

CITY OF PINE FOREST
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REGULAR MEETING: Monday August 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM, held at Pine Forest City Hall.

Council Present: Mayor Pro-Tem/Council Member Place 2 James McCullar, Council Member Place 3 Pauline Brown, and Council Member Place 4 Cynthia Worsham, Council Member Place 5 Wesley Brown

Council Absent: Mayor Cathy Nagel, Council Member Place 1 Jesse Santana, Paul Fukuda-City Attorney

Others Present: Connie Stanton-CFO, Lacey Turner-City Secretary, Kathy Smartt- Neches Waste, Laura Capehart- Republic Services, Bobby Bernhardt, Mike Wilson- Frontier Waste, Danielle Manuel- Rose City Marshall, Adam Dilley, Matt Ortego- OC Constable, Abby Seals- Valero Game room, Ashan Tharir- Valero Game Room, Ghalam Jafar- Valero Game room, Bill Meza

Item 1: Meeting Called to order at 6:00 PM.

Item 2: Invocation.

Item 3: Pledges to the Unites States Flag and Texas State Flag.

Item 4: Citizen/Visitor's Forum:

Bobby Bernhardt spoke to council regarding Police trafficking on Lakeview Cutoff. He wants to know why no one is running traffic control on the cutoff and wants to know what it's going to take to get someone out here. He also wanted to know about repairing Lakeview Cutoff because of the poor conditions. He wanted to know who he needed to talk to see about getting it repaired.

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Item 5: Mayors Comments:

None

Item 6: Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Place 3 Council Member Pauline Brown 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

Item 7: Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown made a motion to approve the resignation of Chief Kenneth Hobbs. Place 3 Council Member Pauline Brown 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

Item 8: Discussion and possible action to disband the Police Department based off of Senate Bill #1445.

OC Constable Matt Ortego Spoke to council regarding the information he received from Texas Municipal Officers League regarding Senate Bill #1445.

Danielle Manuel with Rose City Marshall's Office presented Council with a break down of Rose City's Monthly Stat reports for comparison.

ITEM TABLED BY WESLEY BROWN- PLACE ON NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

Item 9: Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown made a motion to appoint Bill Meza as Interim Chief of Police for the City of Pine Forest. Place 3 Council Member Pauline Brown 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

Item 10: Place 4 Council Member Cynthia Worsham made a motion to deny amending Chapter 4 Gaming Ordinance and leaving it as is. Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

Item 11: Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown made a motion to award Neches Waste Management Services for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services Contract by Recommendation of the Selection Committee. Place 4 Council Member Cynthia Worsham 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

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Item 12: Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown made a motion to adopt an Ad Valorem tax rate on August 12, 2024, for the 2024 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.) Place 4 Council Member Cynthia Worsham 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

Item 13: Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown made a motion to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed 2024-2025 Budget for the City of Pine Forest, Texas. Place 3 Council Member Pauline Brown 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

Item 14: Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown made a motion to pursue a 2025/2026 TxCDBG grant and authorize the procurement of a grant administrator to assist in the application and implementation, if awarded. Place 4 Council Member Cynthia Worsham 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

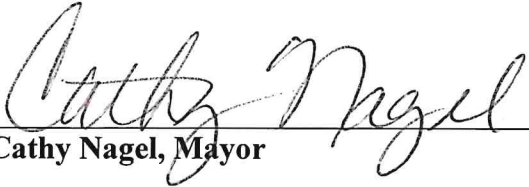
Item 15: Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown made a motion to adjourn. Place 3 Council Member Pauline Brown 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

Adjournment @ 6:31 PM

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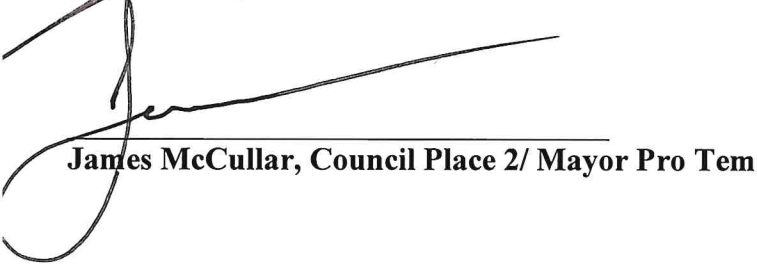
Signed and agreed this 9th day of September, 2024.


Cathy Nagel, Mayor


Pauline Brown, Council Place 3


Jesse Santana, Council Place 1


Cynthia Worsham, Council Place 4


James McCullar, Council Place 2/ Mayor Pro Tem


Wesley Brown, Council Place 5

Attest: 
City Attorney, Paul Fukuda

