

WORK SESSION
JULY 13, 2026
5:00 P.M.

The Town of Pine Mountain held a work session on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. in the Town Hall.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL SALARIES

Councilmember Mabry requested that the council discuss the salaries again because she thinks the amount that was proposed is a little high.

Mr. Hastey said it is time to play catch up. Pine Mountain has the lowest salaries for city council and mayors in the surrounding area. The city council and mayor have not had an increase in salaries as far back as of 1990 when Callaway Gardens was taken into the city limits of Pine Mountain. At that time the city council raised the salary for the mayor to \$6,000.00. This was taken for only one year and then refused by the mayor.

Councilmember Scott stated it's too much of an increase.

Councilmember Bray stated he thinks they should be given the increase because we are here more. It's time for us to move forward.

Councilmember Trott said he thinks we should look at our peers. This is a public service not a money-making position. When council attends conferences, we are reimbursed for our mileage, etc.

Councilmember Pound stated some people might have to take time away from their jobs.

Councilmembers Bray and Pound stated they don't need the money.

The proposed amounts are council members \$800 and mayor \$2,500. per year.

FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE

Mayor Mullins suggested that the town mirror the county. We can get counsel to have a resolution for council to consider at the next council meeting.

TREE ORDINANCE

Mayor Mullins discussed the tree ordinance that was given to council at the last work session for council to look over and come back with any concerns. We can get counsel to look over the ordinance and make any corrections.

POTHOLE ORDINANCE

Mayor Mullins presented a pothole ordinance for council to consider. No changes were noted. We can get counsel to look over the ordinance and make any corrections.

AERATORS REDUCTION IN POWER BILL AT SEWAGE PLANT

Mr. Mark Vandiver, GRWA's Energy Efficiency Tech, performed an on-site evaluation of Pine Mountain's WWTP in July 2026.

Pine Mountain's WWTP is an efficient design, and the plant's energy usage is biased by lower flowrates and loading conditions which can make it difficult to turn down the current mechanical aerators. Pine Mountain's floating mechanical units are old, and several units need to be repaired or replaced. Pine Mountain's plant was designed to treat 0.3 MGD, and the city is currently spending \$42,000.00 annually on electricity costs. Pine Mountain contacted GWRA to evaluate diffused air aeration to replace the current floating mechanical aerators.

The following recommendations and energy savings simply build on the same conservation strategy for reducing the plant's overall energy demand and billed demand by upgrading the WWTP aeration system. GRWA estimated that Pine Mountain would need to purchase a minimum of three diffused air units for their lagoons based on the current BOD and TSS loading conditions.

The anticipated benefits from these approaches are expected to include:

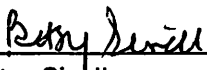
An estimated \$29,193 per year (a 71% reduction) in cost savings due to energy demand reduction of 30 kw.

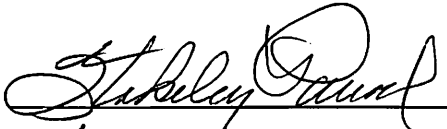
An estimated 70% reduction of energy consumption equates to 236,173 kWh saved each year. This energy saving comes from installing fine bubbles diffusion in place of the mechanical aeration for two treatment basins.

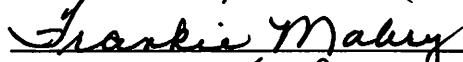
A quote for 3 aeration diffused system was received from Ferguson in the amount of \$104,268.30.

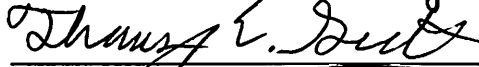
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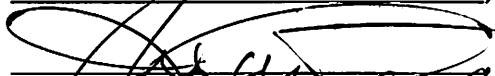
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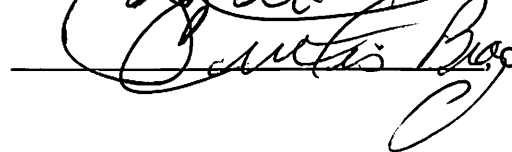

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Frankie Mabry


Thomas E. Scott


James W. Trott, Jr.


