

Town of Pine Level

MINUTES REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 12, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

INVOCATION An invocation was given by Councilmember Bixler.

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

MINUTES Month of February, 2026
Work Session, February 5, 2026
Regular Council Meeting, February 12, 2026

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

Business License Update

Mayor Bigley called on Town Clerk Cook to provide this update. As of this day, there had been thirty-two businesses to submit their applications. Delinquency notices had been mailed. Clerk Cook asked that Council notify her of businesses that were not displaying their business licenses or new businesses and she would notify the business license administrator.

Pine Level Community Center

Mayor Bigley stated that the membership of PLCC had voted to transfer the community center to the Town and the Town Council had voted to accept this property and assets. Mayor Bigley called on Attorney Kirby for an update, and she stated that they are waiting for the title search to come back. She stated that this is the necessary first step in the transfer process.

Franchise Tax

Mayor Bigley stated that this should go into effect on January 1, 2027, and Attorney Kirby stated that this would go into effect before that date due to the businesses needing to calculate the amount due in January, 2027. As the law requires, this is being published in the "Prattville Progress" insert in the "Montgomery Advertiser".

Project Rocky Top

Mayor Bigley called on Attorneys Kirby and Ivey for an update. They are still working on the contract with Central Alabama Electric Cooperative (CAEC) to present to the Council and it should be ready by the April, 2027, Regular Monthly Council Meeting. Attorney Kirby advised that the Town Council needs to schedule the next Public Hearing. Attorney Kirby and Connie Bainbridge, CAEC, discussed the transfer date, closing date and the purchase and sale agreement. Ms. Bainbridge asked that the Council be open to having another Public Hearing on the project. Updates will be discussed in the April, 2026, meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report – February, 2026

Mayor Bigley called on Clerk Cook to review the report. She called attention to the revenue totals and the business license amount, and she reported the revenue for the month of February, 2026. To accept the presented financial report, a motion was made by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Gray. This passed unanimously. There was a discussion on the motor fuels amount in the general fund account and moving those funds to First Community Bank in the Town limits. To set up an account at First Community Bank, a motion was made by Councilmember Bixler and seconded by Councilmember Hickman. The motion passed unanimously.

ALM Annual Convention: Annual Business Meeting Voting Delegates

Mayor Bigley called on Clerk Cook for an explanation of what this is and the details of designating the Town to have a Voting Delegate at the ALM Convention. To designate Councilmember Moore as the Voting Delegate and Randy Hickman as the First Alternate Voting Delegate, a motion was made by Councilmember Hickman and seconded by Councilmember Bixler. This motion passed unanimously.

Town Property Usage for Event Parking

Mayor Bigley called on Attorney Kirby and she stated that the Town would continue to receive requests for parking and to keep from having to present each request to the Council, permission can be granted to Mayor Bigley to make that decision. She advised the Council set some perimeters on the usage. Councilmember Hickman discussed with the Council the need for the entity acquiring event insurance. Councilmember Gray suggested that the agreement on parking should be the same standard for all. There was a discussion on what insurance should include the Town, PLCC, Deavers' property and adjacent property.

Attorney Kirby reminded the Council of the offer of Earl Irvine to use their property for parking use. She referenced a map of his property in relation to the Town's

property. She reminded the Council that in an earlier meeting Mr. Irvine wanted to use Town Hall for overflow parking for an event he is planning to benefit the Pine Level Volunteer Fire Department. She advised that if an agreement is reached for mutual use of the properties for parking that it would be a standing agreement and not have to be approved by the Council on each occasion. Attorney Kirby asked Mrs. Stephanie Irvine if she could provide additional information and she stated that there was not any additional information. Mayor Bigley stated that the fence ends there is plenty of space and installing a gate would not be necessary. There would need to be some land clearing. Attorney Kirby stated that one circumstance that would benefit from the mutual usage would be the Town's parade events. There was a discussion of the terrain, water retention and the liabilities. Mrs. Irvine stated that it would be much easier and safer have a walking path between the two properties.

Other Business & Announcements

PALS Spring Clean Up

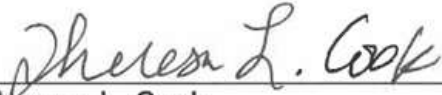
Mayor Bigley called on Clerk Cook for information on the PALS Spring Clean Up in Pine Level that is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2026. She stated that Caleb Bontrager had volunteered to manage this for the Town. Mr. Bontrager spoke on what will be provided from Autauga County PALS and the areas that could be our focus. The areas discussed were PLCC, County Road 102, County Road 107, Highway 31 at DG, behind DG, and Highway 31 at Chevron.

PLES Donation to the Town

Mayor Bigley announced that PLES is donating seven picnic tables to the Town. These will be positioned at PLCC.

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