

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

## **MINUTES**

**April 10th, 2023**

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

### **6:00 PM Work Session:**

1. Eddie Robinson gave a project update. He informed the council that Yellowstone Landscaping Company had started today. In addition, the city engineer will be meeting with a vendor to repair or replace the pump that regulates water in the Oswalt Nature Preserve.
2. Eddie and his crew were able to repair and repaint the signs to the entrance of Waterford Court. This was at the request for assistance from some of the residents.
3. The city manager advised the council that he and the mayor had attended a retirement ceremony for Fire Chief Landry Merkison and that Clayton County Chief Operating Officer Detrick Stanford had stated that Fire station 15 was fully funded.
4. The city manager advised the council that Finance Director Tonya Tripp would be graduating from the Certified Public Managers class on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **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:**

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 the need for an ordinance to specifically restrict single family residences from being turned into rooming houses or rental type apartments. The Mayor directed the city attorney to draft an ordinance to address this issue.

The city attorney gave a legal update to the mayor and council pertaining to several issues ongoing with the city. This included the Clayton County Judge had not yet signed the mediation order for the city and Amerigo.

### **New Business:**

1. The city manager asked the mayor and council to approve a council proclamation recognizing the work and partnership with Principal Erica Johnson, the Principal at Lake City Elementary School. The item was approved for the city manager to draft the proclamation for the council to sign once he had the required information pertaining to Principal Johnson.
2. The city manager presented to the council the GIRMA Insurance coverage for the city had increased to \$124,436.00. This was approximately an eight thousand dollar increase from 2022. A motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kyles seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.

### **Police Report:**

Police Chief Whitmire gave the Part I crime report. Overall crime increased for the quarter by six percent. The school speed zone camera citations continue to decrease. The chief also advised the police department will be presenting a CPR class on April 25<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Comment:**

During public comments a resident from Waterford Court stated they appreciated the work done to repair the sign at the entrance to their homes. Another

Waterford Court resident asked that code enforcement speak to some of the residents about where their property responsibility was.

The owner of Public Force a Lake City business complained to the council that he did not like the minutes from the October 2022 council meeting when he threatened the City Manager Chris Leighty.

**Adjournment:**

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

Council adjourned at 7:54 PM