# CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL August 13, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

# **MINUTES**

Mayor Rich Dupree and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, with a Public Hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville, Louisiana

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

- Mayor Dupree called to order a Public Hearing to discuss the consideration of levying additional or increased millage rates for 2024, without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum
- There was no public comment made by anyone in attendance
- Mayor Dupree closed the public hearing

#### **COUNCIL MEETING**

- 1. Mayor Dupree called the meeting to order.
- 2. Councilman Martin gave the invocation.
- 3. Councilman Bouchie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.	Roll Call	Present:	District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5	Councilwoman Mary Galloway Councilman Kevin Dorn Councilwoman Christy Frederic Councilman Tom Bouchie Councilman Nathan Martin
		Absent:	None	Conformati Natian Martin

- 5. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2024, regular meeting as published. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- 6. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway 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. CONDEMNATION HEARING for Case File 2024-011, regarding the single-family home on the lot at 307 Stephen Street, owned by Ha Ngan, listed with the address of 6009 W. Alexandra Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana 71303, according to the Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. Mr. Tom David, City Engineer, noted this is a continuation hearing. Mr. Ngan was present and turned the floor over to his contractor Mr. Clarence Reed of C & R Mentor's Renovation. Mr. Reed explained the work he has been doing to the Council. There have been concerns with code inspections, and Mr. David explained building codes must be followed and advised Mr. Ngan and Mr. Reed meet with the Rapides Parish Planning Commission to address the building code issues. Mr. David recommended the hearing be continued for an additional 60-days to allow the owner and contractor time to work through the code concerns.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn to accept the recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

-- Mayor Dupree took personal privilege to recognize Ms. Tommie Seaton for being present. She is the local representative from U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy's Office.

8. CONDEMNATION HEARING for Case File 2024-012, regarding the single-family home on the lot at 1029 Erion Street, owned by Michael Hanson Pease, listed with the address of 1027 Erion Street, Pineville, Louisiana 71360, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. Mr. David noted this is a continuation hearing, as Mr. Pease wanted some time to consider rehabilitating the house or allowing it to be condemned. Mr. Pease was present and expressed his concurrence with a decision to condemn the house and enter it into the Community Development Block Grant Program. Mayor Dupree reassured Mr. Pease that notification will be made before demolition takes place.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn to condemn the house located at 1029 Erion Street. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

CONDEMNATION HEARING for Case File 2024-025, regarding the single-family home on the lot at 201 Anthony Street, owned by Gary J. Bernard, ET AL, listed with the address of 5227 Donahue Ferry Road, Pineville, Louisiana 71360, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. Mr. David reported the owner was duly served notice of this hearing; the property is in deplorable condition; and is not considered safe or sanitary for anyone to live in. His recommendation is to condemn the home and give the owner sixty (60) days to voluntarily demolish and clear the property. Mr. Bernard was present; expressed disagreement with the condemnation; and alleged the City Code Enforcement Officer was preventing him from moving forward with renovations for a number of reasons including alleging theft of an electrical and water meter. Mr. Bernard stated that he believed he could fix the home and that he has tried to do some work on the house., but was told by City Officials to stop. Mr. David explained that Mr. Bernard has never obtained building permits, which are required and must be issued by the Rapides Parish Planning Commission so that inspections can take place as renovations occur. Mr. David also explained that renovations must be made by a licensed contractor. Mr. David estimated the cost to renovate the structure could be up to \$70,000 and there is no expectation of the owner will be willing to fund that amount. He restated his recommendation that the home be condemned and the owner be given sixty (60) days to voluntarily demolish and clear the property.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to accept the recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment.

Ms. Deborah Gunter at 101 Chaudoir Drive, stated that she attends church across
the street from this home; that it is in deplorable condition and has been that way
for years; is an eye-sore and she looks forward to it being gone.

