

Minutes

SPECIAL WORKSHOP OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 3, 2013

Participants: Mayor Oswalt, Councilman Williams, Councilman JB Sowell, Councilwoman Kelly Councilman Ginn, City Attorney Fincher, Assistant City Attorney Tamara Brown, City Manger Lanken, City Treasurer Tripp, Police Captain Simmons Public Works Director Robinson, City Clerk Eric Beckman, Code Enforcement Officer, Jack Kirksey

9:00 AM

A special meeting was called to discuss certain pending litigation by the owners of the Royal Oak Trailer Park.

Due to the nature of the discussion a motion was made by Councilman Sowell to enter into an Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Kelly, motion passed unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that he had not called the attorney threatening a law suit but will do so this week and stated that he could not offer concrete strategies without the appointment of a GERMA attorney. He mentioned that his Assistant had prepared a new ordinance which will give the City more enforcement capabilities then the present ordinance when it comes to forcing the removal of the abandoned trailers on the property.

That ordinance will be ready for passage by the City Council at its regular meeting on April 8, 2013 followed by a meeting with members of the staff to go over preparing the necessary letters and notices to remedy the present situation of the abandoned trailers.

The City Attorney also stated that once the GERMA Attorney is appointed there will be discussions which may warrant giving the owners of the trailer park the right to appeal the City's decision not to permit the operation of a trailer park due to its non conforming use under the present zoning laws. He instructed the City Manager to hold off on the execution of this previous letter calling for a 30 day response from the owners of the trailer park to remove the abandoned trailers.

At 10:00 AM the matter embracing the trailer park ended and Councilman Williams moved to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Kelly with the motion passing unanimously.

The Special Session continued with the City Manager describing the excellent results of the annual audit which was just completed and pointed out that for the first time in years City revenue paid for last year's debt service versus using reserves to do so.

Certain administrative matters pertaining to forthcoming economic development issues were discussed including the fact that the first quarterly financial report will be given to the City Council at its April 8th meeting and they will be pleased with those results.

The meeting came to a close at 10:30PM