



CITY OF PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
April 14, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Mayor Joe Bishop and the Council of the City of Pineville, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 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. Mayor Bishop asked the students in attendance to lead 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 John Marcase
District 5 Councilman Nathan Martin
Absent: None
5. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2026, regular meeting as published. No comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
6. FINANCIAL REPORT was given by Finance Director, Mr. David Humphries. Mr. Humphries reported the Pooled Cash beginning balance for the month of March was \$583,141 and the ending balance was \$737,550. Sales tax was down by 2.14% year-over-year. Overall, for the year, we are down 0.62%. Occupational License collection was up by 5.19%. Although we are down a little, we are still seeing a lot of new businesses opening up. Mayor Bishop stated the grand opening of T.J. Maxx resulted in their second highest sales for a grand opening in the Nation. He "thanked" everyone for their support and encouraged attendees to continue shopping in Pineville.
7. Mayor Bishop recognized the Pineville High School Girls Soccer Team for their recent District Championship. He presented the team with a Pineville Proud Award.
8. Mayor Bishop recognized the Pineville High School Boys Soccer Team for their recent District Championship. He presented the team with a Pineville Proud Award.
9. Mayor Bishop recognized the Pineville Junior High School 7th Grade Boys Baseball Team for their recent League Championship. He presented the team with a Pineville Proud Award.
10. Mayor Bishop recognized the Pineville Junior High School 8th Grade Boys Baseball Team for their recent League Championship. He presented the team with a Pineville Proud Award.

11. CONDEMNATION HEARING for Case File 2024-033, regarding 55 Hillcrest Drive, owned by Randy Stanford, with the address listed as 210 Beeson Road, Ball LA 71405, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. City Engineer, Mr. Tom David, stated the property has a severely dilapidated mobile home that is not a candidate for rehabilitation. He recognized the property has recently been cleaned up and the mobile home is now visible. Whereas before, the property was overgrown and there was no access to the structure. Mr. Stanford was in attendance. He stated he recently purchased the property and cleaned up the lot. He has no desire to keep the mobile home and he plans to get rid of it. Mr. David recommended this property be condemned and the owner given 90-days to voluntarily clear the sight and remove the mobile home.

A motion was made by Councilman O'Neal and seconded by Councilman Dorn to accept the recommendation as stated. No further comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

12. CONDEMNATION HEARING for Case File 2024-026, regarding 107 Bell Road, owned by Beatrice Mathes c/o Jessie Mitchell, with the address listed as P.O. Box 4561, Pineville LA 71361, according to Rapides Parish Tax Assessor records. City Engineer, Mr. Tom David, stated the mobile home on this property is severely dilapidated and he considers it a "condemnation by neglect". There was no one in attendance representing the owner. Mr. David noted the owner was served notice and a notice was published in the official journal. Mr. David recommended we condemn this property and give the owner 60-days to voluntarily demolish the structure and clear the sight.

A motion was made by Councilman Marcase and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to accept the recommendation as stated. No further comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. PUBLIC HEARING was held for the adoption of an ordinance to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Article II, Division 1, Section 16-21, to adopt International Fire Codes. Fire Chief Kenny Kessler stated the Fire Marshal adopted the International Fire Codes and we are mirroring what they've done to facilitate working together. No further comments were heard.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman Martin to amend and modify the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Article II, Division 1, Section 16-21, to adopt International Fire Codes. There was no Council discussion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Roll call was as follows:

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

14. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frederic and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution to award the contract for the project entitled *RENOVATIONS TO WWTP PUMP STATION NO 1. MAIN PUMP STATION* to the lowest bidder. Mr. David stated the City has embarked on significant capital improvements to the sewer system and this pump station is one of the oldest assets. This station services Downtown Pineville and the improvements will allow us to divert the wastewater to either one of the two treatment plants. The low bid is Benchmark Construction Group for \$2,352,500...the Engineer's Estimate was \$2.1M. No further comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution authorizing Mayor Joseph "Joe" Bishop to execute any and all agreements and documents with LaDOTD for the Pineville Municipal Airport. Mr. David clarified this resolution is to notify LaDOTD that Mayor Bishop is the "point person" to sign any documents that may come up regarding the Airport. No further comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve and ratify the Mayor's execution of a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Alexandria Fire Department and the Pineville Fire Department. No comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Marcase to approve a resolution declaring the following items in the Police Department as surplus for the purpose of selling, donating, auctioning, or disposing of as necessary.

-- 1ea 2016 Ford Explorer Interceptor (and equipment), VIN# 1FM5K8AR6GGB12875

No comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

18. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution to reverse the decision to condemn the single-family home at 115 Holly Oak Street. No comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

19. A motion was made by Councilman Dorn and seconded by Councilman O'Neal to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to serve notice to the property owners of 115 Holly Oak Street and reschedule a public hearing for condemnation. Mayor Bishop explained proper notification was not made previously, so we are going to readdress it. No further comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

20. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Frederic to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Pineville Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board ("Board") to retain legal counsel to provide advice to the Board. No comments were heard. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

At this time Mayor Bishop opened the floor for any other business to come before the Council.

-- Councilman Dorn invited individuals in attendance, who are running for election on May 16th, to introduce themselves. The following candidates came forward: Greg Aaron - candidate for Council District 1, Peter Ford - candidate for Council District 3, Hugh Halle - candidate for Council District 3, Celeste Mobley - candidate for Council District 4, Samantha Stanley - candidate for Council District 5, Chris Camp - candidate for Mayor. Ms. Mobley then recognized the incumbents who are running for office: District 1 Councilman Randy O'Neal, District 4 Councilman John Marcase and Mayor Joe Bishop.

-- Mayor Bishop announced that on April 25th, from 3-7pm, the City is partnering with Cody Ford's Pancake House Spring Fling at the Levee Flag Pole. He reminded attendees Cody Ford is a Pineville resident who currently plays in the NFL for the Cincinnati Bengals. Also, Pineville will participate in "Love the Boot Week" on April 25th. Participants will meet at City Hall at 9am and travel to the Kingsville area to clean up the parking lots.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Frederick and seconded by Councilman Dorn at 5:40 p.m. Councilman Martin prayed the benediction.

/s/ Joe Bishop
Joe Bishop, Mayor

/s/ Chris Workman
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 14th day of April, 2026.

/s/ Chris Workman
Chris Workman, City Clerk