

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 10th, 2022

Attendees: Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Craven, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Kyles, Councilmember Brown, Director Community Services Director Eddie Robinson, Finance Director Tonya Tripp, Police Chief Tony Whitmire, City Attorney Carl Christie, City Manager Chris Leighty

6:00 PM: Introduction of Planning for the lake City Comprehensive Plan Update

The City Manager briefed the Mayor Council and Public as to the update of the Lake City Comprehensive Plan. The city will partner with the Atlanta Regional Commission to update the Comprehensive Plan. The City Manager asked the Mayor and Council for a council member to be on the advisory committee and Councilmember Dave Brown volunteered for the position. This committee will meet at least three times during the planning process.

6:30 PM Work Session:

The Community Services Director gave the Mayor and Council an update for the Reynolds Road sidewalk project. The project is expected to begin toward the end of January early February depending on the weather. All of the affected owners have been notified.

An update on the Nature Preserve water mitigation was presented to the Mayor and Council. The Request for Proposal has gone out and the bid will be closed February 16th.

The Lake City Community center continues to be updated. The interior painting has been completed; the exterior painting should be completed by next week depending on the weather. The gutters will be replaced in the next couple of weeks. The audio-visual update should be completed by mid-February.

A discussion of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget was presented by the City Manager and the Finance Director. The budget included a five percent salary increase for all full-time employees.

The City Manager proposed the Mayor and Council provide payment of up to 40 hours of vacation pay per employee due to the extreme shortages the city had experienced throughout 2021. The total cost would not exceed thirteen thousand dollars. Councilmember Craven made a motion to add the item to the regular agenda this was seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously. The item was added to the regular agenda as new business.

The Work Session ended at 6:52 PM.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order:

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The mayor welcomed Dr. Luke Hall the Senior Pastor and Founder of New Vision Christian Church to the Council Meeting.

Invocation:

The Invocation was given by Pastor Luke of New Vision Christian Church.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Swearing in of Elected Councilmembers:

Mayor Dodson gave the oath of office to Councilmember Lorraine Hoover and Councilmember David Brown.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilmember Kyles and seconded by CM Craven and unanimously approved.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

The Mayor and Council nominated and appointed the following positions. Councilmember Kyles nominated Councilmember Hoover to be the Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Craven seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. This position will be a two-year appointment. The rest of the appointments are as follows: City Judge Keith Woods, Associate City Judge David Harris, Associate City Judge Crandall Bray, City Clerk Eric Beckman, City Attorney Fincher Denmark,

Clayton County Municipal Association Representative Councilmember Craven. Councilmember Craven made the motion to approve all the appointments and was seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously.

A proposal to continue contracting with Whitley Engineering Inc, for City projects was presented to the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Craven stated they have done a great job in the city a motion to approve was made by Councilmember Kyles and seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.

The City Manager presented to the Mayor and Council Resolution 2022-01 pertaining to applying for another Community Development Block Grant for \$150,300.00 to continue the Nature Preserve trail improvements. Councilmember Hoover made the motion to move forward with the application it was seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously.

The Mayor and City were presented with the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. The budget included a five percent pay increase to all full-time employees. A motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget as presented was made by Councilmember Hoover and seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously.

An item was added to the agenda by council action during the work session. The item added was a request to pay up to forty hours of vacation pay to city employees who were not able to take vacation due to staffing issues. A request by the City Manager to pay an amount not to exceed thirteen thousand dollars was made. Councilmember Kyles made a motion to approve the request and it was seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Chief Whitmire reported that Part I crime increased for the year by 3.6 percent. Councilmember Kyles asked the Chief if the Red Speed cameras ran when school was not in session. The Chief advised the cameras did not run while school is not in session.

Public Comment: NONE

Adjournment:

Council adjourned at 7:29 PM