

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DECEMBER 14th, 2020

Attendees: Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Sowell, Councilmember Craven, Councilmember Kyles, Eddie Robinson, Police Chief Tony Whitmire, Code Enforcement Candy Walcott, City Attorney Michael Huening, City Manager Chris Leighty

6:30 PM Work Session:

1. The City Manager presented to the Mayor and Council an issue pertaining to the way leaves are currently being picked up. Residents have been blowing or raking their leaves into the street and Lake City personnel have been using the street sweeper truck to then suction the leaves into the container. This process is very labor intensive and not cost effective. In addition, the leaves are being washing into the drains on the streets and damaging the water quality. It was proposed that next year the city increase the number of bags of leaves to be picked up thus eliminating having the leaves placed in the street. The Mayor and Council was unanimous in the agreement to increase the number of leaf bags in 2021.
2. Eddie Robinson gave a slide show presentation on the transformation of the Lake City Community Park from the beginning in 2018 to the installation of the playground. In addition, the council was advised the installation of the rubber surface would begin Wednesday December 16th and should be completed by Monday December 21st depending on the weather.
3. The City Manager proposed to the Mayor and Council to allow employees to use a vacation day for Christmas Eve. The purpose of doing this is to allow the employees to be able to spend both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day off. The City Manager stated that City Hall would be closed at the end of the day on December 23rd and open back up for normal business on Monday, December 28th. The Mayor and Council approved unanimously. The City Manager proposed for discussion his annual contract renewal for

2021. The City Manager requested a two percent increase in pay the same as all city employees.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Invocation:

Mayor Dodson gave the Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the Minutes of the November Council Meeting was made by Council member Kyles, it was seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

The City Manager gave a brief update for the 2021 Budget. The budgeted payroll for 2021 will increase by \$40,193.63. This increase includes a two percent pay increase for all employees and the final installment of the unfunded vacation liability.

New Business:

1. The Mayor and Council recognized Ms. Judy Johnson for her years of service on the Clayton County School Board. Ms. Johnson was presented with a Letter of Commendation.
2. Chief of Police Tony Whitmire presented the Public Safety Employee of the Year to Sergeant J.D. Branch.
3. The Mayor and Council approved unanimously to renew the City Managers contract for 2021.

Police Report:

Police Chief Whitmire advised the Mayor and Council that PART I crime was down for the month by 16% and for the year it had decreased by 11%.

Public Comment: NONE

Adjournment:

Council adjourned at 7:27 PM.