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

10. CONDEMNATION HEARING for Case File 2024-028, regarding the single-family home on the lot at 111 Anthony Street, owned by Gary J. Bernard, ET AL, listed with the address of 5227 Donahue Ferry Road, Pineville, Louisiana 71360, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. Mr. David reported the owner was duly served notice of this hearing. Mr. David stated the property is structurally unstable, the roof is deteriorated, foundation uneven and he considers it condemned by neglect and not a candidate for rehabilitation. Mr. David's recommendation is to condemn the home and give the owner sixty (60) days to voluntarily demolish and clear the property. Mr. Bernard was present and strongly disagreed with the recommendation and stated he believed the property is repairable.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to accept the recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

11. CONDEMNATION HEARING for Case File 2024-023, regarding a mobile home on the lot at 103 Sanders Street, owned by Charles N. Issac, Sr., ET AL, listed with the address of 204 Riverside Drive, Pineville, Louisiana 71360, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. Mr. David reported the owner was duly served notice of this hearing. He stated the mobile home appears to be 60-70 years old. It is in horrible condition, is a detriment to the community, threatens health and safety, and nothing can be done to renovate or restore it. His recommendation is to condemn the home and give the owner sixty (60) days to voluntarily demolish and clear the property. There was no one present at the meeting to represent the owner of the property.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to accept the recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

12. CONDEMNATION HEARING for Case File 2024-027, regarding the single-family home on the lot at 720 Sycamore Street, owned by James Freeman, ET AL, listed with the address of 3223 Redwood Drive, Alexa ndria, Louisiana 71301, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. Mr. David reported the owner was duly served notice of this hearing. There was no one present at the meeting to represent the owner of the property. Mayor Dupree noted the owner made contact with the administration about not being able to attend the meeting. They would like for the Council to consider "continuing" the hearing to provide time for an assessment on rehabilitating the home.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn to continue the condemnation hearing for 60-days. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

13. CONDEMNATION HEARING for Case File 2024-030, regarding a mobile home on the lot at 109 Lakeview Street, owned by Leontina Dauzat, listed with the address of P.O. Box 4215, Pineville, Louisiana 71361, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. Mr. David reported the owner was duly served notice of this hearing. The mobile home is a nuisance to the community and danger to safety, it is overgrown and appears to have been vacant for many years. His recommendation is to condemn the home and give the owner sixty (60) days to voluntarily demolish and clear the property. There was no one present at the meeting to represent the owner of the property.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to accept the recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

- 14. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution to repeal Resolution 2024-0709-25, dated July 9, 2024, to authorize the Mayor to serve notice of condemnation hearing to the owners of 104 Lakeview Street. Mayor Dupree explained this action is necessary due to an incorrect address provided by the Tax Assessor's Office. It has since been corrected by them and the corrected resolution is later on this agenda. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- -- Mayor Dupree took personal privilege to recognize Kimberly Cunningham Harrell for being present. She represents the City of Pineville on the Alexandria/Pineville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.
- Mayor Dupree took personal privilege to recognize Scott Gaspard from Gaspard Construction Services, for being present. Mr. Gaspard has been working with the City in coordinating the street overlay projects. Since February 2024, we have spent over \$1M to overlay 18 streets. Mayor Dupree explained we have been able to accomplish this, because the City Council enabled us to invest in an Asphalt Zipper. The Asphalt Zipper cuts the cost and time for a street overlay in half, because it is operated by our Public Works Department and recycles the old asphalt to create a solid base for the new overlay.
- 15. ZONING COMMISSION REPORT: Zoning Commissioner, Mr. Tom David, stated that it was the Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve a petition for the rezoning of the lot at 113-A Hilton Court, belonging to Louisiana Heritage Properties, LLC, from R-1 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial) for commercial use. Mr. David indicated the property is about 50' x 50' in size and abuts the Walker Automotive property next to the Pineville Expressway.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Martin to accept the Zoning Commission's recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

Yea: Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin

Nay: None Abstain: None Absent: None

ZONING COMMISSION REPORT: Mr. David stated that it was the Zoning 16. Commission's recommendation to approve a petition for the rezoning of 2.96 acres located at 2819 Highway 107 that includes Lots A, B and C, belonging to JWT Properties, LLC, from R-2 (Residential) to C-2 (Commercial) for the purpose of a boat storage facility.

