

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

July 10th, 2023

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

6:30 PM Work Session:

1. Eddie Robinson the Director of Community Affairs advised the council the city had received \$100,000 dollar Community Development Block Grant to begin work on the park in front of city hall.
2. City Manager Chris Leighty briefed the council on the upcoming 5K road Race to be held on August 12th. Registration will begin at 7:00 AM and the race will start at 8:00 AM.
3. Mayor Dodson discussed the need for a Land Bank Representative to replace Mike Meade who is retiring and moving out of state. Mayor Pro Tem Kyles stated that Beverly Wilson might be someone to be considered. The mayor advised it will be an agenda item for the August Council meeting.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to Order:

Mayor Dodson called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation:

Reverend Steve Vice of the Forest Park Church of Christ gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

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

Old Business:

The city manager asked the Mayor and Council for guidance on the ARPA monies the city received. The mayor and council advised to continue to work with Clayton County Water Authority on the sewer project for the east side of the city.

The city manager advised the mayor and council the Christmas tree purchase that had been approved in June would cost an additional \$8,000.00 dollars due to a mistake by the vendor. The mayor made a motion to approve the additional funding. Seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.

New Business:

Jack Hancock an attorney representing Lake City Partners LP asked the mayor and council for an administrative extension of the six-month grandfather clause for the property located at 5496 Jonesboro Road. The reason for the extension was because of the amount of time it took the new owners to evict the previous tenants and the extraordinarily long time it took for the court to order the evection notice and for the Clayton County Sheriffs Office to serve the eviction. The mayor and council agreed to grant the extension. A motion was made by Councilmember Craven, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kyles, and passed unanimously.

A proclamation for 811 Day in Lake City was presented to the mayor and council. This is to heighten awareness of buried utility lines and to ensure people know to call 811 before they dig. Mayor Pro Tem Kyles made a motion to approve the proclamation, it was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.

Police Chief Whitmire promoted Corporal Rowe to Sergeant and gave him his Oath of Office. Sergeant Rowes family was present to witness the event.

Police Report:

Chief Whitmire stated that Part I crime for the city was down for the past quarter but there was an overall increase of 8% for the year.

Public Comment:

A resident complained about the property on Sanders Drive. The property owner had planted so many trees that he couldn't cut the grass. They stated Code Enforcement needs to check on the property. In addition, the backyard on the east side has toilets and trash in their back yard.

A business owner Mr. Johnson, spoke with the mayor and council. Mr. Johnson had met with the city manager earlier in the day and agreed to set a follow up meeting as soon as possible with Mr. Johnsons Attorney and the city's attorney to discuss viable business options for Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson has opened an automotive shop in the old AAMCO building which is no longer zoned for automotive. Mr. Johnson told the council he had paid the owner of the property for the use of the property and was wanting to do the right thing. Mr. Johnson stated he was working with his church and that he helps people find work after they get out of jail.

Adjournment:

Council adjourned at 7:50 PM