

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

**July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Attendees:** Mayor Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Hoover, Councilmember Sowell, Councilmember McDuffie, Councilmember Craven, Eddie Robinson, Eric Beckman, Tonya Tripp, Lieutenant Brannon, City Attorney John O'Neil, City Manager Chris Leighty

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

1. The City Manager briefed the Mayor and Council pertaining to the possible hiring of a Temp Service to provide a person to fill a Human Resources/Pay Roll Clerk position. The Mayor stated one of the advantages to using a temp service was the city had no liability in the hiring and if the individual did not work out another person could be provided by the temp service. Councilmembers Hoover and McDuffie spoke in favor of using a temp service. The City Manager informed the Mayor and Council there was a cost to the hiring of the temp service.
2. The City Manager introduced for discussion Ordinance 2018-05 which is an update to the cities noise ordinance and would make several changes to the current noise ordinance. One of those changes would be from measuring noise in decibels to measuring in distance. Another major change was not allowing any yard work or yard equipment to be used on Sundays. Councilmember Hoover asked for clarification as to if it applied to both residential and commercial properties. The Mayor directed the City Manager to be specific when discussing at the council meeting. The Mayor also spoke about people working on cars late at night and revving the engine.
3. The City Manager gave an update pertaining to the FAA Fuel Tax grant to Clayton County. Mayor Dodson reminded the Council that if they had a request for work to be done by a city employee they should make that request through the Department Head or the City Manager. Councilmember Hoover stated that would be respectful of the Chain of Command.

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

### **Call to order:**

Mayor Dodson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Dodson then conducted the Swearing- In Ceremony for Lake City's new Police Chief Anthony J. Whitmire by having the Chief take the Oath of Office.

### **Invocation:**

Councilmember Sowell gave the invocation.

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Dodson led the chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Councilmember Sowell made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

1. The City Manager gave an update to the Mayor and Council pertaining to the FAA Fuel Tax issue. The State of Georgia approved a grant to Clayton County to off set the loss of funds from the collection of Fuel Tax from Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Once the County receives the grant they would in turn pay to the Clayton County Entities an amount of money based on the Local Option Sales Tax Percentage within ten days of receipt of the money from the state.

**New Business:**

1. The City Manager facilitated a discussion pertaining to the hiring of a temp service to fill a HR/Payroll Clerk position. The Mayor commented that one advantage to using a temp service is it relieves the city of the liability in the hiring process. Council member Hoover stated she would support the temp service as well. The City manager stated the staff would continue to look into the best choice for the city.
2. The Mayor introduced for discussion a revised noise ordinance. The new ordinance would change the way the ordinance would be enforced from using a decibel level for measuring violations to using a distance measurement for violations. In addition, the ordinance would restrict when the days and times the restrictions would be enforced. One of the restrictions would not allow construction and lawn maintenance type noise on Sundays and certain holidays.

The Mayor and Council felt this was too restrictive as many people conduct their lawn work on Sundays. There were also several citizens that voiced their opposition to the ordinance as written.

The Mayor and Council tasked the City Manager to have the City Attorney to revise the ordinance and bring it back for discussion at the August 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**Police Report:**

Lieutenant Brannon presented the Police Report.

**Public Comment:**

Several citizens made comments during this time. The Mayor thanked the citizens and stated it was important for them to be heard and he wanted to see the community to become better.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 PM by Council Member Sowell and seconded by Council Member McDuffie. The motion was approved and the meeting ended.