

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA  
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
March 12, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.  
**MINUTES**

Mayor Rich Dupree and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 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. Reverend Lawrence “Buddy” Martin, Founding Pastor of Christian Challenge Worship Center, gave the invocation.
3. Reverend Vance Curtis, Pastor of Heritage Baptist Church in Alexandria, 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 5 Councilman Nathan Martin  
Absent: District 4 Councilman Tom Bouchie

5. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2024, regular meeting as published. The floor was opened for public comment and Councilwoman Frederic mentioned a correction to be made on item 9 to reflect the correct spelling of Gonzales. 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 and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

7. Mayor Dupree recognized members of the Pineville High School Cheerleading Team for winning the 2024 National Cheerleaders Association National Championship. He presented Coach Chili Vinson with the Pineville Proud Award and each cheerleader with a Certificate of Recognition for the championship. Team members: Gracie Amy, Kennedie Dupar, Rileigh Guidry, Kelsey Hammond, Callie Hinton, Kenzie Ingram, Ashleigh Moses, Leah Parpart, Madison Rainwater, Marc’Kashia Rhone, Emma Stiefvater, Jhourdan Taylor, Emma Townley, Laylah Turner, Molly Ward, and Alexis Woods. Also, congratulations to Coach Brittyn Sanders who was not present.

8. ZONING COMMISSION REPORT: Zoning Commissioner, Mr. Tom David, stated it was the Zoning Commission’s recommendation to table the petition for variance by LA Heritage Properties, LLC, to allow a billboard on a lot located at 113 Hilton Court, at the request of the petitioner to provide more information. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to accept the recommendation to “TABLE”, for one month, the petition for variance by LA Heritage Properties, LLC, to allow a billboard on a lot located at 113 Hilton Court. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of an Ordinance creating *the Buhlow Economic Development District of the City of Pineville, State of Louisiana*, defining the boundaries thereof to encourage economic development projects, in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Chief of Staff Doug Gann explained this is just the beginning stages of this process, which is about a year long. Tax money from the district will be used to assist in future development as needed, for things such as roads and other infrastructure needs. No further comment was heard.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to adopt an Ordinance creating *the Buhlow Economic Development District of the City of Pineville, State of Louisiana*, defining the boundaries thereof to encourage economic development projects, in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

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

10. PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of an ordinance amending and modifying the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Article 2, Sections 40-35, 40-36 and 40-50 to allow the Mayor and Council to establish various utility deposit and other fees, from time to time, by means of a resolution. Mayor Dupree informed the public that we have not adjusted the utility deposit or connect fees in 30 or more years. These changes will be listed on our website. This allows us to change the fees by resolution instead of ordinance. No further comment was heard.

A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to adopt an Ordinance amending and modifying the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Article 2, Sections 40-35, 40-36 and 40-50 to allow the Mayor and Council to establish various utility deposit and other fees, from time to time, by means of a resolution.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

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

11. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Martin to introduce, accept for publication, an ordinance amending and modifying the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Article 1, Section 16-2 to create the position of Chief of Administration within the Pineville Fire Department. The floor was opened for public comment:

- Fire Chief Cummings explained that this is not a new position. They are just changing the title of Assistant Chief since the duties are different from the other Assistant Chiefs on the line. This will be a competitive position.

No further comment was heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve a resolution to authorize the City to state their intent to maintain permit requirements as set forth by national pollutant discharge elimination system to prevent wastewater permit violations and other matters with respect thereto. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Martin rejecting the bids for the project entitled *HUFFMAN CREEK PUMP STATION AND OUTFALL, LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE*. The floor was opened for public comment:

- Mr. David explained that Huffman Creek needs more pumping capacity. Bids were significantly higher than expected. Actually, only one bid was received. We need to go back and do our homework and bid again.

No further comment was heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Councilwoman Fredric and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to adopt a uniform *RECORDS PRODUCTION FEE SCHEDULE* for public records requests of the City of Pineville. The floor was opened for public comment:

- Mayor Dupree explained that we did not have a uniform policy as related to electronic production of public records.

No further comment was heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin authorizing the Mayor to serve notice to the property owners of 304 Rainbow Drive and schedule a public hearing for condemnation. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve a resolution declaring the following items in Community Services as surplus for the purpose of selling, donating, auctioning or disposing of as necessary.

15" TFT LCD Monitor (Serial No. 4CYVT0108988), Acer LCD Monitor (Serial No. MMLZ3AA0034150627c2466), Samsung S20A300B Monitor (Serial No. ZS1WHVPB400271E), Samsung S20A300B Monitor (Serial No. ZS1WHVPB400269K), Dell KU789 Monitor (Serial No. CN-OKU789-71618-76H-GBJO), Acer LCD Monitor (Serial No. MMLZ3AA00341-5062502466), Dell Monitor (Serial No. CN-oD5428-72201-49A-DoGS), HP S193a Monitor (Serial No. 3CQ10231P3), Dell E153FPF Monitor (Serial No. CN-OY4413-72201), Dell DY385 Console (Serial No. 00144-047-052769), HP Compaq 5700 Console (Serial No. 2VA7341CN1), HP Compaq 5705 Console (Serial No. 1VA7351LHN), Dell HY385 Console (Serial No. 00144-567-536-515), HP Compaq 5800 Console (Serial No. 2VA850193S), HP Compaq 5800 Console (Serial No. 2VA84715NT), Dell U7670 Console (Serial No. 80043-543-371-468), HP Compaq 5700 Console (Serial No. 2UA7410FHX), Dell U7670 Console (Serial No. 80043-544-112-756), HP Compaq 5700 Console (Serial No. 20A8181KoQ), Dell U7670 Console (Serial No. 80043-425-385-109), HP Pavillion Console (Serial No. 4CI4450PX3), HP Compaq 820 Console (Serial No. MXL21208GM), HP Compaq 2300 Console (Serial No. MXL71210YS), HP Pro 3500 Console (Serial No. MXL3121TQK), HP Compaq 4300 Console (Serial No. 20A2511525), HP Pro 3500 Console (Serial No. MXL31700CB), HP Compaq 4300 Console (Serial No. 2UA2511525), HP Compaq 700 Console (Serial No. 2UA818KoQ), HP Pro Desk 600 Console (Serial No. 2UA52436RR), HP Pro Desk 600 Console (Serial No. 2UA5243F9K), HP Elite Desk 800 Console (Serial No. 2UA412134F)

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

The floor was opened for any final public comment.

- Ms. Celeste Mobley thanked the City Water Department for sending out transparent letters regarding the current issue. Mayor Dupree informed those in attendance she was referring to the purchase of four water pump generators at the cost of \$545,000.00. They are expected this fall (October) and hope to be operational the first of 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn at 6:45 pm. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Councilman Nathan 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 12th day of March, 2024.



Chris Workman, City Clerk