

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

OCTOBER 14th, 2019

Attendees: Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Craven, Eddie Robinson, Code Enforcement Officer Wolcott, Police Lieutenant Brannon, City Attorney Leonid Felgin, City Manager Chris Leighty

5:30 PM Zoning Hearing:

There were no comments pertaining to the Assembly Usage Ordinance and the item was moved to the regular council meeting for a vote by council.

6:00 PM Work Session:

1. The City Manager and Director of Community Services briefed the Mayor and Council on the picnic in the park event at Lake City Community Park. Over one hundred residents and guests enjoyed the park renovations and the lunch provided by Lake City. In addition, the City Manager spoke about the success of the first ever Free community health fair at the Lake City Community Center. Over Forty residents took advantage of the free health screenings provided by Clayton State University.
2. The City Manager updated the Mayor and Council on the upcoming Trunk or Treat event to take place at the Lake City Elementary School on October 18th from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
3. The Mayor gave an update pertaining to the Clayton County Fire Station to be built in Lake City.
4. The City Manager gave an update on CENSUS 2020 and the importance that everyone is counted.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order: The Mayor called the council meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Invocation:

Dr. Odugunwa gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilmember Craven and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and was accepted unanimously.

Old Business:

1. City Manager presented to council a proposal to fund a partnership with Arts Clayton. The proposal would include their participation in an art program at Lake City Elementary school as well as participating in the events sponsored by Lake City in 2020. Council member Hoover asked if the city had ever partnered with Arts Clayton. Eddie Robinson stated the city had but it was a long time ago. Mayor Dodson stated one of the things he wanted to do as a city was to participate in activities that would benefit our community. A motion to support Arts Clayton was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously.
2. The second order of business was the Assembly Use Ordinance. This ordinance pertains to building any business that is used for gatherings in residential and some commercial areas. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Craven and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. The City Manager presented to the Mayor and Council the need for a City Engineer. It was recommended to the Council that Whitley Engineering Inc. be hired to be the city engineering firm. Their role would be to assist in major projects the city is currently working on including sidewalk installation, as well as re-paving several city streets. In addition, they would prepare and submit grants on behalf of Lake City to assist in funding projects. A motion to hire Whitley Engineering Inc. as the city's engineering

firm was made by Councilmember Hoover and seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.

2. The City Manager presented to council for approval the employee longevity pay for FY 2019. A motion to approve the Longevity Pay to be paid at the employee appreciation luncheon on December 13th, 2019 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and seconded by Councilmember Craven. Councilmember Hoover asked if the part time employees would receive any additional pay. The City Manager stated they would receive the approved amount of \$250.00. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The City Manager proposed to the council to stop giving employees their birthday as a holiday and instead designate November 11th Veterans Day as a city holiday. A motion to make the change was made by Councilmember Hoover and seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Public Comment:

During public comment there were several complaints pertaining to the lack of enforcement of the city's noise ordinance as well as complaints about fireworks after 11:30 PM. The City Manager told the council he would look into the issue and report back to them.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:49 PM.