

This Notice of Meeting is given and posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, contained in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Capitalized words and phrases have the meaning given to them in the Act. The Meeting will be held at the Date, Time and Place stated below. The City Council Will Deliberate upon the items listed in the Agenda below. Any Agenda item is subject to discussion only, action only or both discussion and action. All portions of the Meeting shall be Open, unless a Closed Meeting is held when permitted, and in the manner specified, by the Act. If the Act permits all or any portion of the Deliberation of an Agenda item to be Closed, the City Council may enter into a Closed Meeting whether or not the Agenda item below states that a Closed Meeting for such item is anticipated. Agenda items are not required to be considered in the same order as listed in the Agenda. Any Agenda item(s) may be tabled for Deliberation at a later Meeting or removed from the Agenda. Any such tabled or removed Agenda item may be placed on an Agenda for a later Meeting for which Notice has been given and posted pursuant to the Act

DATE OF MEETING: Monday August 11, 2025 TIME OF MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING: City of Pine Forest City Hall PURPOSES: SEE AGENDA BELOW

DATE POSTED: Friday August 8, 2025 TIME POSTED: 2:30 P.M.

#### REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Invocation.
- **3.** Pledge to the United States Flag and the Texas State Flag.

#### 4. Citizens/Visitors Forum:

Open the floor to members of the public or of the City Council for comments. Speakers shall be requested to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes or less. Specific factual information or existing policy may be stated in response to a comment. Any discussion about the subject shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the Agenda for a subsequent meeting for the City Council.

## 5. Mayor's Comments

## 6. Consent Agenda:

- A. July 2025 Bills
- B. Purchase orders for July 2025
- C. Budget Amendments for July 2025
- **D.** Approve July 23, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
- E. Grant Report- see attached Report

## 7. Discussion only.

Orange County Sheriff, Bobby Smith, will speak to Council.

- **8.** Discussion and possible action to re-open Exxon Game room located at 4315 N. Main Street, Suite B.
- 9. Discussion only.

Place 1 Council Member Bobby Bernhardt, will present road updates to council.

- **10.** Discussion and possible action to place a proposal to adopt an Ad Valorem Tax Rate on August 11, 2025, for the 2025 Tax Year of \$0.0500 per \$100.00 valuation of the City of Pine Forest, Texas (consisting of a debt rate of \$0 and a Maintenance and Operations Rate of \$0.0500.)
- **11.** Discussion and possible action to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed 2025-2026 Budget for the City of Pine Forest, Texas.

# **Public Notice to All Citizens of the City of Pine Forest**

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. at the Pine Forest City Hall, 305 Nagel Street, Vidor, Texas to hear public comments and thereafter to consider adoption of the City Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. This Budget will decrease total property taxes than last year's budget by \$810 which is a 6% decrease from last year's budget. The Property Tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$21.

- **12.** Discussion and possible action regarding Chapter 1: Employment Practices: City of Pine Forest Personnel Policy Manual.
- **13.** Discussion and possible action to renew Contract Extension between DRC Emergency Services and the City of Pine Forest, TX for Disaster Recovery Services.
- 14. Adjourn

**Agenda Posting certification**: I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the August 11, 2025, Agenda of items to be considered by the City Council of Pine Forest was posted on the City of Pine Forest City Bulletin Board located at City Hall, 305 Nagel Street, at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2025.

Lacey Turner
Lacey Turner, City Secretary

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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN MEETINGS LAW" AS REQURD BY V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551. SPECIAL NOTE: THE COUNCIL AY ENTER ITO CLOSED SESSION ON ANY POSTED AGENDA ITEM UNDER SECTIONS 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074 AND 551.076 OF THE V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551. THIS NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SUCH MEETING. NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE: IF YOU REQUIRE A REASONABLE ACCOMODATION AS OUTLINED IN THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (i.e., QUALIFIED INTERPRETER, LARGE PRINT, HEARING ASSITANCE) DURING THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY OUR OFFICE AT 409-786-4100 NO LATER THAN FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING.

<u>Pauline Brown</u>

Pauline Brown, Mayor