

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

## **MINUTES**

**February 13th, 2023**

**Attendees:** Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Kyles, Councilmember Craven, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Brown, Director Community Services Director Eddie Robinson, Police Chief Tony Whitmire, City Clerk Eric Beckman, City Attorney Paul Djikowski, City Manager Chris Leighty

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

Community Services Director Eddie Robinson advised the Mayor and Council the roof repair at city hall was complete. He also advised that after the last two heavy rainstorms there had been no leaks reported. In addition, he stated he had posted RFP (request for proposal) for the landscaping requirements and the RFP for the tree and brush removal in front of the Lake City Community center.

The city manager reported to the Mayor and Council the streets that had been submitted and approved for Fiscal Year 2022 would begin in March or April 2023. The reason for the delay was that Clayton County was running behind schedule with the street paving.

The City Manager informed the council that February 20<sup>th</sup> was Presidents Day and was a Lake City Holiday and city hall would be closed.

Mayor Dodson gave an update for Fire station 15 which will be built on Rex Road. Clayton County EMS and Fire Chief Merkison invited the Mayor and Council to a sign posting at the location for the new fire station. There is no given date for the beginning of construction.

The Mayor and Council recognized the outstanding work conducted by the Municipal Court and the City Clerk Eric Beckman. The Lake City Municipal Court was recognized by the Standing Committee on Judicial Workload Assessment for excellence in reporting for 2021.

### **7:00 PM City Council Session:**

**Call to order:** The Mayor called the council session to order at 7:17 PM.

**Invocation:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Councilmember Craven made a motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

The Mayor and Council discussed Resolution 2023 – 03 to extend the moratorium on transient business permits. The extension would be for an additional ninety days and would expire May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilmember Craven and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kyles and passed unanimously.

The city attorney briefed the Mayor and Council pertaining to legal matters. The Mayor made a motion to authorize the city attorney to submit for mediation with Amerigo. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously.

**New Business: None**

**Police Report:**

Chief Whitmire presented the Part I crime data and Lake City had a significant increase due to theft.

**Public Comment:**

A city resident stated she enjoyed walking in the nature preserve because of the upgrades.

**Adjournment:**

Council adjourned at 7:45 PM.