

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

August 10th, 2020

Attendees: Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Craven, Councilmember Kyles, Eddie Robinson, Code Enforcement Officer Wolcott, Police Chief Whitmire, City Attorney Steve Fincher, City Manager Chris Leighty

6:30 PM Work Session:

1. The Council discussed the City clean-up day. The clean-up date is August 29th, 2020. The hours will be from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM and a commercial shredder will be on site from 12:00 PM-3:00 PM.
2. Eddie Robinson briefed the Mayor and Council on the expected date of installation of the playground equipment would be approximately mid - November.
3. The City Manager briefed the Mayor and Council, that the Department Heads had begun their initial preparations for the 2021 budget.
4. The City Manager and Candy Wolcott briefed the Mayor and Council pertaining to the 2020 CENSUS. Currently Lake City has only a 42.7 percent self-response rate as compared to a 46 percent self-response rate in 2010. Additionally, the CENSUS bureau has reduced the response time from October 31st, 2020 to September 30th, 2020. The work session ended at 6:58 PM.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order:

Mayor Dodson called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation:

The City Manager gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

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

Old Business:

1. A discussion of Residential Zoning was brought before the Council to get clarification whether our Residential Zoning allowed for rooms to be rented individually within the residential areas. City Attorney Fincher stated they were not allowed to rent rooms and that the city would need to address through Code Enforcement and let the process go through the courts.
2. The City Manager gave an update of the FY 2020 Budget. April and May saw a significant reduction in the City's revenue but year to date the city saw a decline of 3.92 percent.

New Business:

1. The Mayor and Council approved a proclamation for State Representative Valencia Stovall for her service to our community as a State Representative.
2. The City Auditor was scheduled to give the FY2019 Audit Report to the Mayor and Council but he was not able to attend due to an unforeseen conflict. The Audit report will be at the September Council Meeting.
3. The City Manager brought before the Mayor and Council the issue of needing to contract with another Election Superintendent. The City's previous Superintendent is no longer going to perform that function. The City Clerk asked Clayton County Election Board for an estimate to conduct Lake City's elections. The Council advised to bring the issue back before the Council at the September 14th, 2020 council meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion and Councilmember Craven made a motion and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and passed unanimously.
4. The Mayor and Council passed Resolution 2020-09 to accept CARES ACT Grant from the State of Georgia. A motion to accept this funding was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and seconded by Councilmember Craven. It passed unanimously.

Police Report:

1. Chief Whitmire presented to the Mayor and Council the Police Report. The second quarter Part I crime was down thirty-seven percent and the Year to Date crime is down 1.5 percent for the year.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sowell and seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously. Council was adjourned at 7:51 PM.