

# **REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

**APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

### **6:30 PM Work Session:**

1. The City Manager briefed the Mayor and Council pertaining to using Clayton County Elections for Lake City's November election.
2. Police Chief Whitmire gave an update for Red Speed at the Lake City Elementary School Zone. The cameras are operational and will have a thirty - day grace period.
3. The City Manager presented information on the Certified Public Manager course provided by the Carl Vinson Institute to the Mayor and Council for approval. This course begins in September and requires the City Manager to attend class three days one week a month through April 2022. This is a professional certification and the cost to attend is a one- time fee of Three thousand five hundred dollars. The City Managers attendance for this training was approved.
4. The City Manager presented a proposal to place the three- acre requirement to the Gateway Zoning. The Mayor and Council took no action on this item.

### **7:00 PM City Council Session:**

**Call to order:** Mayor Dodson called the council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Invocation:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

### **Old Business:**

1. The City Manager gave an update to pending legal matters.

### **New Business:**

1. The City Manager asked the Mayor and Council to give approval to accept the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds that were allocated for Lake City. The total funds would be approximately \$890,000. Councilmember Kyles made a motion to accept the funds seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Craven and passed unanimously.
2. Police Chief Whitmire recognized Brandy Hicks by giving her a Life Saving Award.

The Lake City Council meeting was interrupted by a medical emergency. Mayor Dodson asked for a motion to recess. Mayor Pro-Tem Craven made a motion to recess it was seconded by Councilmember Kyles. Council was in recess for forty minutes.

### **Police Report:**

Police Chief Whitmire stated that Part I crime for March was down twenty percent and for the year was down forty-two percent.

### **Public Comment:**

During Public comments a Lake City business owner advised the Mayor and Council he was interested in opening a Package Store to sell distilled spirits.

The Mayor suggested the Council consider the request and to research the necessary requirements before the business owner spent any money applying for zoning or permitting.

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The Council Meeting was called back into session by the Mayor at 8:00 PM.

Another resident complained that heavy equipment and dump trucks at the Sanders St construction location were making noise and blocking the street. The City Manager stated he would have Code Enforcement go by the location and address the issues.

Ms. Annie Johnson stated she appreciated the renovated Lake City Community Park and that the playground was outstanding.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Craven made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously. The Council meeting ended at 8:15 PM.