

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 14th, 2022

Attendees: Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Hoover, Councilmember Craven, Councilmember Brown, Police Chief Tony Whitmire, City Attorney Carl Christie, City Manager Chris Leighty

6:30 PM Work Session:

1. The City Manager briefed the Mayor and Council on current city projects. The Reynolds Road sidewalk project has started and is expected to be finished by early April. The Oswalt Nature Preserve project will begin in approximately two weeks depending on the weather. The work was awarded to M-Con LLC at a bid of \$296,483.00. In addition, the Clayton County Water Authority has provided over three hundred feet of concrete pipe for the project at a savings of approximately \$25,000.00.
2. The Mayor and Council was advised the first meeting of the business work group and the Atlanta Regional Commission representative for the Comprehensive Plan update will be March 31st and will be a virtual meeting.
3. Georgia Cities week will take place the week of April 24th-30th. Lake City is planning on a health fair, a Lake City Elementary School Teacher Luncheon and an employee appreciation cook-out.
4. The City Manager advised the Mayor and Council that a couple of long-time employees were going to be retiring soon.
5. The Mayor gave an update of Fire station 15. He spoke with Clayton County Commissioner Dr. Alieka Anderson who followed up with the Clayton County Commission Chairman and advised it would be discussed at the April Commission meeting.
6. The Mayor and City Manager met with Mike Mead the Lake City representative on the Clayton County Land Bank. During the meeting Mr. Mead advised the Mayor the Land Bank Board would seek funding from each entity that had properties in the Land Bank. Lake City's portion would

be \$6,250.00 annually. This money would pay for legal fees as well as maintaining the properties.

7. The City Manager briefed the Mayor and Council pertaining to Waste Management opting out of their contract with Lake City pending negotiations over pricing. Waste Management advised that due to rising operating costs they would increase the charge to the city by approximately fifteen percent. The City Manager stated he would meet with the Waste Management representative and have more information at the April Council Meeting. The City Manager advised the Mayor and Council that an increase would have to be passed on to the residents of Lake City because the city had absorbed the past several increases but would be in the negative revenue with this increase.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order:

Invocation:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

Council member Craven made the motion to approve the minutes it was seconded by Council member Brown and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

A discussion of whether to repair or replace the roof on the City Hall building. The City Manager stated it would take approximately twelve thousand dollars to repair the leaks on the roof. The Mayor stated he had received an estimate that it would cost approximately eight hundred thousand dollars to replace the roof. Council members Craven, Brown as well as Mayor Pro Tem Hoover all stated they felt we should look into replacement of the roof rather than another repair. The council advised to prepare a Request for Proposal.

New Business:

The Mayor put before the council that he would like to look into another training day for the entire council. The training day would be in June or July. The City Manager was tasked to reach out to the Carl Vinson Institute of Government for their availability to conduct the training.

Resolution 2022-02 Participation in Georgia Cities Week was approved by the council. In addition, Mayor Pro Tem Hoover stated she would like to look in to the possibility of having a car show in the fall. This was seconded by Councilmember Craven.

Police Report:

Chief Whitmire gave the Police Report and stated the city had a couple of burglaries at two Asian businesses. In addition, he stated the Lake City Police Department raised almost \$1,500.00 for Georgia Special Olympics.

Public Comment:

A resident spoke about pot holes on Pine Ridge and Oakwood Street. IN addition, they stated there were no street lights on Oakwood. The City Manager stated he would look into the complaints.

Council member Craven made a motion to move to an executive session to discuss legal matters. It was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hoover and passed unanimously. The Council moved to executive session at 7:35 PM and returned to the regular Council Meeting at 8:16 PM.

Adjournment:

Council Adjourned at 8:20 PM