A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to accept the Zoning Commission's recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

Yea:

Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin

Nay: Abstain: None

Absent:

None None

ZONING COMMISSION REPORT: Mr. David stated that it was the Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve a petition for rezoning of 7.568 acres located at 2889 Military Highway, belonging to Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc., from R-2 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial) for the purpose of locating administrative offices, with a stipulation that it is to be used for general office business purposes only and should there be an anticipated change of business use beyond that, the owner must petition the Council for expanded use of the zoning classification.

A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to accept the Zoning Commission's recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

Yea:

Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin

Nay: Abstain: None

None

Absent:

None

ZONING COMMISSION REPORT: Mr. David stated it was the Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve the rezoning of 11.2547 acres located at 2136 Rainbow Drive, belonging to Pineville Development, LLC, from C-1 (Commercial) to C-2 (Commercial) for the purpose of the construction of a new automobile dealership. Mr. David noted the petitioner's request was for C-3, but the Commission feels C-2 is a better fit for an automobile dealership.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to accept the Zoning Commission's recommendation as stated. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

Yea:

Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin

Nay:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the City to proceed with a not a exceed \$10M financing through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority and providing for other matters with respect thereto. Mayor Dupree explained this is Bond Money we are applying for to make water and sewer improvements throughout the City. If approved, it is expected to go before the Bond Commission in their September meeting. Councilman Martin noted this is part of the \$27M infrastructure plan we put in place.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to adopt an ordinance authorizing the City to proceed with a not a exceed \$10M financing through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority and providing for other matters with respect thereto. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

Yea:

Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin

Nay:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

20. A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve a resolution to ADOPT the adjusted millage rate(s).

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City of Pineville of the Parish of Rapides, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on August 13, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE		
General Alimony	9.74 mills	
Police & Fire	5.70 mills	

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assessor of the Parish of Rapides, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

Yea:

Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin

Nay:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

21. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution to SET FORTH the adjusted millage rate(s) after reassessment **and** roll forward to millage rates(s) not to exceed the prior year's maximum authorized rate(s).

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Pineville of the Parish of Rapides, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on August 13, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2024, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

## Adjusted Rate 2024 Levy

Polic & Fire Maintenance	9.74 mills	10 mills
General Alimony	5.70 mills	5.85 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assessor of the Parish of Rapides, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

Yea:

Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin

Nay:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

A motion was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilman Martin 22. to approve a resolution empowering the Mayor to seek an opinion from the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana, regarding various provisions of The Community Sewerage System Infrastructure Sustainability Act and The Community Drinking Water Infrastructure Sustainability Act. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

Yea:

Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin

Nay: Abstain: None

None

Absent: None

- A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve a resolution to approve the selection for Grant Management and Administrative Services for the City's Louisiana Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant Program - Louisiana Watershed Initiative Round 2 Application – SMITHVILLE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution to approve the selection for Engineering Services for the City's Louisiana Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant Program -Louisiana Watershed Initiative Round 2 Application - SMITHVILLE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve the selection for Engineering Services to implement the six-year Capital Improvement Program for the Pineville Municipal Airport and authorize the Mayor to enter into a Master Engineering Services Agreement. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents related to entering a lease-purchase agreement with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of financing a license plate reader, vehicles, heavy equipment and other equipment. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway to approve a resolution authorizing and approving the execution of an equipment lease-purchase agreement for a TL3 LIGHTNING LOADER with Cadence Equipment Finance, a division of Cadence Bank. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution declaring the following item as surplus for the purpose of selling, donating, auctioning or disposing of as necessary.

