

CITY OF PINE FOREST  
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**REGULAR MEETING:** Monday June 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM, held at Pine Forest City Hall.

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

**Council Absent:** Council Member Place 1 Jesse Santana, Council Member Place 3 Pauline Brown

**Others Present:** Connie Stanton-CFO, Lacey Turner-City Secretary, Paul Fukuda- City Attorney, Karen Fisher-OC Tax Office, Octavia Guzman-OC Tax Office, Robert Viator- OC Commissioner, Bobby Bernhardt, Abby Seals- Gaming, Ashen Tahar-Gaming, Ghulan Safar-Gaming, Barnhill Residents- Rodney Goins, Blake Montelbano, Mallorie Mcfarland, Tammy Mcfarland, Janea Goins, Ada Goins, Marilyn Crump, Michael Freeman, Craig Peterson.

**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:**

Rodney Goins resident residing at 3920 Barnhill Road spoke up for everyone on Barnhill Street regarding the current condition of the street and presented the Mayor with a letter from the Bus Barn stating they would no longer drive the bus down the street due to its conditions.

Bobby Bernhardt asked if we had come to grips with the Police Issues. He requested that we put a plan in place, add to next agenda to discuss.

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**Item 5: Mayors Comments:**

No Comments.

**Item 6:** Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Place 4 Council Member Cynthia Worsham 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

**Item 7:** Karen Fisher addressed the Council, she announced that she has worked with the County for 32 years as The Tax Assessor Collector and she is retiring July 31<sup>st</sup> is her last day. She then introducing the New Tax Assessor Collector Octavia Guzman. She also stated that she will be staying on the appraisal board. Octavia Guzman introduced herself to Council as the New and upcoming Orange County Tax Assessor Collector.

Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown made a motion to approve the Homestead exemptions for Tax Year 2024 to 20% of the appraised value; \$20,000- Portion of Value Approved for 65 or Older Exemption; \$20,000 portion of Value Approved for Disabled Exemption. Place 4 Council Member Cynthia Worsham 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

**Item 8:** Discussion and possible action to consider amending Chapter 4 Gaming Ordinance.

Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown made a motion to table item to next meeting agenda. Place 4 Council Member Cynthia Worsham 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

**Item 9:** Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member James McCullar made a motion to approve Plat for 4001 N. Main Street. Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

**Item 10:** County Commissioner Robert Viator Spoke. Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown made a motion to approve Barnhill Road Reconstruction Bid not to exceed \$50,000 with Orange County Engineering. Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member James McCullar 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

**Item 11:** Mayor Pro Tem/ Place 2 Council Member James McCullar made a motion to adjourn. Place 5 Council Member Wesley Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY ALL PRESENT**

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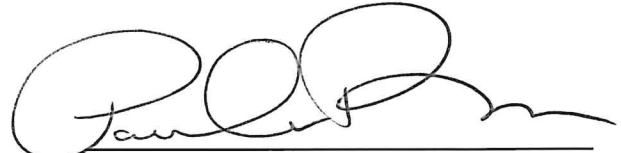
**Adjournment @ 6:36 PM**

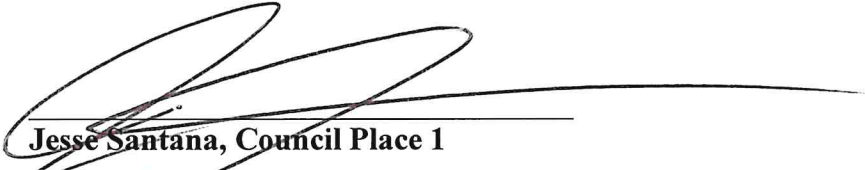
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Signed and agreed this 8th day of July, 2024.

  
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

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Wesley Brown, Council Place 5

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney, Paul Fukuda

