

# **WORK SHOP MEETING OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

**February 27, 2014**

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**9:30 AM**

### **New Business**

#### **Economic Development**

- Mayor - County Official, Terry Baskins – to explain current status of taxes due on trailer park's individual units and associated updates. Mr. Baskins stated that he would explore the use of a land bank technique for the trailers and thereby waive the taxes due. However, the City Attorney stated that trailers are personal property and cannot be directed to the land bank.

It was agreed that in light of the fact that the City lost its case in Municipal Court due to a deficiency in the recently adopted Nuisance Ordinance that the City Attorney would draft another version of that Ordinance so as to enable the City to enforce its content in dealing with the abandoned and unsafe trailers on the trailer park.

Mayor Oswalt took extreme issue with the manner in which the City Attorney's office handled the trailer hearing in Municipal Court on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 wherein the City lost its case. The Mayor stated that he would not pay the City Attorney's invoice on the trailer park matter and determined that the City had paid the City Attorney more than \$24,000 over the course of the last year on the trailer park issue.

- Mayor - Fred Bryant – update on Ft. Gillem brought the Council up to date with regard to the 1,427 acres with the prospect that the majority of the property would be conveyed to certain national corporations and smaller entities during 2014.
- County Commissioner Edmondson asked the City Council to consider pledging \$500,000 from its allocation of SPLOST funds to assist the hospital in its financial difficulties. There was no determination made on this request.

- City Manager - Waffle House Update – Special Meeting to be called March 14, 2014 whereby the City would entertain certain variances in advance of the starting of construction for this restaurant.
- City Attorney Lake City Market Place partitioning ordinance. A draft ordinance was discussed whereby the property would be partitioned into several parcels and sold to individual owners versus the leasing of space. Height and sign and set back considerations were offered with instructions for the City Attorney to bring the final ordinance back to the Council for its consideration and passage during its March 27<sup>th</sup> work shop session.
- City Manager - Tri City update – March 11<sup>th</sup> 4:30PM Morrow Center. This session will be the final training event involving staff and elected officials prior to the University of Georgia proceeding with its application for a Tri City Opportunity Zone with the target date of June 2014

#### **Administrative Matters**

- City Attorney update on Dellwood Property issue. The matter is still unresolved with the City Attorney in communication with certain State Officials regarding the ownership and disposition of this property.
- City Manager & Chief of Police - Update on pension plan. The proposed pension plan ordinance and its associated matters are being prepared for presentation to the City Council during its March 27, 2014 work shop session
- City Manager & E. Robinson - Vacation survey and recommendations. The City Manager recommended that no consideration be given to reduce the current 5 week maximum for certain longer termed employees until such time as a comprehensive area wide survey is conducted to ascertain the prevailing practice on all benefits being deployed by other municipalities in the area.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20PM