

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 8th, 2019

Attendees: Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Craven, Eddie Robinson, 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 First annual Lake City Classic Car Show. This was a partnership with the Leadership Clayton class. There were over two hundred people in attendance and more than twenty-five cars. There were several food vendors including Waffle House who gave away free waffles during the entire event.
2. Eddie Robinson gave the Mayor and Council an update to the Lake City Community Park Progress in Phase I.
3. The City Manager gave an update on the Lake City Community Clean up day scheduled for April 27th from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. In addition, there will be a commercial shredding truck on site from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM.
4. The Mayor and Council had a discussion pertaining to the possible updating of the Lake City Animal Control Ordinance. Councilmember Hoover had a concern with animals running loose in Lake City, primarily dogs. In addition, Councilmember Hoover discussed the Clayton County Ordinance that only allowed a pet owner to have a maximum of five animals. The Mayor asked about the issue of free roaming chickens. He was advised there was an ordinance in place to address that issue. He was advised that Code Enforcement was aware and was working to address the issue.
5. Councilmember Craven discussed his desire to dedicate the Lake City Community Park in memory of former Councilmember Bobby Williams. The Mayor spoke about having a memorial garden recognizing other prominent Lake City residents as well. Councilmember Hoover stated she would like to see some type of recognition for her family as well. Councilmember Hoover spoke of individuals and families that have made a contribution to the city. She stated her Grandparents family the Harpers had donated ten

acres of land on Harper Drive for the community. The Mayor stated the topic warranted further discussion and tasked the City Manager to research the memorial plaque and different types of public recognition. The findings will be presented to the neighborhood watch meeting.

6. The City Manager reported to the Mayor and Council that Forest Park Public Works Director had asked if the City of Lake City would be interested in paving the city's part of Phillips Drive. Forest park will be paving their portion of the road. The City Manager advised that Clayton County was conducting the paving project and that we had asked for an estimate to pave the portion of Phillips Drive that was Lake City's part. The cost will be approximately forty thousand dollars. This would be paid utilizing SPLOST money. The Mayor and Council approved to move forward with the project.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously. The Work Session ended at 6:37 PM.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order: Mayor Dodson called the Council meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Invocation: The Reverend Dr. Lee Adams, New Day Covenant Ministries, Lake City, Georgia gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

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

Old Business:

The City Manager advised the Mayor and Council the minutes of the January 14th, 2019 Council Meeting needed to be amended. The amended minutes needed to reflect a change in the title for Becky Mazur from Election Manager to Election Superintendent. This would meet the state requirements. Councilmember Craven made a motion to amend the minutes and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Representatives of the Clayton County State Legislative Delegation presented a Proclamation to Mayor Pro Tem Sowell for his outstanding performance of his job duties as a Door Keeper during the State Legislative Session. State Representative Rhonda Burnough, State Representative Sandra Scott and State Representative Valencia Stovall presented the Proclamation to Mayor Pro Tem Sowell on behalf of the entire Delegation. Several of Mayor Pro Tem Sowell's fellow Door Keepers and co-workers from the State Capitol were present to recognize him for his contributions of the past twenty-three years.
2. Mani Japra and Mr. Singh representing Doaba Brokers LLC. The owners of the property located at 5281 Jonesboro Road made a presentation to the Mayor and Council. He stated their engineer advised them not to demolish the building but to wait until they had a contractor then conduct demolition when they were ready to rebuild. The Mayor asked Mr. Japra how long before the city could expect to see the building conform to code and Mr. Japra stated six months. Mr. Singh stated to the Mayor that he keeps certain properties and this is one he wants to keep. Councilmember Hoover stated the building had been bought nine months ago and she would like to see something positive happen with that property. She also asked them to change the sign but Mr. Japra stated they would change the signage once they had a tenant identified.
3. The Mayor and Council then discussed placing a ninety-day Moratorium on any further construction of places of gathering in all areas of the city. A motion to adopt the ninety-day moratorium was made by Councilmember Craven and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Report:

The police report was presented by Chief Whitmire. The Mayor asked the Chief about the Redspeed camera and license plate reader initiative at Lake City Elementary School. The Chief stated the company was working on getting all the

cities to agree and sign a contract and then they would present it to the Clayton County Board of Education for final approval.

Public Comment:

One Lake City Resident thanked the Mayor and Council for the positive changes she sees with the city. She said she appreciated being made to feel welcome to participate and that it wasn't always that way. She asked about the Fire station the county is supposed to build in Lake City. The Mayor assured her the fire station issue is an on going project. Another resident stated that Waste Management needed to place the garbage cans back on the curb when they dumped them because they were leaving them in the street. She also asked about any City Ordinances pertaining to bees. The City Manager stated he would look and have an answer for her.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:08 PM.