

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MARCH 8th, 2021

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

6:30 PM Work Session:

1. The Mayor and Council decided the ribbon cutting for the new playground at the Lake City Community Park would take place on Monday March 22nd at 10:00 AM with an alternative date for Thursday March 25th at 10:00 AM.
2. The Mayor and Council chose September 25th for the Community Clean-up day and October 9th as an alternative day.
3. The City Manager advised the Mayor and Council the 2020 Budget Audit would take place in April.
4. The City Manager and the Community Services Director gave an update on opening the community center. They both recommended not to open the community center up until the fall of 2021 due to the current status of the pandemic. The Mayor and Council supported the recommendation unanimously.
5. The City Manager gave an update of a possible future project for the Ingles Property.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order:

Mayor Dodson called the Council 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 was made by Councilmember Sowell seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Craven and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Legal Update was provided by the City Attorney in an Executive session that took place after the Public Comment.

New Business:

1. The City Manager presented to the Mayor and Council the Comprehensive Plan for the City will expire in 2022 and gave two options for getting assistance with the Comprehensive Plan. First, the city could hire a firm to assist with the development of the Comprehensive plan at an approximate cost of \$10,000.00 or more or second, the city could have the Atlanta Regional Commission to assist the city at no or minimal cost. The Mayor and Council unanimously approved to utilize the services of the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Police Report:

Police Chief Tony Whitmire gave the Part I crime report and Year To Date Part I crimes are down 52%. In addition, he informed the Mayor and Council of the hiring of Police Officer Pete Waldrop. Officer Waldrop is a POST Firearms and General Instructor.

Public Comment:

Mike Mead the Lake City representative to the Clayton County Land Bank advised the council the Land Bank would be conducting their initial training and first meeting next week. Mike also briefed the Mayor and Council on the fundraising event for the Good Shepherd Clinic.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Craven to move to an Executive Session to discuss Legal Matters. This was seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously. This motion was made at 7:25 PM. A motion to end the Executive Session and return the Regular Council Session was made at 7:55 PM by

Councilmember Kyles seconded by Councilmember Sowell and passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Sowell seconded by Councilmember Kyles and Passed unanimously. The Council meeting ended at 7:56 PM.