

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

July 13th, 2020

Attendees: Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Craven, Councilmember Kyles, Police Chief Tony Whitmire, City Attorney Michael Huening, City Manager Chris Leighty

6:30 PM Work Session:

1. The City Manager gave the Mayor and Council an update of the Community Development Block Grant for Lake City Community Park. The Request for Proposal for a Design Build is being prepared and will be posted for bids by the end of July. This Request for Proposal is for the design and installation of the Playground equipment for the park.
2. An update was given to the Mayor and Council for the Community Clean Up day. It is scheduled for August 29th, 2020 from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. There will be a commercial shredder on site from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order:

The Mayor called the regular session of the July council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 8th, 2020 council meeting was made by Councilmember Craven and seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Mayor Dodson gave an update pertaining to Clayton County Fire station 15 to be built in Lake City. A building site has been identified that will not be on the Ingles Property. The Mayor stated he felt it was important not to have the Fire Station built on the Ingles property because it would hinder economic development for that property.
2. The City Manager briefed the Council on the Forest Park Paving project. The project is expected to begin by the end of July, 2020. This will be a complete re-paving of Forest Parkway from State Route 54 to State Route 42.
3. The Mayor and Council received an update pertaining to the Ratteree Road/Anvil Block project. This project is a City of Forest Park Project that will include part of Lake City along the Ratteree Road area. Initially the construction vendor wanted to close Ratteree Road for six months for this project. However, Lake City contacted the vendor and Project Director and stated that was not acceptable. At this time a maximum closure of 45-60 days may occur. In addition, Forest Park will allow vehicle traffic to make a left turn onto Highway 54 from during the closure of Ratteree Road.

New Business:

1. David Weinstein the attorney for M&M LLC. made a presentation to the Mayor and Council pertaining to the purchase of and use for the property located at 1587 and 1579 Burks Drive. The company Mr. Weinstein represents want to convert this vacant property to a storage container business. Councilmember Hoover asked what would be built on this site? MR. Weinstein stated they would have a sales office as well as approximately 2000 containers stored on this site. These are waste removal type containers. Councilmember Craven asked what the hours of operation would be and Mr. Weinstein stated 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM Monday through Friday. He also stated the company does receive recyclables but there will be no crushers on site and all material will be in containers and not on the ground. This would only be done as a temporary storage of recyclables.

2. The Mayor and Council was presented with Resolution 2020-08 to amend the 2019 Budget to be compliant with State Law. This amendment to the budget did not increase or decrease the 2019 budget, it only moved money from Park and Recreation Line Item to the Information Tech line item. The Information Tech line item was over the budgeted amount for Fiscal Year 2019 because of unexpected costs of replacing I.T. infrastructure at City Hall.
3. A review and discussion of the Towing Contract with Forest Park Towing was presented by both the City Manager and the Police Chief. The Chief advised the Mayor and Council he would like to change the towing company that is contracted by the city to New Image Towing. Councilmember Hoover asked the Police Chief what was the reason for the change. Chief Whitmire stated there had been some response time issues and sometimes Forest Park Towing did not have a wrecker for large vehicle towing which created a wait time for the officers working the street. Councilmember Hoover made a motion to make the change it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell and passed unanimously.
4. The City Manager presented to the Mayor and Council for discussion Legislative priorities for the State Delegation for 2021. There was no action taken on the item.

Police Report:

Chief Whitmire stated overall crime was down forty-six percent for June 2020 as compared to the same time last year. However, crime was up by 1.8% for the year. Chief Whitmire also briefed the Mayor and Council on the beginning of a Police Officer Reserve Program. Councilmember Hoover asked if the Police Department had enough vehicles for a reserve program and the Chief stated he did.

Public Comment:

During public comment a Lake City resident gave information pertaining to a possible drug house. The Police Chief stated he would follow up on this location.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Craven and seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously. Council was adjourned at 8:01 PM.