

**City of Pineland
Minutes
January 23, 2025
5:30 P.M. – Regular Meeting**

The City Council of the City of Pineland, Texas met on January 23, 2025 with the following to wit:

Tracy A. Lane -- Mayor Pro – Tem
Lisa Welch – Council Member
Joseph Lane – Mayor
Echo Jordan -- Council Member
Elaine Lacey - Council Member
Demond Williams -- Council Member - Absent

Jim Strickland-Judge - Absent
Sheena Moody – City Secretary - Absent
Kenneth Isaacks -- Chief of Police
DeWayne Armstrong – City Administrator

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Joe Lane called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tracy Lane opened with prayer.

Council Member Echo Jordan made a motion to approve the regular session minutes for December 10, 2024 and special session minutes for January 7, 2025. Council Member Elaine Lacey seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Citizen Presentations:

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Pro-Tem Tracy Lane made a motion to approve the December 2024 accounts payable. Council Member Echo Jordan seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Discuss and take action if necessary on approving 4th quarterly report for FY-2024 – Mayor Pro-Tem Tracy Lane made a motion to approve the 4th quarterly report for FY-2024. Council Member Elaine Lacey seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Old Business:

Not applicable

New Business:

Not applicable.

Board Reports

Jim Strickland – Municipal Court - Absent
Kenneth Isaacks – Police Department
Donna Nichols – Library
Joe Lane - Pineland Volunteer Fire Department
DeWayne Armstrong – City Administrator

Council Items:

Discuss and take action in necessary on the Joint Election Agreement between the City of Pineland and West Sabine for May 2025 Municipal Election – Council Member Echo Jordan made a motion to accept the Joint Election Agreement between the City of Pineland and West Sabine for May 2025 Municipal Election. Council Member Elaine Lacey seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Discuss and take action if necessary on ordering a General Election for Saturday, May 3, 2025 for the Mayor, Council Place #2, and Council Place #4 – Mayor Pro-Tem Tracy Lane made a motion to order a General Election for Saturday, May 3, 2025 for the Mayor, Council Place #2, and Council Place #4. Council Member Lisa Welch seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Discuss and take action on modifying the industrial water and wastewater rates for 2025 – Council Member Lisa Welch made a motion to modify the industrial water and wastewater rates for 2025 to 0 gallons to 1.5 million gallons at \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons Over 1.5 million gallons at \$7.75 per 1,000 gallons for water and \$6 per 1,000 gallons for wastewater, see attached letter. Council Member Echo Jordan seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Discuss and take action if necessary on the replacement of water valves on the North end of town – Council Member Elaine Lacey made a motion to replace the water valves on the North end of town. Council Member Echo Jordan seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Discuss and take action if necessary on the purchase of the new software/equipment for court/PD – Council Member Lisa Welch made a motion to purchase the new software/equipment for court/PD. Council Member Echo Jordan seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Discuss personnel – No action.

Discuss agenda items Council Members would like to see on the next regular meeting agenda – N/A

Executive:

At 6:22 pm Council Member made a motion to enter executive session. Council Member Elaine Lacey seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Council discussed and personnel.


At 6:45 pm Council Member Elaine Lacey made a motion to adjourn executive session. Council Member Echo Jordan seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

At 6:50 PM Mayor Pro-Tem Tracy Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Lisa Welch seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Approved

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Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DeWayne Armstrong', written over the word 'Attest'.



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The City of Pineland
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Dear Mayor Lane, City Manager Armstrong, and Pineland City Council Members,

On behalf of Georgia-Pacific, I am writing to express our appreciation to you, the Pineland City Council members, Mayor Joe Lane, and City Manager DeWayne Armstrong, for the valued partnership we share. Like our city leaders, Georgia-Pacific is committed to ensuring that the City of Pineland thrives for years to come through continued community collaboration and growth.

An example of our collaboration and partnership is the recent resolution of an issue related to our facility's water and sewage consumption and billing. Our discussions resulted in a new agreement on rates with the city that we feel are comparable with the rates and volume requirements at Georgia-Pacific's other Texas facilities. We appreciate that the City of Pineland was responsive to our concerns and that the new framework will not put the mill at a disadvantage to similarly situated facilities.

We also appreciate the city's acknowledgment and correction of a metering/billing issue under which Georgia-Pacific estimates that it has likely made overpayments of \$2.5 million or more during the past four years. Though these payments represent a substantial loss to the company, specifically Pineland Lumber, we are nonetheless mindful of the positive benefits that these payments provided the city during difficult times, including during the Pandemic. While Georgia-Pacific has agreed not to pursue reimbursement for any of these payments, it appreciates that the city is willing to publicly recognize this and Georgia-Pacific's many other positive contributions to the Pineland community and to underscore Georgia-Pacific's partnership with both Pineland and Sabine County.

For its part, Georgia-Pacific appreciates the community and employee support which have helped to make possible the addition of a second sawmill at Pineland Lumber, at an investment of \$145 million in the community. With nearly 350 employees, we take pride in being part of a community that many of us call home. Georgia-Pacific also proudly partners with local nonprofit

organizations and schools in Pineland and Sabine County, contributing more than \$50,000 annually.

We are committed to building upon the collaborative relationship we have with our city leaders, and we look forward to many more years of fruitful partnership.

Sincerely,

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Yana Ogletree

Public & Government Affairs Manager, Texas
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