

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14th, 2022

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

6:30 PM Work Session:

Representatives from Hand, Heart and Soul Project spoke to the Mayor and Council pertaining to the creation of a community garden. Several topics were discussed including location, Garden management, timing and size. Mayor Pro-Tem Kyles asked about the garden in Morrow and what the start up cost could be. The council was advised the startup cost could be in the range of five thousand dollars.

The Clayton County School Superintendent Dr. Beasley addressed the council pertaining to the Clayton County Schools progress. Dr. Beasley stated the graduation rate for the county was eighty percent and that Clayton County Schools has approximately 53,000 students. In addition, Dr. Beasley told the council that if a student completes a career pathway, they have a higher percentage of graduating.

The city manager advised council of the upcoming city events. November 18th would be the annual Christmas Tree lighting. November 24th and 25th would be the Thanksgiving Holiday and December 2nd would be the Employee appreciation Luncheon.

Eddie Robinson advised on project updates that included the city receiving another LMIG Grant of \$36,400.00. Also, the city should receive an update pertaining to the roof repair at city hall by December 1st.

The city manager asked the council their availability to schedule a work session to review the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Proposal. The council advised Thursday December 1st at 10:30 AM for the meeting.

The City Manager briefed the council on the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST). The cities in Clayton County and the County agreed and the County approved the agreement at the November Commission Meeting.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order:

Mayor Dodson called the Council meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

Invocation:

Dr. Odugunwa gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilmember Craven seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kyles and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. The Mayor and Council voted to approve Resolution 2022-09 to adopt the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update. Councilmember Brown made the motion to approve seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously. This is a requirement from the Department of Community Affairs for the city to maintain its Qualified Municipal status which allows us to apply for and receive Federal and State Grants.

New Business:

1. Discussion of Resolution 2022-10 Moratorium of Transient Merchant Permits. The Mayor and Council discussed placing a moratorium on the issuance of any further Transient Merchant Permits for a period of ninety days. The reason for the Moratorium was to give the city attorney an opportunity to revise our current Transient Merchant process. During discussion Councilmember Craven stated he felt issuing a Transient Merchant Permit for thirty days was too long and recommended changing it to fourteen days with a one-time renewal. The mayor and the other councilmembers wanted to leave the permit in place for thirty days with a one-time renewal. Mayor Pro-Tem Kyles made a motion to approve the

Moratorium for ninety days it was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed.

2. The mayor made a motion to place Resolution 2022-11 for approval of Bus Rapid Transit Lanes for the upcoming MARTA Expansion. Michael Hightower presented to the council and advised that a commuter rail option was not feasible and that a Bus Rapid Transit Lane could be installed for State Route 54 Jonesboro Road. He also advised council there would be no cost to Lake City for installation of a Bus Rapid Transit Lane.

Police Report:

Police Chief Whitmire informed the council the city was having an increase in vehicles getting broken into in the early morning hours. Chief Whitmire advised the department had stepped up its patrols in the neighborhoods during this time.

Public Comment:

A resident from Waterford Court asked the council placing screens on the drains along the street to keep them from clogging up with leaves and debris which was causing some yards to flood. Eddie Robinson advised the Water Authority didn't like to place screens because it caused more flooding. In addition, they stated a tree limb was causing a streetlight to go out. The Community Services Director told the resident he would go by the location and see if it was in the city's right of way.

Adjournment:

Council adjourned at 7:59 PM.