

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

August 8th, 2022

Attendees: Mayor Ron Dodson, Councilmember Craven, Police Chief Whitmire, City Attorney Paul Dzikowski, City Manager Chris Leighty

6:00 PM Work Session:

Winston Denmark briefed the Mayor and Council on the details to work out a timetable of implementation of an agreement in the current legal issues pertaining to Lake City.

The fiscal year 2021 update by the city's auditor was rescheduled for the October Council meeting.

The City Manager gave an update pertaining to the Oswalt Nature Preserve and advised the Mayor and Council present that an additional twenty thousand dollars was needed to complete the sidewalks project by filling in with crush. This would be moved to the September Council meeting for further consideration.

The City Manager discussed the upcoming events. The Community Clean up will take place Saturday October 1st from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. He also discussed holding the Christmas tree lighting on the Friday before Thanksgiving. Mayor Dodson thanked resident Lanell Larue for providing a tomato luncheon for the Lake City Employees.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order:

Mayor Dodson called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Due to a lack of a quorum all business items will be placed on the September Agenda.

Invocation:

Mayor Dodson gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes approved by consensus

Old Business:

No action taken on additional funding for the Oswalt Nature Preserve the item will be on the September Agenda.

New Business:

Discussion of traffic calming proposal will be placed on the September Agenda.

Police Report:

Police Chief Whitmire gave the Police report. Part I crime increased by 11% for the month of July. The entire Lake City Police Department participated in active shooter training at Lake City Elementary School.

Public Comment:

Mr. Kenneth Jackson President and CEO of Public Force stated he provided gloves to the police department during COVID and that his business helps the underserved in the community. He stated the city managers public persona and private persona were very different and that the city manager had mistreated him by sending code enforcement to his business to shut him down. Mr. Jackson stated that his business had burned down over six months ago, and the city had refused to give him a business license and that he had filed a suit against the city in Clayton County Superior Court. He stated when Code Enforcement arrived at his business, he brought four police officers with him and threatened to arrest him but did not cite him for anything because there was no violation. The city did not respond to any of these statements because of the pending suit filed by Mr. Jackson.

Resident Lanelle Larue spoke about extreme amounts of water running off on Forest Parkway. The City Manager stated he would investigate the issue.

Margaret Awasum spoke in support of Mr. Jackson.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 PM.