Curtis Bray

ACTS OF COUNCIL
JULY 13, 2026
7:00 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Pine Mountain sat in a regular session on the evening of Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall.

Mayor Mary Ruth Mullins presided with Councilpersons James W. Trott, Jr., Frankie Mabry, Thomas E. Scott, Stokeley Pound, and Curtis Bray in attendance.

PRAYER

Rev. Mike Yarbrough opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTS OF COUNCIL

Ms. Mabry made a motion to approve the Acts of Council for the June meeting(s) as written.

Mr. Trott seconded the motion.

Mr. Scott, Mr. Bray, and Mr. Pound voted in favor of the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Mullins presented the financial report for the month of June.

PINE MOUNTAIN TOURISM-Julia Keating

Mrs. Keating presented the monthly report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Justin Oliver, Public Works Superintendent, provided the following report:

4-sewer backups on services

1-small main leak

4-service line leaks

Walk thru and punch list done on Sullivan Circle

Cleaned up downtown for America 250 celebrations

Worked with Police Department to get new fuel tanks installed

Trimmed and thinned out bushes on north end of town

Trouble shoot issues at sewer plant due to lightning

Gathered information for Precision Planning on water line replacement (Shovel Ready Plan)

Gathered information for ad to be run for overlay paving and pothole repairs

PUBLIC SAFETY

Captain Delroy Brinkley provided the following report:

For the first time in several years, Pine Mountain experienced a quiet Fourth of July holiday with no reported issues. Department personnel provided security support for Callaway Gardens throughout the holiday weekend, helping ensure a safe and orderly environment for visitors and the community. The department held several meetings with Impact 360 regarding active shooter preparedness and hosted an active shooter seminar for their organization.

Department personnel participated in a joint sexual assault training class hosted by Harris County.

The department is preparing vehicles to be listed for sale on GovDeals.

A new department patch design was developed as part of ongoing efforts to update and strengthen the department's professional appearance and identity. We met with Maneuvers to discuss updated uniform options and establish an account for future uniform purchases.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Steve Duke provided the following report:

From January through Jun 2026, the Pine Mountain Fire Department offered 48 hours of scheduled training to its 18 active firefighters. Monthly attendance resulted in 536 firefighter training hours. Training focused on firefighter safety, emergency response, fire suppression, rescue operations, incident command, hazardous materials awareness, and driver/operator proficiency.

JUVENILE CURFEW ORDINANCE-2ND READING-Mayor Mullins

Mayor Mullins presented the second reading for a juvenile curfew ordinance.

Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the ordinance as written.

Ms. Mabry seconded the motion.

Mr. Bray, Mr. Pound, and Mr. Trott voted in favor of the motion.

AWARD BID FOR PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING ROOF-Mayor Mullins

The Town received a bid from Elite Southern Services for the public safety building roof in the amount of \$79,945.00.

Mr. Trott made a motion to approve the bid from Elite Southern Services in the amount of \$79,945.00.

Mr. Pound seconded the motion.

Mr. Bray, Mr. Scott, and Ms. Mabry voted in favor of the motion.

AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN A CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME OF CHRISTOPHER NANCE-Mayor Mullins

Mr. Trott made a motion to authorize a credit card to be opened in the name of Christopher Nance.

Ms. Mabry seconded the motion.

Mr. Scott, Mr. Bray, and Mr. Pound voted in favor of the motion.

SPEAKERS ON BROAD STREET (EVERYTHING MUSICAL)-Mayor Mullins

The Town received a quote from Everything Musical to install speakers on Broad Street in the amount of \$13,264.96.

Mr. Bray made a motion to approve having the speakers installed on Broad Street in the amount of \$13,264.96.

Ms. Mabry seconded the motion.

Mr. Scott, Mr. Pound, and Mr. Trott voted in favor of the motion.

PURELY A PUB, LLC-Retail on-premises malt beverage and wine (Diane Humphrey)-1st Reading

Mayor Mullins presented the first reading for a retail on-premises malt beverage and wine license for Purely A Pub, LLC in the name of Diane Humphrey.

POLICE DEPARTMENT-Frank Boykin

Mr. Boykin was not in attendance.

