

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

## **MINUTES**

**December 9<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, City Clerk Eric Beckman, City Attorney Leonid Felgin, Eddie Robinson, City Manager Chris Leighty

### **5:30 PM Zoning Hearing:**

Mayor and Council held a Zoning Hearing for a request to re-zone approximately 2.55 acres located at 1587 Burks Drive Tax ID: 12178A B007 from Residential to Manufacturing for the purpose of building a truck service center. Bryan Marshburn represented the real estate company making the request. Councilmember Craven asked if there would be maintenance on trailers at this facility and Mr. Marshburn stated no. Mr. Marshburn also stated this would not be a twenty-four-hour operation but would operate from approximately 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. There was no one present opposing the request. Councilmember Craven made a motion to approve the re-zoning request, it was seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously.

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

1. Eddie Robinson briefed the council pertaining to the Christmas Tree lighting. It was a large crowd and he recommended the city rent additional chairs for next years event. He also recommended paying for a caterer to provide hot chocolate for the event.
2. The City Manager recommended to the Council for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be reserved at the Community Center for the Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon. The Council approved the recommendation.
3. The City Manager presented the 2020 Budget recommendation. The Mayor stated the Council had gone over the budget very well and was comfortable to move forward.
4. The City Manager presented to the Mayor and Council recommendations for the 2021 SPLOST.

5. The City Manager made a recommendation to council to close City Hall at noon on the day before both Christmas and New Years Day. Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Hoover, seconded by Councilman Craven and passed unanimously.

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

#### **Call to order:**

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

#### **Invocation:**

Mayor Dodson gave the invocation

#### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Councilman Craven made a motion to accept the minutes it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

Robert Herrig a Senior Project Manager for the Aerotropolis Alliance made a presentation to the Mayor and Council on the benefits of joining the Aerotropolis. Mr. Herrig stated the Aerotropolis started as a partnership between the Atlanta Regional Commission and the city governments around Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. The Focus is on four broad areas to improve investment and development on the Southside. The four areas are, Planning, Economic Development, Education and Work Force Development. The Mayor asked what would be the biggest advantage of Lake City joining the Aerotropolis and Mr. Herrig stated was building trust with economic development partners including the State of Georgia. In addition, Mr. Herrig stated that being at the table for discussions of future development would be a big benefit to Lake City.

Councilman Craven made a motion to become a member of the Aerotropolis it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and passed unanimously. The cost of membership for Fiscal Year 2020 will be \$5,000.00.

**New Business:**

1. The Mayor and Council discussed the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and advised the City Manager the budget was acceptable as presented and directed the City Manager to have the Finance Director to advertise the budget as required by State Law.
2. The Community Services Director presented a project list for the 2020 SPLOST to re-pave several streets and repair and install sidewalks in Lake City.
3. The City presented the 2021 SPLOST project list for consideration to the Mayor and Council. The list does not need to be finalized until the January Council Meeting.
4. The City Manager presented a change to City Code that would restrict tractor trailer parking in Lake City. The revision would be to Section 1 Chapter 38 (Traffic and Vehicles) Tractor Trailer Parking. Mayor Pro Tem Sowell made a motion to pass the revision and it was seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously.

**Police Report:**

Chief Whitmire advised the Mayor and Council that Part I crime was down twenty four percent as compared to the same time in 2018. Chief Whitmire also informed the council that Superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools Dr. Beasley had signed the Red Speed agreement.

**Public Comment:**

During public comment citizens discussed a beautification of Lake City.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Pro Tem Sowell made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:20 PM.