

**ACTS OF COUNCIL
JANUARY 12, 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, January 12, 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. Joshua Daniel opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Luis Nieves, with Boy Scout Troop 40, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTS OF COUNCIL-Mayor Mullins

Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the Acts of Council for the December meeting as written.

Ms. Mabry seconded the motion.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT-Mayor Mullins

Mayor Mullins presented the financial report for December.

PINE MOUNTAIN TOURISM-Julia Keating

Mrs. Keating presented the monthly report.

RE-ORGANIZATION

Mayor Pro-Tem

Ms. Mabry made a motion to appoint Thomas Scott as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2026.

Mr. Trott seconded the motion.

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

Design Review Committee

Mr. Bray made a motion to appoint Eric McKibben, Tammy Pierce, and Margaret Zachry.

Mr. Trott seconded the motion.

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

Pine Mountain Tourism

Mr. Trott made a motion to appoint Thomas Scott and Stokeley Pound.

Ms. Mabry seconded the motion.

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

Public Health Board

Mr. Bray made a motion to table the appointment for this Board.

Mr. Trott seconded the motion.

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

Legal Organ

Mr. Trott made a motion that that Harris County Journal serve as legal organ for 2026.
Ms. Mabry seconded the motion.
Mr. Pound, Mr. Bray, and Mr. Scott voted in favor of the motion.

Depository (add Mayor Mullins to the signature card and remove Keith Pendgergrass)

Ms. Mabry made a motion that First Peoples remain the depository for the Town Accounts and add Mayor Mullins to the signature card and remove Keith Pendergrass.
Mr. Pound seconded the motion.
Mr. Trott, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Bray voted in favor of the motion.

RETAIL OFF-PREMISES MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSE (CIRCLE K 2706720)(108 W. HARRIS STREET) IN THE NAME OF LEANN M. HOFFMASTER-2ND READING-Mayor Mullins

Mayor Mullins presented the second reading for a retail off-premises malt beverage and wine license for Circle K 2706720 located at 108 W. Harris Street in the name of LeAnn M. Hoffmaster. Mr. William "Chip" Seagle spoke against the approval. He stated that he has not called the police since they haven't been able to sell alcohol. If the council would instruct the police department to start citing Circle K maybe they would stop allowing the noise issues. Ms. Hoffmaster asked if she could be given a chance to work on the issues because she just became the manager in December. Mr. Seagle said if laws were broken on my property I would be held accountable. Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the application as presented. Mr. Bray seconded the motion. Mr. Trott, Mr. Pound, and Ms. Mabry voted in favor of the motion.

FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE-2ND READING-Mayor Mullins

After much discussion, Mr. Mabry made a motion to table the ordinance until Sandy, with Harris County Health, could come and discuss it with the council. Mr. Pound seconded the motion. Mr. Trott, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Bray voted in favor of the motion.

PURPLE HEART TOWN-Mayor Mullins

Mayor Mullins suggested that Pine Mountain be a Purple Heart Town. The Purple Heart is the nation's oldest military decoration still awarded, tracing back to the Badge of Military Merit established by Gen. George Washington in 1782. Mayor Mullins stated that by becoming a Purple Heart Town we are making a clear, lasting statement: combat-wounded veterans and Gold Star families will always be recognized and respected here. Ms. Mabry made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Pound seconded the motion. Mr. Trott, Mr. Bray, and Mr. Scott voted in favor of the motion.

ROAD CLOSURE FOR TASTE OF PINE MOUNTAIN (FEBRUARY 6, 2026, 6-9PM)-Gloria Boyer

Mrs. Boyer stated that she did not need the road to be closed for this event. She will place the tent near the trail.

PLACEMENT OF TASTE OF PINE MOUNTAIN BANNERS ON TOWN PROPERTY-Gloria Boyer

Mrs. Boyer requested permission to place a banner to promote Taste of Pine Mountain at the ballfield on Highway 27.

Mr. Trott made a motion to allow the banners to be placed at the ballfield.

Ms. Mabry seconded the motion.

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

CLOSE CREDIT CARD FOR KEITH PENDERGRASS AND OPEN ONE FOR MARY RUTH MULLINS (MAYOR)

Mr. Scott made a motion to close the credit card in the name of Keith Pendergrass and open one for Mary Ruth Mullins (Mayor).

Mr. Trott seconded the motion.

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR MARY RUTH MULLINS (MAYOR) TO SIGN GEFA PAPERWORK AND REMOVE KEITH PENDERGRASS

Mr. Trott made a motion to approve the authorization for Mary Ruth Mullins (Mayor) to sign GEFA paperwork and remove Keith Pendergrass.

Mr. Pound seconded the motion.

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

PLEIN AIR PAINTING EVENT (IN MARCH)-Amy Skinner

Mrs. Skinner requested that the Town Council consider sponsorship for an Artist Grab and Go Breakfast at the Spring-Plein Air Painting Event being held in Pine Mountain on Saturday, March 28th like they did last year. Mr. Scott asked if the council did that last year and Mrs. Sivell explained that council did not approve it, but it was purchased by the previous mayor (with Town funds). Mrs. Sivell stated the Town cannot use Town money for this type of event.

Mayor Mary Ruth Mullins stated that she would purchase the breakfast out of her personal money if someone would pick it up.

ROAD CLOSURE-John Hiers

Mr. Hiers requested that Broad Street be closed for the following dates for Bike Rides that are scheduled.

March 7th, April 25, and June 6th from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

The town's public works department will provide the barricades, and Mr. Hiers will place them out.

Ms. Mabry made a motion to approve the request.

Mr. Scott seconded the motion.

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

WATER MAIN SULLIVAN CIRCLE-Mayor Mullins

Mr. Bray made a motion to table the water main Sullivan circle addition quote at this time.

Mr. Scott seconded the motion.

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

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned.

Betsy Sivel
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Town Clerk

Frankie Mabry, Frankie Mabry

James W. Trott, Jr., James W. Trott, Jr.

Curtis Bray, Curtis Bray

Stokeley Pound, Stokeley Pound

Thomas E. Scott, Thomas E. Scott