

Town of Pine Level

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MARCH 12, 2026, 5:45 p.m.

The Town of Pine Level held a Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026, in a meeting room of the Town of Pine Level Town Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

INVOCATION An invocation was given by Councilmember Bixler.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Zachary Bigley called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL Mayor Bigley called roll. Present were Councilmembers Bixler, Gray, Hickman, Mayhan and Moore. Also, present was Town Clerk Theresa Cook and Town Attorneys Nancy Kirby and Nikki Ivey.

MINUTES Month of January, 2026
Work Session, January 6, 2026
Regular Council Meeting, January 8, 2026
Special Called Meeting, January 13, 2026
Special Called Meeting, January 22, 2026

Mayor Bigley called for a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Motion was made by Councilmember Bixler and was seconded by Councilmember Moore. The motion carried by majority vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Business License Update

Mayor Bigley called on Town Clerk Cook to provide this update. There has been several businesses to complete the application process.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Bigley called on Kristi G. Pieper, Director of Economic and Community Development, Autauga County, to make announcements for Autauga County PALS, People Against a Littered State. She stated the large role that the municipalities take in shredding events and spring litter cleaning days.

“Plant” a Guardian Blue Bench

Mayor Bigley called attention to the flyer in the Council meeting packets. He stated that this is used as a Guardian Credit Union outreach. Mayor Bigley stated that Autauga County had requested two benches be placed at the new ballpark under construction.

Financial Report – January, 2026

Mayor Bigley reviewed the balances from the January report. Town Clerk Cook was asked if there was any information in the report to be explained and she stated she was asked to simplify the monthly report presented to the Council. She called attention to that the property taxes had been paid. To approve the financial report, a motion was made by Councilmember Gray and seconded by Councilmember Moore. This motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-30: Annexation Request, 152 County Road 102

Mayor Bigley called attention to this annexation request in the meeting packets and that it would add six people to the Town. A motion to adopt this Ordinance was made by Councilmember Gray and seconded by Councilmember Mayhan. This passed unanimously. There was a discussion of the property in the Town along County Road 102.

Ordinance 2026-32: Establish a Sunday Alcohol Sales

Mayor Bigley stated that this was discussed in the Council Work Session and called on Attorney Kirby for an explanation of what the county allows. Since time of incorporation, the Town has followed what Autauga County permits. A motion to suspend the Robert’s Rules of Order was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Gray. This passed unanimously. A motion to pass this Ordinance was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Gray. Mayor Bigley called for a vote. There were three to vote in favor of this ordinance; Councilmembers Hickman, Gray and Mayhan; and two to vote against; Councilmembers Bixler and Moore. This passed by majority vote.

Project Rocky Top

Mayor Bigley called on Attorney Kirby for an update on this project, and she stated that they are waiting for information on updated agreements. She shared that there were some franchise tax ordinances that could be considered during the Council Meeting that are related to but not connected directly with Project Rocky Top.

Franchise Tax Update

Mayor Bigley called attention to the following ordinances in the meeting packets.
Ordinance 2026-33: Central Alabama Electric Cooperativa – Electricity
Ordinance 2026-34: Central Alabama Electric Cooperativa – CAEC, Broadband

Mayor Bigley read the introduction section of the ordinances and called on Attorney Kirby for explanation. She stated that a franchise agreement permits a utility to use the property of the Town’s right-of-way to run a specific utility, such as power lines. Mayor Bigley stated that this normally generates revenue for the municipality. Attorney Kirby provided information on a franchise tax compared to the tax ordinances already in place.

For Ordinance 2026-33, a motion to suspend the Robert's Rules of Order was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Moore. This passed unanimously. A motion for passage of this ordinance was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Bixler. This ordinance passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about these ordinances and Councilmember Mayhan stated that other utilities are planning to run through the Town; specifically, CSpire.

For Ordinance 2026-34, a motion to suspend the Robert's Rules of Order was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Moore. This passed unanimously. A motion for passage of this ordinance was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Mayhan. This ordinance passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-37: Road Maintenance of County Road 92

Mayor Bigley reviewed this Resolution and stated there is a partnership with Autauga County, Guardian and the Town. Each entity will contribute \$10,000. For passage of this Resolution, a motion to suspend the Robert's Rules of Order was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Mayhan. This passed unanimously. A motion for passage of this ordinance was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Mayhan. This ordinance passed unanimously.

Strock Agency Insurance Quote

Mayor Bigley called attention to the packet materials, and he called on Clerk Cook to speak on this. She stated that this year's coverage includes cyber security.

Public Comments

Earl Irvine addressed the Council on a fundraiser he is planning for the Pine Level Volunteer Fire Department and the safety of parking. He stated that his property backs up to the Town Hall property and is willing to have a locking gate installed so that overflow parking can extend onto his property from Town Hall. There was a discussion of the existing fences, property lines and driveways. Councilmember Gray asked if the Town Hall security cameras covered the back of our property and they did not. It was the consensus of the Council to table this for a future meeting. Mayor Bigley asked the Council if there was any information he could collect for a future meeting. It was suggested that he have definite property lines and additional security camera placement. Mr. Irvine stated that the event will likely be held on April 18 at noon until 3 p.m. and the plans to have a crawfish boil, hot dogs, burgers and activities. He is working around another event that is planned for Autauga County.

Austin Worcester recommended that the traffic on County Road 92 be restrictive of large trucks.

Cody Stedman suggested that the Town contact cell service providers for additional towers due to the insufficient coverage he has encountered. He also asked if the franchise tax fees would be passed onto the customers. Mayor Bigley called on Lori Williams, Central Alabama Electric Cooperative, to address Mr. Stedman and she stated that the fees would be passed to the customers within the Town limits.

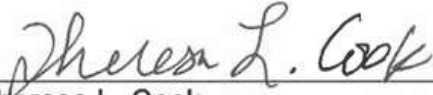
Buster Barber asked if Autauga County would be completing the paving of County Road 92. Councilmember Mayhan and Mayor Bigley stated that the same company paving the parking lot of Guardian Credit Union would be completing this work.

Other Business & Announcements

Councilmember Bixler stated that there is a group wanting to open a VFW in the Town and there would be future meetings with him. He welcomed the Council to attend as well as an veterans top attend.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by those present.

Respectfully submitted,



Theresa L. Cook
Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Zachary Bigley
Mayor