree, 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 14th day of November, 2023.



Chris Workman, City Clerk