

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

## **MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 9TH, 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

### **6:30 PM Work Session:**

1. The City Manager gave an update of the 2020 CENSUS.
2. Eddie Robinson gave an update to the Mayor and Council of the progress of the Lake City Community Park Phase I. Most of the work is complete and the Park is ready for the community picnic on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. Eddie Robinson also gave an update pertaining to the Pollinator Park.
4. The City Manager gave the Mayor and Council an update of the Community Cookout in the Lake City Community Park scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
5. The Mayor spoke about the importance of serving the community and highlighted the Free Health Fair that Lake City is sponsoring in partnership with Clayton State University. In addition, the Mayor spoke about the importance of community involvement

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

**Call to order:**

**Invocation:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Old Business:**

The Finance Director presented to the Council for their approval of the 2019 Millage Rate to remain at 7.5 Mills. Councilmember Hoover made a motion to accept the Millage Rate and the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell and passed unanimously.

The City Manager briefed the Mayor and Council on the amended Animal Control Ordinance. This ordinance was an update to the current animal control ordinance. Councilmember Hoover made a motion to approve the amended provisions of Chapter 8 (Animals) the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell and passed unanimously.

Councilmember Craven asked the Council their thoughts about dedicating Lake City Community Park in Honor of former Councilmember Williams.

Councilmember Hoover stated she would prefer not naming the park after anyone but maybe purchasing a bench or plaque in memory of someone. Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell stated he was for keeping the park as Lake City Community Park. The Mayor recommended to move this discussion to a future work session. Councilmember Craven made a motion to move the discussion to a work session and was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell and passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

The Mayor and Council discussed the Assembly Use Ordinance. There will be a public hearing on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Lake City Council Chambers pertaining to the changes Chapter 42 (Zoning).

**Police Report:**

Police Chief Whitmire advised the Council the Police Department on be participating in the Public Safety Fest in Forest Park on September 26<sup>th</sup>, National Coffee with a Cop on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. And on October 25<sup>th</sup> the department would be participating in Trunk or Treat at the Lake City Elementary School.

**Public Comment:**

A Lake City resident proposed a community wide yard sale for October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

Councilmember Craven made a motion to adjourn and Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:55 PM.