

# REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

June 13th, 2022

**Attendees:** Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Hoover, Councilmember Kyles, Councilmember Craven, Councilmember Brown, Eddie Robinson, Police Chief Whitmire, City Attorney Paul Dzikowski, City Manager Chris Leighty

### 6:30 PM Work Session:

1. Eddie Robinson stated the sidewalk project on Reynolds Road was complete but the contractor was going to have to replace some of the sod that had died. The conceptual designs for the park in front of city hall will be ready to present to the council at the July council meeting. The project to replace the roof on city hall is in the bid construction phase and the city received a LMIG grant check in the amount of \$36,000.00 for sidewalks.
2. The city manager advised the Mayor and Council the Clayton County Municipal Association meeting will be held in Jonesboro on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The meeting will have discussions pertaining to the Service Delivery Agreement with the County. The council was reminded the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday was on a Monday and that city hall would close early on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> for the employees to begin the holiday weekend and avoid the traffic. The Mayor and Council approved closing city hall early. The city manager also reminded the council the council training with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government will be held at the Lake City Community Center on July 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. The city manager advised the council that LOST negotiations with the county will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the county had hired an independent firm to represent the county in the negotiations.
4. The date for the lake City community clean-up was approved to be Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The shredder will be on site from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM.

5. The council was advised the city had been approved for another Community Development Block Grant to complete the Oswalt Nature Preserve renovation in the amount of \$150,000.00.

### **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:**

Councilmember Kyles made a motion to accept the minutes the motion was seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

A request for additional funding for the upgrades to the Oswalt Nature Preserve was made by the city manager. The Mayor and Council had previously approved \$296,000.00 to replace the piping and to replace the crush throughout the park. However, the contractor asked if we would be interested in paving the outer trail with concrete creating a five-foot wide five-thousand-foot-long sidewalk. The additional cost would be covered by SPLOST monies for streets and sidewalks. The total cost of the project would be \$481,788.00. Councilmember Craven made a motion to approve the additional funding the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed with one abstaining.

#### **New Business:**

The city manager presented a new contract for Waste Management. The city manager discussed the rising cost of the contract but advised the Mayor and Council there would be no increase to the residents until 2023. A motion to approve the contract was made by Councilmember Craven the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously. Alan Owens the representative for Waste Management spoke with the council and thanked them for the continued partnership.

**Police Report:**

Chief Whitmire briefed the Mayor and Council on crime in the city. Currently Larceny is driving the city's crime rate which is up for the year. The Chief also advised the council the county police department is forming a crime suppression unit and wanted all of the city police departments to be represented. The Chief stated they were working on a Memorandum of Understanding.

The Mayor addressed the meeting and advised on June 9<sup>th</sup> he attended a meeting with Chairman Turner and representatives of Roman United. Roman United is the company that will be developing the Ingles Property. The Mayor stated he was told there would be a ground breaking for the project on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The project will include an amphitheater, condominiums, a business incubator and ground floor retail. In addition, Chairman Turner told the Mayor Lake City will get its fire station.

**Public Comment:**

Some residents from Waterford Court had concerns about the condition of property in Waterford Court pertaining to code violations. The Police Chief met with them and stated he would have code enforcement go by and check the property for violations.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Craven the motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.