

CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA  
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
April 8, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.  
**MINUTES**

Mayor Joe Bishop and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, beginning at 5:00 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 Dorn gave the invocation.

3. Pineville City Marshal Murphy Rachal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Bouchie and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to accept the minutes of the March 11, 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. He reported the Pooled Cash ending balance for the month of March is \$1,264,836. March sales tax was up year-over-year by 14.84% ... over \$187K. Mr. Humphries explained the Occupational Licenses were down 23% because most of them are collected in January and February, with a due date of January 1st. There were no further comments heard.

7. Mayor Bishop recognized Pineville Police Officers Denzell Bradley, Chris Busby, Devin Cates, Braxton Cripps and Jessie Sanchez for their life saving efforts during a fire on March 3, 2025. Police Chief Roy Fore explained these officers responded to an apartment fire where heavy smoke and flames were visible. Despite the danger, these officers forced entry to rescue a disabled resident and cleared the surrounding apartments. Mayor Bishop presented them with the Pineville Proud Award.

8. Mayor Bishop recognized Pineville Police Officer Hunter Rachal for his life saving efforts during a fire on March 20, 2025, while off-duty. Chief Fore explained Officer Rachal responded to a fire in his neighborhood and entered the burning home to pull the resident to safety, risking his own safety. Mayor Bishop presented him with the Pineville Proud Award.

9. PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of an ordinance renewing the franchise agreement granting to ATMOS Energy Corporation (a Texas and Virginia corporation with its principal office in the municipality of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas) and its successors and assigns the franchise and rights to conduct in such municipality the business of acquiring, maintaining, constructing, laying, repairing, removing, replacing, installing, operating, and disposing of a gas system for the sale, transportation, and distribution of natural gas within and beyond the municipal boundaries of the municipality and to the residents and businesses located therein for light, heat, power, and any other purposes and the right to use the present and future streets, roads, highways, alleys, bridges, public ways, and immovable property in such municipality and owned or controlled by such municipality for such purposes; prescribing the terms and conditions to which such franchise and rights are subject; and prescribing the term of such franchise and rights. There were no comments heard.

A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to adopt the aforementioned ordinance. Mayor Bishop explained this is to renew the franchise agreement with ATMOS at the same rate. Roll call was as follows:

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

10. PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Article VI, Section 38-162, relative to vehicle speed limits including all school zones and an exception for Pineville High. There were no comments heard.

A motion was made by Councilman O’Neal and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to adopt an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Article VI, Section 38-162, relative to vehicle speed limits including all school zones and an exception for Pineville High. Mayor Bishop explained this is to increase the speed limit in the Pineville High School Zone from 15 to 20 mph. Roll call was as follows:

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

11. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Martin to remove Agenda Item 11, which was to consider adopting 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, from the Agenda. There was no Council discussion. Roll call was as follows:

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

12. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to introduce/accept for publication an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Article II, Sections 40-38, 40-39, 40-40 and 40-41, relative to Rates and Charges to amend an Appendix reference. Mayor Bishop explained this is to correct a “typo” when the ordinance was adopted. There were no further comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. 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, Appendix D – Fee Schedule, Sections 40-35, 40-36, 40-40, 40-41 and 40-50, relative to Utility Deposits, Sewer Tap Charges and Other Fees. There was no Council discussion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution accepting the Mayor’s recommendation to appoint Tim Ledet, Sr, to the Board of Commissioners for Water Works District 3 of Rapides Parish. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman Bouchie to approve a resolution accepting the Mayor’s recommendation to reappoint Jerry Cripps to the Pineville Housing Authority. There were no comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution declaring the following items in the City Marshal’s Office and Public Works, Recreation, and Utility Departments as surplus for the purpose of selling, donating, auctioning, or disposing of as necessary.

DEPT	NOMENCLATURE (MODEL)	SERIAL NO/VIN.
106	1ea ExMark LazerZ Zero Turn Mower	Motor SER# E/NO FX921VA19202
106	1ea ExMark LazaerZ Zero Turn Mower	INV# 03319
106	1ea Woods Brushbull Bushhog	SER# 1273218
106	1ea New Hollad Tractor	SER# HJE030920
107	1ea 2006 Ford E350 Van	VIN# 1FBNE31L56DB40245

110	3ea Truck Pipe Racks	UNKNOWN
112	1ea SCAG Zero Turn Mower	SER# R0900424
112	1ea SCAG Zero Turn Mower	SER# K2202492
112	1ea SCAG Zero Turn Mower	SER# H9900492
112	1ea Stihl Weedeater	INV# 06272
112	1ea Stihl Weedeater	INV# FS-240R
112	1ea Troy Bilt Lawn Edger	INV# TB554
112	1ea Stihl Pole Saw	SER# 4182-011-06023
112	1ea Woods Brushbull Bushhog	SER# 1242444
112	1ea Stihl Pole Saw	SER# 537284726
112	1ea Stihl Blower	INV#DR-07419
112	1ea Woods Brushbull Bushhog	SER# 1288816
114	1ea 2015 International Truck	VIN# 3HAMMMML1FL731190
117	1ea New Holland Tractor	SER# YL369082
202	1ea ExMark LazerZ Zero Turn Mower	SER# 937634
204	1ea Roto Rooter Pipecleaner	UNKNOWN
204	1ea Ditch Witch Boring Machine	SER# 16JF01628E1047938
204	1ea 2002 CFWS Trailer	VIN# 1C9UT131Z2L347012
204	1ea Uemsi Predator Camera Rail (blue)	INV# 01667
204	1ea Camera Rail (yellow)	UNKNOWN
204	1ea Vivax Metrotech Camera Rail (blue)	MOD# V-CAM5
204	1ea John Deer Riding Mower	SER# MOL150B018231
204	1ea SCAT Zero Turn Mower	SER# K2200920

Mayor Bishop explained we will have a public auction on Saturday, April 12 @9am, at Buhlow Lake. Moreau Auction Company is conducting the auction. The vehicles and equipment is at Buhlow Lake available for viewing. There were no further comments heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

-- City Engineer Tom David, requested the Council consider adding Agenda Item 17, concerning a temporary moratorium on "tiny homes." A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Dorn to add Agenda Item 17. There were no comments heard. Roll call was as follows:


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


17. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution instituting a 90-day moratorium on "tiny homes", defined as less than 900 heated square feet. Mr. David recommended the Council pass this resolution to provide his office time to develop an ordinance regarding "tiny homes." In response to a question regarding those "tiny homes" that come in on wheels with axels, Chief of Operations Darrell Basco explained that his research showed in those instances, it would be considered an RV and you cannot live in an RV inside the City Limits. There were no further comments heard. Roll call was as follows:

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

At this time Mayor Bishop opened the floor up for any other business to come before the Council. Ms. Mary McQuarn addressed the Council regarding the color of her water. She lives just off Melrose Street and claimed she has been dealing with brown water for 5-years.


There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman O'Neal at 5:31 p.m. Councilman Dorn 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 8th day of April, 2025.

  
Chris Workman, City Clerk