

Town of Pine Level

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL JANUARY 8, 2026, 5:45 p.m.

The Town of Pine Level held a Mayor and Council Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 8, 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 December, 2025

Special Called Council Meeting, December 8, 2025

Work Session, December 8, 2025

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, December 11, 2025

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

OLD BUSINESS

Planning Commission Update

Mayor Bigley shared information on the progress of this Commission. There are two Articles that the Commission is reviewing. He encouraged the Council to attend the Work Session and Training on December 10, 2025.

Business License Update

Mayor Bigley called on Town Clerk Cook to provide this update. There is a routine follow up call scheduled. There had been numerous calls of questions from businesses and nonprofits. Mayor Bigley stated that he had been contacted by the Pine Level Community Center and the Pine Level Fire Department due to their receipt of letters.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report – December, 2025

Mayor Bigley reviewed the balances from the December report. Town Clerk Cook was asked if there was any information in the report to be explained and she called attention to the second page of the report. This page listed the balances of the designated funds and the ending balances. There was a discussion of the amounts and how the formatting of the report can be made clearer. To approve the report, there was a motion made by Councilmember Bixler and seconded by Councilmember Moore. This passed unanimously.

Annexation Request

Mayor Bigley stated that more property information was needed to complete this annexation and will be presented in February.

Tax Abatement Process for Manufacturing Equipment

Mayor Bigley called attention to Ordinance 2024-2 pertaining to sales tax. He read Section 1(c). He reviewed the percentages of other municipalities. There was a discussion of how to proceed with the amendment and the other tax rates. Councilmember Bixler asked if the other tax rates were in line with other municipalities' tax rates and Mayor Bigley asked the Council to take the printed ordinance home and research for the information. Mayor Bigley called on Attorney Kirby for information to reduce the 3% tax to 0.5%. She explained that this is different from the tax abatement. The effective date should be changed to March 1, 2026. A motion was made to suspend the meeting rules by Councilmember Bixler and seconded by Councilmember Moore. This motion passed unanimously. To amend Ordinance 2024-2, a motion was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Bixler. This motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bigley stated that as the Town grows and businesses look at our area, that certain things need to be in order for tax abatements and that Attorney Kirby is working on these ordinances. Attorney Kirby explained the circumstances and processes of acting on these circumstances. A written application and process should be put in place soon for this.

Other Business & Announcements

Mayor Bigley called on Town Clerk Cook to review the upcoming items. She called attention to the items in the meeting packets on Planning Commission meetings and the ALM events. She called attention to the February 26 ALM training session, the maximum number of attendees allowed and the topics. There was a discussion on the CMO credit hours and how to find the totals. She also called attention to the ALM Convention and the credit hours available. She answered questions of the CMO program and how to get credit hours.

Public Comment

Mayor Bigley opened the floor for public comment and called on Lori Ward Williams to introduce herself. She is with Central Alabama Electric Cooperative (CAEC). She is excited to see where the Town goes because she was at CAEC when the Town incorporated but left for a short time.

Councilmember Gray asked the Council to begin considering ad valorem taxes and the revenue the Town is missing. He asked the Council to start talking to the Town's citizens. Mayor Bigley stated that this was needed for the Town and he stated how this would apply to businesses.

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

