

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 11th, 2020

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

6:30 PM Work Session:

1. The City Manager presented to the Mayor and Council a recommendation from the city's auditor to write off pre 2012 uncollected sanitation fees. The majority of persons on the delinquent list no longer live in Lake City.
2. The City Manager presented a financial report prepared by the city's Finance Director Tonya Tripp to the Mayor and Council outlining the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the 2020 budget. The first quarter of the 2020 budget saw an increase in revenues over Fiscal year 2019. However, the month of April, 2020 saw \$139,121.08 less revenue than April, 2019.
3. Eddie Robinson the Community Services Director gave an update on the community clean up to the Mayor and council. The new date for the clean up will be August 29th from 8:00 AM -4:30 PM. The shredder will be on site from 12:00 PM-3:00 PM.
4. The City Manager gave a report pertaining to opening city hall to the public. Lake City, City Hall will reopen on Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 to the public.
5. The City Manager and the Community Services Director attended a meeting with Clayton County DOT and the contractors involved with the paving project for Forest Parkway. This project is a partnership between Clayton County DOT and Lake City. The project which will be funded through a four million dollar grant as well as matching funds from both Clayton County and Lake City. This project is expected to begin in late June.
6. The City Manager gave an update to the 2020 CENSUS. Lake City only has approximately 38 percent participation at this time. He advised the CENSUS 2020 end date had been extended to October 2020.

7. An update was given to the Mayor and Council that a community Development Block Grant had been tentatively approved for \$200,000.00 for playground equipment for Lake City Community Park.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order:

The Mayor called the Council Meeting to Order at 7:05 PM.

Invocation: Mayor Dodson gave the Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

The Mayor asked the Council for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9th, 2020 council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Sowell made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Discussion of Resolution 2020-05 a moratorium on Buildings of 10,000 square feet or less. No action was taken which allowed the moratorium to expire. The Mayor stated he did not see anything happening with the Ingles property any time soon. He had been in contact with Clayton County Economic Development discussing the Ingles property but nothing definitive came from those discussions.

New Business:

1. The Mayor and Council was presented Resolution 2020-06 an authorization to write off uncollected sanitation fees in the amount of \$53, 792.00. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilmember Hoover and seconded by Councilmember Sowell. The resolution passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Chief Whitmire gave an update for the Red Speed cameras and tag readers to be placed at Lake City Elementary School. The Chief advised that Forest Park had signed the paperwork and the project would move forward. The Chief told the Council that all but two officers had been tested for COVID-19. The Chief stated

that Lieutenant Triplett had been appointed as the Assistant Chief for the Police Department and Corporal Kagenski had been promoted to Sergeant and would be the Commander of the Investigations unit. A formal ceremony at council will take place once the restrictions because of the COVID-19 Pandemic are lifted.

Public Comment: NONE

Adjournment:

Councilmember Craven made a motion to adjourn it was seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:27 PM.