

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

AUGUST 9TH, 2021

Attendees: Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Craven, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Kyles, Community Services Director Eddie Robinson, Police Chief Whitmire, City Attorney Andy Clark, City Manager Chris Leighty

5:30 Zoning Variance Hearing:

Bhavin Patel on behalf of Shree Shakti of Atlanta/Ambaji Development LLC. Mr. Patel asked the Mayor and Council for a Zoning Variance that would reduce the requirement for a thirty-foot set back in the rear of the housing development to a twenty-foot set back. The Mayor and Council approved the request.

6:30 PM Work Session:

1. The city manager gave an update for the Employee Appreciation Day. The date was set for August 20th. A food truck from Greedyman's BBQ out of Jonesboro would cater the event.
2. The city manager presented an update of the November Election. Clayton County Elections would conduct the election for the city.
3. The city manager and the Community Services Director gave an update pertaining to the sidewalk project on Reynolds Road. The funding for the project will come from LMIG money as well as SPLOST dollars. This project should be completed by December of 2021.
4. The city manager gave an update pertaining to improvements to the Nature Preserve. The city was approved for a Community Development Block Grant for \$150,000.00. The project will see water mitigation to stop the destruction of the walking trails as well as a new pump to ensure water flow at the pavilion and a bridge or piping of water at the eastern edge of the walking trail. Any additional, costs for this project will be paid with SPLOST dollars.

5. The mayor briefed the council on the city's participation in Georgia Cities Week, the week of October 3-9. The city will have a cookout in the Lake City Community Park on Saturday October 9th. Councilmember Hoover requested the city manager contact Lake City Elementary Principal Mrs. Johnson so she could share the information with her students. In addition, the city will have an equipment display and Employee appreciation luncheon that week as well.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order:

Mayor Dodson called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mayor Pro Tem Craven and seconded by Councilmember Hoover.

Invocation:

Mayor Dodson gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the July council minutes was made by Mayor Pro Tem Craven and seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

A motion to approve the Amended Ordinance Number 2021-01 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Craven was seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously. The Amendment added decision criteria in reviewing a rezoning application, zoning map amendment and /or a zoning change or decision.

Mayor Pro Tem Craven made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-05 that would deny the rezoning application of Oakmont LLC. Councilmember Kyles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The mayor and council discussed approval for an Intergovernmental Agreement with Clayton County to conduct the upcoming city council elections in November

2021. A motion to approve the IGA was made by Councilmember Hoover, seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously.

The mayor presented a resolution to recognize the Lake City Governments dedication to serving the community and its participation in Georgia Cities Week October 3rd-9th. A motion to pass the resolution was made by Councilmember Kyles seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously.

Resolution 2021-07 authorizing the adoption of the Clayton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the mayor and council by the city manager. This plan must be updated and adopted every five years. This is a plan to mitigate the effects of disasters both man made and natural, the responses to said disasters and qualifies the county and the cities who participate in this plan to be eligible for Federal Disaster Relief Funding. Councilmember Kyles asked when the original plan was made. The city manager was not certain but stated it had to be renewed every five years and that both the Police Chief, and the Community Services Director participated in the update process for the plan. Councilmember Kyles asked if the city had a copy of the new plan and was told by the city manager it would be on the Clayton County Fire Departments website as soon as it was adopted and approved by the county.

Police Report:

Police Chief Whitmire gave an update that Part I crime was down for the month of July by 12%. Part I crime is down for the year by 11% as compared to 2020.

Public Comment:

A resident from Rex Road said they were having a speeding problem and requested the mayor and council put in speed bumps. In addition, the same resident stated they were having a cat problem. She said a neighbor was letting their cats roam free and they were getting on her vehicles. The Police Chief stated he would have the police department watch for speeding issues on Rex Road and would have Code Enforcement look into the cat complaints.

Another resident from Ahyoka Dr. stated they were having problems with cars parking on their street after school. The vehicles were blocking driveways and parking on both side of the street which would prevent an emergency vehicle

from being able to respond in the neighborhood. Police Chief Whitmire stated he was aware and the Police Department is working on the issue.

Adjournment:

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.