

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 11th, 2021

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

Zoning Hearing: 5:30

Called to order by the Mayor at 5:32 PM. The Mayor recommended the names of the city employees who would participate on the Architectural Review Board be removed and only the titles should be a part of the Ordinance. The Positions who would be on the board would be the City Manager, City Clerk, Director of Community Services and either two Residents/Business Owners. This board will review all requests for variances or any type of construction in Lake City. The board will make recommendations to the Mayor and Council. The ordinance was approved by consensus with the recommended changes. Hearing ended at 5:50 PM.

6:30 PM Work Session:

1. Discussion of mayor and council compensation was discussed. The Mayor stated he had looked into council compensation of other cities similar in size to Lake City and only two cities Hartwell and Vienna paid more. Councilmember Kyles stated she had checked the Georgia Municipal Website and she felt that more compensation for the council would attract better candidates. The Mayor asked Councilmember Kyles if she knew the salary before she ran for office and she stated no, she ran because she wanted to serve the citizens. The Mayor stated he felt the compensation for Mayor and Council was what it should be. Councilmember Kyles stated because we would have a full council in January the item should be tabled.
2. Director of Community Services gave an update on current city projects. He stated the city engineer should have plans of the Reynolds Road Sidewalk Project completed by October 13th. The trail engineer will walk the Nature

Preserve on the 12th and have the information pertaining to the piping and water mitigation and the next steps would be to bid the project out. In addition, the community center interior has painted.

3. The City Manager gave an update pertaining to the Christmas Tree Lighting. He told the Mayor and Council he had spoken with Ms. Johnson the Principal at Lake City Elementary School and she stated the choir would not be able to participate. The Mayor and Council made the decision the event would be scaled back similar to 2020 because of the lingering COVID threat. The tree lighting will take place on Friday, November 19th from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. There will be limited public permitted.
4. The Mayor and Council discussed when to have the employee appreciation luncheon and it was decided the luncheon would take place on Friday December 10th from 11:30AM – 1:30 PM at the community center.
5. The city manger asked the Mayor and Council if it was their intention for the employees to receive the longevity checks in the amount that was included in the 2021 budget and it was a consensus that it was.
6. The city manager asked the Mayor and Council when they wanted to schedule a work session to begin discussions on the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. It was decided to hold a work session on October 21st at 10:00 AM.
7. The City Manager briefed the Mayor and Council the Comprehensive Plan for the city was dur to the Department of Community Affairs by October of 2022. This is a requirement to maintain good standing as a certified municipality. The City Manager also stated he had been in contact with the Atlanta Regional Commission and they had sent a Memorandum of Understanding to be approved by the Mayor and Council.
8. The Mayor and Council was briefed on a broadband project that Clayton County is working on. The project would include the installation of towers that would provide broadband to the entire county including the cities. Clayton County wanted to know if the municipalities would be interested in

partnering and sharing the cost of this project. The Mayor and Council stated they were interested in continuing the conversation and depending on the cost Lake City would participate. The City Manager stated that broad band was one of the approved uses for the ARPA Funds,

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 of the September 13th council meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Craven and seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

The City Manager presented a Memorandum of Understanding with the Atlanta Regional Commission to partner with Lake City to develop our Comprehensive Plan. A motion to approve the MOU was made by Councilmember Kyles and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craven and passed.

Police Report:

Police Chief Whitmire gave the Police Report. He stated that overall Part I crime was up by 2.4% for the year.

Public Comment: NONE

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by consensus