

City of Lake City Council

Work Session Minutes

December 18th, 2018

Attendees: Mayor Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Hoover, Councilmember Sowell, Councilmember Craven, Police Chief Tony Whitmire, Finance Director Tonya Tripp, City Attorney Steve Fincher, City Manager Chris Leighty.

The Mayor called to order the work session at 5:00 PM.

1. The City Manager presented the draft of the 2019 budget as prepared by the City Finance Director Tonya Tripp. The 2019 budget included several changes including a Three Percent salary increase for all full-time city employees as well as the funding to pay off the mortgage on the City Hall building. It also included monies to continue paying down the unfunded liability the city has due to vacation hours accumulated by city employees. The proposed budget is available for public review at city hall and will be presented to council for approval at the January 14th council meeting.
2. The Police Chief presented a proposal for take home vehicles to the Mayor and Council. This proposal cited several studies that had been conducted by other cities and the majority of these studies showed the benefit of allowing take home vehicles for the Police Department. Councilmember Hoover stated she appreciated the Police Chiefs thoroughness in preparing the presentation. The Police Chief included a sample policy for the take home vehicles. The City Manager asked the Police Chief to forward a copy of the policy to the City Attorney for review. Councilmember Sowell asked what the distance would be if the take home vehicles were approved. Chief Whitmire stated the officers would be allowed to drive the vehicles home if they lived no further than twenty-five miles from the Clayton County line. Councilmember Hoover asked how many officers would be allowed to take vehicles home under those conditions. Chief Whitmire stated almost the entire department. No action was taken.

The work session ended at 6:15 PM.