2004 Sutphen Fire Engine	
. 1	VIN# 1S9A1HLD842003082
HP OfficeJet Pro 8710 Printer/Copier	Ser# CN73UHWoZR
Pioneer Dual Cassette Deck	Ser# KD3900832N
High-Back Office Chair	None
Low-Back Office Guest Reception Chair	None
Low-Back Office Secretary Typing Chair	None
Low-Back Stationary Swivel Chair	None
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108	5ea Low-Back Office Chair	None
108	11ea Mid-Back Office Chair w/Contoured Mesh Back	None
108	15ea Low-Back 3-Seat Beam Chair	None
102	6ea Gamber Johnson Equipment/Communications Console	None
102	6ea Sentina Partion Police Unit Cage	None
102	6ea Soundoff 9000 Light Bar	None
102	1ea Gensis Radar	Ser# G2S-34127/G2R-02354
102	1ea Gensis Radar	Ser# G2S-35995/G2R-02692
102	1ea Gensis Radar	Ser# G2S-34914/G2R-02737
102	1ea Gensis Radar	Ser# G2S-37680
102	1ea Gensis Radar	Ser# G2S-34126/G2R-02353
102	1ea Gensis Radar	Ser# G2S-32754
102	1ea 2014 Ford Taurus Interceptor	VIN# 1FAHP2MK6EG129581
102	1ea 2013 Ford Taurus Interceptor	VIN# 1fahp2m82dg150642
102	1ea 2015 Ford Taurus Interceptor	VIN# 1FAHP2MK2FG117719
102	1ea 2018 Ford Taurus Interceptor	VIN# 1FAHP2MKXJG112311
102	1ea 2014 Ford Explorer Interceptor	VIN# 1FM5K8AR1EGA80592
102	1ea 2013 Ford Explorer Interceptor	VIN# 1FM5K8ARXDGB15807
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The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- 29. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to serve notice to the property owners of a single-family home at 50 Hillcrest Blvd and schedule a public hearing for condemnation. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- 30. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to serve notice to the property owners of a single-family home at 53 Hillcrest Blvd and schedule a public hearing for condemnation. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- 31. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to serve notice to the property owners of a mobile home at 55 Hillcrest Blvd and schedule a public hearing for condemnation. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- 32. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to serve notice to the property owners of a single-family home at 65 Hillcrest Blvd and schedule a public hearing for condemnation. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- 33. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to serve notice to the property owners of a single-family home at 75 Hillcrest Blvd and schedule a public hearing for condemnation. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- 34. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Dorn to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to serve notice to the property owners of a single-family home at 76 Hillcrest Blvd and schedule a public hearing for condemnation. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- 35. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to serve notice to the property owners of a mobile home at 345 Kings Lane and schedule a public hearing for condemnation. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- 36. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galloway and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to serve notice to the property owners of a single-family home at 303 Riverside 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.
- 37. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to introduce, accept for publication an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Article I, Section 28-8, relative to the use of certain surplus monies in the witness fee fund for the Pineville City Court. Mayor Dupree explained this is to enable the Pineville City Court to redirect funds, they are giving the Rapides Parish Crime Stoppers, to the North Rapides Crime Stoppers. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- -- Mayor Dupree took the personal privilege to recognize Ms. Trayce Snow for being present. Ms. Snow is an Alexandria City Council At-Large candidate.
- -- Mayor Dupree asked for Public Comment at this time due to the Executive Session listed as the last item on the agenda:
  - Mr. Eddie Lachney, 506 Main Street, expressed concern and questioned why the Legal Committee Meeting held prior to the Council Meeting was not live streamed as Mr. Lachney believes is required by a newly enacted law. City Attorney, Mark Vilar, explained the meeting is used as a Mayoral briefing and no action is taken by the Council. Mr. Vilar explained that the State Law regarding "live streaming" is brand new and that the City is still working through some logistics. Mr. Lachney then asked when the Mardi Gras Parade is scheduled. Mayor Dupree replied that it is in February and the date is on Social Media. He will get the date and let Mr. Lachney know.
  - Councilman Martin "thanked" Dr. Karl Carpenter, Principal at Pineville High, for attending the meeting. Mayor Dupree noted Dr. Carpenter will be attending and playing *Taps* for a special ceremony to remember Marine Lance Corporal R.V. Edwards, at the National Cemetery on August 23d, where there will be a plaque presentation to the Edwards family.
- 38. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway at 7:48 p.m., to enter into an Executive Session to discuss potential legal action involving a former employee. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

Yea:

Councilpersons Galloway, Dorn, Frederic, Bouchie, Martin

Nay: Abstain: None None

Absent:

None

-- Upon returning to the Council Chambers at 8:23 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to exit the Executive Session and reenter the Regular Council Meeting. The floor was opened for public comment and there were none. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bouchie and seconded by Councilwoman Galloway at 8:24 p.m. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Dupree closed the meeting with the benediction.

Rich Dupree, Mayor

Chris Workman, City Clerk

## **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 13th day of August, 2024.

Chris Workman, City Clerk