

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
February 11, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mayor Joe Bishop and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville, Louisiana

1. Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order.
 2. Councilman Martin gave the invocation.
 3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the cheerleading teams from Pineville Junior High and Pineville High Schools.
 4. Roll Call Present: District 1 Councilman Randy O'Neal
 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 Councilman Bouchie to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2025, regular meeting as published. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
 6. The financial report was given by Finance Director, Mr. David Humphries. January sales tax was up year-over-year by 2.21% ... \$35K. Occupational licenses were up 71%, which is due to collections at this time of year. Mayor Bishop encouraged those in attendance to continue shopping Pineville to keep our tax dollars in the community. There were no further comments heard.
 7. Mayor Bishop recognized the Pineville Junior High School Cheerleaders for winning their 10th National Championship Title at the National Cheerleaders Association competition in Dallas, TX. He presented them with the "*Pineville Proud Award*". Chief of Operations, Mr. Darrell Basco, read the plaque that stated "...Each generation of cheerleaders has contributed to the legacy of excellence, dedication and school spirit. This year's team carried on that tradition, adding another championship to Pineville's proud history..." Each team member was given a certificate. Team members include: Kaylee Adams, Brynleigh Carmouche, Makenzie Culbert, Trysta Edwards, A'miah Hayward, Ellie Leopard, Annabelle Lewis, Adelynn Lovecchio, Alyssa Mabou, Haven Mabou, Taylor Magee, Haleigh Meynard, Ayvah Norris, Hensley Smith, Sophia Smith, Kollyns Thomas, Zoey Welch and Addie Wills. Coaches: Head Coach Robin Meynard and Assistant Coaches Beth Wallace, Alysha Edwards and Ashton Hanson.
 8. Mayor Bishop recognized the Pineville High School Cheerleaders for winning back-to-back National Championship Titles at the National Cheerleaders Association competition in Dallas, TX. He presented them with the "*Pineville Proud Award*". Mr. Basco read the plaque that stated "...Your hard work, dedication and spirit have brought pride and honor to Pineville. Through perseverance and team work you have set a standard of excellence that inspires our entire community..." Each team member was given a certificate. Team members include: Gracie Amy, Susan Clancy, Kennedie Dupar, Zeke Elie, Rileigh Guidry, Kelsey Hammond, Ayden Hannah, Callie Hinton, Kenzie Ingram, Ashleigh Moses, Harmony Norris, Piper Sherrill, Kya Smith, Emma Stiefvater, Laylah Turner and Alexisa Woods. Coaches: Head Coach Chili Vinson and Assistant Coaches Brittny Sanders and Peyton Gunn.
- Mayor Bishop took the liberty to recognize Mr. Matt Johns, Executive Director of the Rapides Area Planning Commission, and thanked him for attending. He also reminded those in attendance to raise their hand to be recognized if they have a public comment on any agenda item at that time.

9. CONDEMNATION HEARING continuation for Case File 2024-043, regarding the single-family home on the lot at 1904 Military Highway, owned by Reagan Boyd Nugent ET AL, listed with the address of 1250 Dorchester Drive, Unit 118, Alexandria, Louisiana 71303, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. City Engineer, Mr. Tom David reported the owner continues to make significant progress on the demolition of the house and it is now down to just a small pile of rubble. He recommended condemnation proceedings be terminated.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Dorn to accept Mr. David's recommendation to terminate the condemnation proceedings for 1904 Military Highway. There were no further comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

10. ZONING COMMISSION REPORT: Mr. David, stated that it is the Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve a petition of rezoning for 102 Ray Street, owned by Craig N. Jenkins, from C-1 Commercial to C-2 Commercial for the purpose of relocating an auto repair shop. Mr. David explained the owner has renovated the existing house several times, but now there is water damage to the foundation that is beyond renovation. Therefore, he wishes to tear the house down and build a metal structure to relocate his shop from 108 Ray Street. There were no further comments heard.

A motion was made by Councilman O'Neal and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to accept the recommendation as stated. There was no Council discussion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

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

11. PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2-51, Subparagraph (b), relative to meetings of the Zoning Commission. There were no comments heard.

A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to adopt an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2-51, Subparagraph (b), relative to meetings of the Zoning Commission. There was no Council discussion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

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

12. PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-1, relative to regular meetings of the Mayor and City Council date, time, place. There were no comments heard.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Dorn to adopt an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-1, relative to regular meetings of the Mayor and City Council date, time, place. Councilman Bouchie reminded those in attendance the monthly meetings will still be on the second Tuesday, but the time is being changed from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Zoning Commission Meeting will now be at 4:30 p.m. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

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

13. PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of an ordinance to appropriate and pay funds to resolve claims filed by Brittany Poston Meshell. There were no comments heard.

