

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 9th, 2023

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:

Director of Community Affairs gave an update on City Projects for 2023 including the eight streets to be paved in 2022 was moved into 2023 because Clayton County was backed up on their paving projects but should begin in Lake City by March or April of 2023. In addition, the sidewalk project on Pineridge will be completed in 2023 and the beginning of the build for the park in front of City Hall.

The City Manager briefed the council on the fiscal year 2023 budget. It would include implementing the city's new pay scale and the proposed budget was \$4,131,286.00.

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:

Mayor Pro Tem Kyles made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 2022 council meeting. It was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

The Mayoral and Council appointments for 2023 were as follows, City Judge Keith Woods, Associate City Judge Crandall Bray, City Clerk Eric Beckman, City Attorney Fincher Denmark, Clayton County Municipal Association Representative Councilmember Chris Craven. A motion to accept these appointments was made by Councilmember Craven and seconded by Councilmember Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kyles to approve the contract for Whitley Engineering Inc. To continue as the city engineer. It was seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kyles made a motion to approve continuing to contract services with James L. Whitaker, P.C. for the city's governmental accounting and auditing services. It was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.

Councilmember Craven made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 which authorized the city to apply for a \$200,000.00 Community Development Block Grant to be used to develop the park in front of City Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.

Councilmember Craven made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kyles and passed unanimously.

Mayor Dodson made a motion to authorize the city attorney to draft a resolution to continue the moratorium on Transient Merchant permits for an additional ninety days, it was seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Police Chief Whitmire advised the council that overall, Part I crime had increased by 29% for the year. Theft is driving the crime rate in Lake City.

The Police Chief also informed the council the Lake City Police Department would participate in the Polar Plunge. This is an event that raises money for Special Olympics.

Public Comment:

A resident informed the mayor and council that a residential property on Trahlyta was being used as a rooming house.

Mr. Jackson the owner of Public Force addressed the mayor and council and left a lawsuit paperwork on the podium.

Adjournment:

Council adjourned at 7:31 PM.