PROPOSAL SUBDIVIDES OF PARCEL 056B-346-Taylor Griffin

Mr. Griffin requested on 7-9-2026 to take off and place on the August agenda.

LIST OF ROADS UPDATE (RADAR)-Captain Brinkley

GDOT conducted an engineering and traffic investigation (ETI/speed study) at the request of the Pine Mountain Mayor, Mary Mullins, to reduce the speed limits along State Route 1 throughout the city. The following speed zones have been updated:

- SR 1 from mile post 19.30 to mile post 20.08 to be posted 40 MPH
- SR 1 from mile post 20.08 to mile post 20.28 to be posted 35 MPH
- SR 1 from mile post 20.28 to mile post 20.70 to be posted 30 MPH
- SR 1 from mile post 20.70 to mile post 20.90 to be posted 35 MPH
- SR 1 from mile post 20.90 to mile post 21.10 (City Limits) to be posted 45 MPH

Mr. Scott made a motion to approve GDOT's recommendations on the speed limits along State Route 1.

Mr. Trott seconded the motion.

Ms. Mabry, Mr. Bray, and Mr. Pound voted in favor of the motion.

GDOT also provided a list of roadways for The Town of Pine Mountain, Harris County on-system roadways and off-system roadways.

Mr. Scott made a motion requesting the list of roadways provided by GDOT be approved for the use of speed detection devices.

Mr. Trott seconded the motion.

Mr. Bray, Ms. Mabry, and Mr. Pound voted in favor of the motion.

AXON COMPANY (TASER & BODY CAMERAS)-Captain Brinkley

Captain Brinkley presented information regarding Taser and Body Cameras from Axon Company.

Axon's biggest competitive advantage is not just the camera itself-it's the complete ecosystem of body cameras, digital evidence management, AI assisted workflows, automatic activation, and integration with other public safety technologies. For agencies that value a comprehensive platform Axon is often viewed as one of the strongest choices on the market.

The Taser 10 was designed to increase the likelihood of a successful less-lethal deployment before an officer must escalate to another force option. Those improvements are the primary reasons agencies are evaluating or adopting the newer platform.

The cost of the taser and body cameras is \$183,895.28. The Town can make payments annually for 5 years at \$36,409.12.

Mr. Trott made a motion to approve the request for the taser and body cameras.

Ms. Mabry seconded the motion.

Mr. Pound, Mr. Bray, and Mr. Scott voted in favor of the motion.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY-287(g) PROGRAM-Captain Brinkley

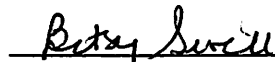
Interim Chief Nance discussed with Mayor and Council a program through the Department of Homeland Security at the June 8th work session. The program is ICE's 287(g) Program. It empowers your agency to enforce certain U.S. immigration laws, enhancing community safety. Under this program's designated authorities, your agency can: 1) identify and process removable aliens with pending or active criminal charges, 2) enforce limited immigration law with ICE oversight during routine duties, 3) serve and execute administrative warrants on aliens in jail.

Mr. Pound made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Town of Pine Mountain.

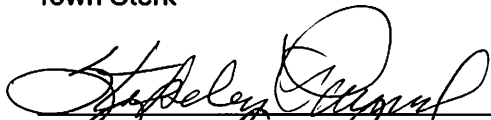
Mr. Bray seconded the motion.

Mr. Trott, Mr. Scott, and Ms. Mabry voted in favor of the motion.

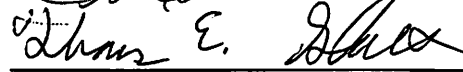
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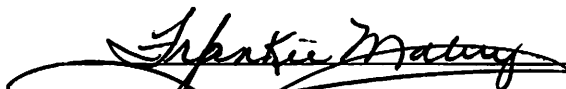


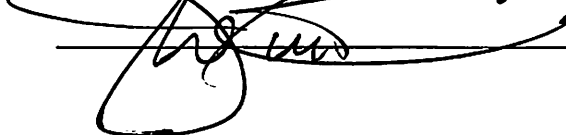
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