A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to adopt an ordinance to appropriate and pay funds to resolve claims filed by Brittany Poston Meshell. There was no Council discussion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

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

14. Councilwoman Frederic, serving as Chair of the Finance Committee, commended the Mayor, Staff and the two citizen-members who serve on the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee met on Jan 23, 2025. The Committee found the City has operated extremely close to the 50% mark of revenue and expenses thus far this Fiscal Year on a \$22M dollar budget. The Committee recommends the Council introduce an ordinance to amend the budget to cover just two departments. One department is Recreation with a \$72,500 variance and the other is Shop with a variance of \$250. Additionally, to add a new line item needed in Administration of \$188,500 for the legal settlement regarding Brittany Poston Meshell. The total amendment is \$261,550 ... 1.15% increase. Therefore, she would like to make the recommendation.

15. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Martin to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and other matters with respect thereto. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to call for a Public Hearing on March 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. for the adoption of the amended budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and other matters with respect thereto. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 28, Article I, Section 28-20, relative to Sanitation service charges--Schedule. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

18. A motion was mad by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, by repealing Chapter 28, Article I, Section 28-23, relative to the rate of trash collection at housing authority. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

19. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Dorn to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Article II, Sections 40-42, 40-43, 40-44 and 40-45 to allow the Mayor, in his sole discretion, to determine the size of the increase or decrease of water rate adjustments, not to exceed the percentage rise or fall of the annual Consumer Price Index. In response to a question, Mayor Bishop explained the proposal to increase water, sewer and sanitation rates is 2%. The CPI this year is rated at 3%. Councilman Bouchie then made a substitute motion to change the language of the original motion. The substitute motion is to strike the phrase "in his sole discretion" and replace it with "with written consent of the Council to be ratified by Resolution at the following Council Meeting." Councilwoman Frederic seconded the substitute motion. No further comments were heard. On vote, the substitute motion carried unanimously.

20. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Martin to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Article II, Sections 40-46, 40-47, 40-48 and 40-49 to allow the Mayor, in his sole discretion, to determine the size of the increase or decrease of sewer rate adjustments, not to exceed the percentage rise or fall of the annual Consumer Price Index. Councilman Bouchie then made a substitute motion to change the language of the original motion. The substitute motion is to strike the phrase "in his sole discretion" and replace it with "with written consent of the Council to be ratified by Resolution at the following Council Meeting." Councilwoman Frederic seconded the substitute motion. She explained these ordinances allow for flexibility in adjusting the water/sewer/sanitation rates at an amount that is below the CPI...currently the City has no flexibility and is required to adjust the rates equal to the CPI. In response to a question, Mayor Bishop explained that inflation affects the City as well as its citizens, but

this will allow us to pass on the costs in smaller increments. No further comments were heard. On vote, the substitute motion carried unanimously.

21. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Article II, Section 40-52, relative to rate adjustments to water consumption charges for residential and commercial customers. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

22. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution awarding the contract for the project entitled *HUFFMAN CREEK PUMP STATION AND OUTFALL (RE-BID) LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE*. Mr. David explained this is the culmination of approximately six-years of effort to secure funding for a new pump station at Huffman Creek to help drain about 250 acres of Downtown Pineville. The contract is being awarded to Womack and Sons Construction Group for \$11.2M. Our Legislative Delegation helped us get the money from the State. It is expected to take 2-1/2 years to complete the project. There were no further comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

DEPT	NOMENCLATURE (MODEL)	SERIAL NO/VIN.
102	1ea 2015 Ford Explorer, with radar, cage, light bar, console and computer mount	VIN# 1FM5K8AR3FGA88209
102	1ea 2015 Ford Explorer, with radar, cage, light bar, console and computer mount	VIN# 1FM5K8ARXFGA88210
102	1ea 2016 Ford Explorer, with radar, cage, light bar, console and computer mount	VIN# 1FM5K8ARGGBB12874
102	1ea 2011 Ford Crown Vic	VIN# 2FABP7BV7BX157170
202	1ea Yanmar 6 Track Hoe, Model Vi035-5	VIN# YMRVI035V7YY51634
102	7ea Sets of Vehicle Seats for Ford Transit Wagan Van	UNKNOWN

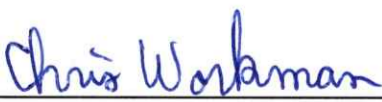
There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

24. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution authorizing the release of impounded bicycles that have been stored at the Pineville Police Department for over 90-days and left unclaimed, in accordance with Section 38-223 of the Pineville City Code. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

25. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve a resolution appointing Mayor Joe Bishop as a Director to the Board of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

26. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution to adopt Citizen Participation Plan to meet requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

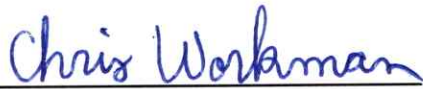
At this time Mayor Bishop opened the floor up for any other business to come before the Council. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman O'Neal at 6:40 p.m. Councilman Martin prayed the benediction.


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 11th day of February, 2025.


Chris Workman, City Clerk