

# **REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

**October 10th, 2022**

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

### **6:30 PM Work Session:**

Walking In Authority Teen Council made a presentation to the mayor and council. They meet the requirement of the Department of Community Affairs for the youth council for Lake City.

Eddie Robinson advised that on October 6<sup>th</sup> the city had an audit for the Community Development Block Grant and the city was awarded another \$150,000.00 grant to complete the nature preserve renovation. Eddie also advised he would be meeting with some roofing representatives to discuss the roof on city hall. In addition, the city was awarded an LMIG Grant to complete the sidewalk project on Pineridge and conduct repairs on other sidewalks throughout Lake City.

The city manager gave an update for city events. October 27<sup>th</sup> the city would hold a health fair at the community center in partnership with the Clayton State University Nursing program. Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> will be the community clean up day, November 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Veterans Day Holiday, November 18<sup>th</sup> will be the Christmas Tree Lighting and December 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the Employee Appreciation Luncheon.

### **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:**

Mayor Pro Tem Kyles made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12th, 2022 council meeting it was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

City Attorney Paul Djikowski gave a presentation to the mayor and council pertaining to traffic calming devices. He advised the mayor and council that cities struggle to balance whether neighborhoods want or need traffic calming devices. He also advised the city could enact a five-part process and could share some of the costs with the neighborhoods.

The mayor recommended to place this issue on an agenda for a work session for further discussion. The mayor also stated the city has money to purchase speed signs and a trailer with speed calming technology.

**New Business:**

The city's Auditor Mr. Jimmy Whitaker presented the audit report for Fiscal Year End 12/31/21. Mr. Whitaker informed the mayor and council the city was in sound financial shape and there were no major negative findings. He advised the city's reserve fund was strong with 151% reserve. In addition, the city's net pension liability was positive, and the city has no long-term debt.

**Police Report:**

Police Chief Whitmire gave the police report. He stated crime was down significantly for the month of September and was down 8% for the quarter. Chief Whitmire advised that Sergeant Branch had attended the Georgia Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor Conference and received the Dale Moorefield Award for Instructor of the year for the State of Georgia.

**Public Comment:**

A business owner who lives in Morrow asked the mayor and council to allow a Lake City business to open back up. The business was Public Force.

The owner of Public Force Kenneth Jackson then spoke. He stated he was coming after City Manager Mr. Leighty. City Manager Chris Leighty asked Mr. Jackson if he had just threatened him, Mr. Jackson pointed his finger at the city manager and stated he was going to put him down. Mr. Jackson then turned and left the council chamber.

A business owner at 1365 Forest Parkway stated she was having issues with the cost of garbage service at her business. The city manager advised her the city did not have any responsibility pertaining to commercial garbage pick-up.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Pro Tem Kyles made a motion to adjourn it was seconded by Councilmember Brown motion passed unanimously.

Council adjourned at 7:50 PM.