

# REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

MARCH 11th, 2019

**Attendees:** Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Craven, Eddie Robinson, Code Enforcement Officer Wolcott, Police Chief Whitmire, City Attorney John O'Neal, City Manager Chris Leighty

### 6:00 PM Work Session:

1. The City Manager gave an update for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The registration for the show is \$25.00 and all monies collected will be donated to a local charity.
2. The City Manager briefed the Mayor and Council on the New Employee Handbook. The staff has been working on this for over a year. It has been vetted by the City Attorney and is now ready to be approved by the Mayor and Council. Mayor Pro Tem Sowell commended the City Staff for their work on this project.
3. The City Manager briefed the Mayor and Council on contracting with MARTA pertaining to allowing advertising to be placed on any benches that would be placed in Lake City at Marta Bus stops. The council had concerns with the number of years required for the agreement as well as the fact we do not know if any benches with advertisement will be placed in Lake City.
4. The City Manager updated the Mayor and Council on the Redspeed Services agreement. This is a public safety initiative that will place tag readers and red light cameras in front of Lake City Elementary School. The cameras and tag readers will be a traffic calming and public safety improvement for the community.
5. The Community Services Director Eddie Robinson gave an update to the renovations of Lake City Community Park Phase I. This will be an on going project but Phase I should have a completion date sometime by the end of May.

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

### **Call to order:**

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

### **Invocation:**

Mayor Dodson gave the invocation

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilmember Craven and seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously.

### **Old Business: None**

### **New Business:**

The City Manager asked for approval of the New Employee Handbook which would replace all previous editions. Once Approved the new employee manual would take effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The new employee handbook had been reviewed by the City Attorney's office and they had made the necessary changes to ensure it meets current legal requirements. A motion to approve the new manual was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and seconded by Council Member Hoover and was approved unanimously.

Resolution to accept the MARTA Advertising Agreement was introduced to the Mayor and Council but was not approved because of the council's concerns pertaining to the number of years required and the city does not know how many benches in Lake City would have the advertisements placed on them.

The City Manager asked for approval of the RedSpeed Services Agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Sowell made a motion to approve the agreement and it was seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.

**Police Report:**

The Police Report was given by Chief Whitmire. The Chief thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the Red Speed Agreement as well as approving the take Home vehicles for the Police Department. The Chief advised the council that during the Tornado event several units were on their way to work and responded directly to calls for service. They did not have to come to the Police Department to get vehicles. This resulted in the departments quick response to the storm.

**Public Comment:**

During Public comments resident Chynna Kyle stated she would like to see term limits implemented for the Mayor and Council.

Another citizen advised that a residential property Pine Ridge was being turned into a church and wanted to know if it met the necessary requirements and had gotten all of the required permits. The City Manager advised the Council that he and the Community Services Director would look into it the next day.

Another resident stated he felt the city should restripe Rex Road. The City Manager stated he would look into the cost of striping the road.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and seconded by Councilmember Craven and Passed unanimously. The Council Meeting ended at 7:40 PM.