

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

APRIL 11th, 2022

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

6:30 PM Work Session:

1. The City's auditor Mr. Jimmy Whitaker presented the Fiscal Year 2020 financial audit to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Whitaker stated the city has no long-term debt and is in overall very sound financial condition. In addition, Mr. Whitaker stated the city's reserve fund was at 136.5% of the city's operating budget. Mr. Whitaker stated the city still needed to address the reconciliation of property tax receivables.
2. Eddie Robinson gave an update to the projects currently taking place in the city. The Reynolds Road sidewalk project is nearing completion with only the planting of the grass left. In addition, the Nature Preserve trail renovation will start within the next two weeks and will take a couple of months depending on the weather.
3. The city manager gave an update on the comprehensive plan. The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be April 24th.
4. The City Manager gave an update for Georgia Cities Week.
5. The city manager gave an update pertaining to the Certified Public Manager class. He advised the council his project would be presented the week of May 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Graduation would occur on May 26th and would have a remote access graduation.

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 was made by Councilmember Craven, seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

The Mayor and Council discussed a training retreat for the council and department heads. The Dates that all of the council could participate were Tuesday July 12th and Tuesday July 19th. The City Manager stated he would send those dates to the Carl Vinson Institute and schedule the training for one of those dates.

New Business:

The Mayor Council and community recognized Sgt. Tammy Martin on her retirement from the city. Chief Whitmire presented her with a plaque recognizing her twenty-six years of service to Lake City.

MARTA made a presentation to the Mayor and Council. Michael Hightower gave an update of current MARTA Projects and then turned it over to Allison Stewart-Harris. Allison stated she had enjoyed working with the Lake City team. She stated Lake City needed an update of the G-1 zoning as well as a full zoning update. In addition, we need to create Transit Supportive land use to include model ordinances and coordinate those with the neighboring jurisdictions.

Police Report:

Chief Whitmire gave an update of the Part I crimes in Lake City. There was a 12% increase from the same time in 2021.

Public Comment:

There was no Public Comment

Adjournment:

Council adjourned at 7:46 PM