

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

## **MINUTES**

**AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Attendees:** Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Craven, Community Services Director Eddie Robinson, Police Chief Tony Whitmire, Finance Director Tonya Tripp, Code Enforcement Officer Candy Walcott, City Attorney Steve Fincher, City Manager Chris Leighty

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

The City Manager presented an updated Assembly Usage Ordinance to the Council. The Council directed the City Manager to have the City Attorney prepare the final draft of the ordinance to be presented to the Council.

Finance Director Tonya Tripp presented the initial Millage Rate information for the 2019 Millage Rate.

The City Manager advised the Council, the Department Heads had their first meeting pertaining to the 2020 budget. The City Manager also briefed the council on current and future SPLOST Projects. The City Manager advised the Council the city would need to have an initial list of SPLOST Projects for 2021 by the second week of September.

Eddie Robinson gave the Council an update to the renovation of the Lake City Community Park. The first phase of the renovation is nearing completion and should be ready for a community cookout in October.

The City Manager advised the Council the 2020 CENSUS was entering a critical time and that Lake City would be partnering with Clayton County to form a Complete Count Committee as well as having an independent Lake City Complete Count Committee.

The City Manager updated the Mayor and Council on the pollinator park that will be a part of the Lake City Community Park.

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

### **Call to order:**

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

### **Invocation:**

The invocation was conducted by Dr. Valerie Rogers, Pastor A Word In Season International Ministries.

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Sowell made a motion to approve the July Minutes of Council, it was seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

The Mayor spoke to the council and residents in attendance about the importance of the pollinator park. Residents and Council members alike unanimously supported the initiative.

The Mayor and Council passed a resolution in support of the 2020 CENSUS. This recognized the importance of the CENSUS as well as outlining what support the City will give to ensuring a complete count for the 2020 CENSUS.

The Mayor and Council were presented a Georgia Municipal Employee's Benefit System Update and approved the agreement.

The Mayor and Council were briefed by the City Manager about upgrading the City's Animal Ordinance. Councilmember Hoover stated that if a resident owned animals they needed to be responsible for them. She also stated other people's pets should not affect the quality of life of their neighbors.

The City Manager presented to the Mayor and Council a contract for services to collect delinquent taxes for the City of Lake City. This was based on a recommendation of the City's Auditor. The company is Foster, Foster and Smith LLC out of Jonesboro, Georgia. There was an Attorney representing Foster, Foster and Smith who answered questions for the Mayor and Council. A motion to hire Foster, Foster and Smith was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously.

**Police Report:**

Chief Whitmire presented the monthly crime information and stated Part I crimes were down 31% Year to Date. The Chief also advised the Council that on October 12<sup>th</sup> there would be another Coffee with a cop event at the Lake City Dunkin Doughnuts.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public comments

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Craven and seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously. The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.