

# **REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

**May 8th, 2017**

Attendees: Mayor Oswalt, Councilmember Sowell, Councilmember McDuffie, Police Chief, Community Services Director, City Attorney Steve Fincher and the City Manager.

### **6:00 PM Work Session:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Oswalt at 6:00 PM.

The Police Chief David Colwell introduced to the Mayor and Council, Terry Brannon the new Lieutenant approved for hire for the Police Department. The Mayor asked Mr. Brannon what his current role was with his current employer and Mr. Brannon stated he was involved in training.

The City Manager introduced to the Mayor and Council an opportunity to partner with Clayton County D.O.T. to apply for an Atlanta Region Commission T.I.P. grant to repave Forest Parkway from Jonesboro Road to Highway 42. The county D.O.T. was asking for a resolution of support. The Grant request would be for \$4,367,154 dollars. The resolution would cap the amount paid by Lake City for this project at \$500,000.00 dollars. The Mayor stated the county viewed Forest Parkway as a city street but it was actually a county road. Councilmember Sowell made a motion to support the request, it was seconded by Councilmember McDuffie and passed unanimously.

The City Manager introduced Councilmember Hoovers vote by proxy but was told by the City Attorney Steve Fincher that a vote by proxy was not allowed. The City Attorney stated that a Councilmember may call in twice each calendar year if they were out of town and unable to make the council meeting. In addition, if a councilmember was sick but mentally sound they could provide a doctor's letter and vote telephonically as long as they were unable to attend the meetings. The City Attorney stated that a quorum must be present before a telephone vote could be accepted.

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Sowell made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Councilmember McDuffie. The motion passed unanimously.

The work session adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

### **7:00 PM City Council Session:**

**Call to order:** Mayor Oswalt at 7:00 PM

**Invocation:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Sowell seconded by Councilmember McDuffie with a unanimous vote of yes to approve the minutes from the April 10th, 2017 Council meeting.

**New Business: None**

**Old Business:**

The City Manager introduced the first reading of an ordinance to amend the Charter of the City of Lake City revising Section 4.11 of Article IV. This is in reference to the appointment of City Judges. The second reading will be conducted at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

A resolution to implement a new credit card policy was introduced by the City Manager. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept, Councilmember Sowell made a motion to pass and was seconded by Councilmember McDuffie. The resolution passed unanimously.

A resolution to implement a new travel policy was introduced by the City Manager. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept, Councilmember McDuffie made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Sowell. The resolution passed unanimously.

The City Manager asked for approval of changes in the contract for the Lake City Community Center and Nature Preserve. The Mayor asked for a motion, Councilman McDuffie made a motion to pass, Councilmember Sowell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager asked for approval of the purchase of a digital sign board and to make the required changes to Article XVII (Signs) of Chapter 42 (Zoning) of the Lake City Ordinances. The Mayor asked for a motion. The motion was made by Councilmember Sowell, seconded by Councilmember McDuffie. The Mayor voiced his disapproval of the sign. The Mayor voted against the motion. The motion passed.

The City Manager introduced a proclamation for Police Week which is May 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Mayor asked the Police Chief what events the Police Department would be holding for the officers. The Police Chief advised there would be a luncheon held for the officers on May 17<sup>th</sup>, as well as issuing each officer a copy of the proclamation from the Mayor and Council and a gift card would be given to each officer. The Mayor wanted to have a cookout as well. Chief Colwell stated that event could be held on Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor asked for a motion, Councilmember Sowell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McDuffie and passed unanimously. A proclamation recognizing the dedication of the Lake City Police Officers was given to the Mayor and Council which was signed.

**Police Report:**

Police Chief Colwell presented the police report and advised the Mayor and Council there were Zero Burglaries and Zero Robberies in the City in the last 30 days.

**7:30 PM Adjournment:** Motion was made by Councilmember Sowell and seconded by Councilmember McDuffie with a unanimous vote of yes to adjournment.