

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

## **MINUTES**

**September 11th, 2023**

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

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

1. Eddie Robinson gave a project update pertaining to the Street paving and sidewalk projects. The street paving is continuing and should be completed by the end of October. The sidewalk project had an issue with one of the vendors who submitted a bid that was incomplete. There will be a follow up meeting with another vendor who submitted a bid for the sidewalks and will be prepared to discuss that at the October council meeting.
2. Lake City community clean up will take place on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the public works facility. The hours will be 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. A shredder will be on site and the makeup date will be October 28<sup>th</sup>.
3. The City Manager asked the Mayor and Council to begin thinking of a date in October for the FY 2024 Budget discussion. No date was provided.
4. The city manager made a request to the council to approve twenty-five hundred dollars to conduct an actuarial study of the Lake City Pension. The City Manager advised he is asking for the study to look at the feasibility of a rule of 75 for public safety and a 60/20 pension for all other employees. The council approved unanimously to approve the money for the study.

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

#### **Call to order:**

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

#### **Invocation:**

City Manager Chris Leighty gave the invocation.

## **Pledge of Allegiance:**

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Kyles advised there was a misspelling on page three. The city manager advised he would make that correction. Mayor Pro-Tem Kyles made a motion to approve the corrected minutes seconded by Councilmember Hoover and approved unanimously.

## **Old Business:**

Mayor made the nomination of Beverly Wilson to represent Lake City on the Clayton County Land Bank Board. Councilmember Craven asked if her being a real estate agent would be a conflict. The mayor advised on the advice of counsel that it would not be. Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kyles and passed unanimously.

## **New Business:**

1. Police Chief Whitmire gave the oath of office to Assistant Chief Brett Stanelle.
2. The city manager presented a proposal to amend Lake City's Policy pertaining to use it or lose it for earned vacation hours. The proposal was to allow hourly employees to sell back up to forty hours of vacation each year. Councilmember Craven made a motion that all Lake City employees be allowed to sell back up to forty hours of vacation each year beginning at the end of the FY 2023 budget year. Councilmember Hoover made a motion to approve seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.
3. The city manager requested the council approve an amendment to the FY 2022 Budget. The city's auditor requested that ARPA Funds and Red Speed Funds be placed as a separate line item in the budget even though we hadn't spent any ARPA Funds and did not know what revenue would be generated by the Red Speed cameras. Councilmember Craven made a motion to approve the budget amendment seconded by Council member Brown and passed unanimously.
4. The mayor made a motion to amend the agenda to add approval to continue the four ten-hour day work schedule permanently. The item was

approved to be placed on the agenda. A motion to approve the four ten-hour day work week was made by Councilmember Craven seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kyles and approved unanimously.

**Police Report:**

Police Chief Whitmire advised the Part I crimes year to date had increased by twenty-two percent. Councilmember Craven asked the Chief when the radar trailer would be available for the city. Chief Whitmire advised it had been ordered and should be delivered soon.

**Public Comment:**

A resident advised the council about loud music on Sanders across the street from the yard with all the asphalt in the yard. The same resident that placed black top in his yard sprayed something that killed his neighbor's grass. The city manager advised he would have code enforcement investigate. A Rex Road resident advised that dogs were creating issues because they were being tied up outside and left. The barking is incessant and needs to be addressed. In addition, the house at the end of Rex is creating issues with large gatherings that are extremely loud. Police Chief Whitmire advised he would have someone investigate these complaints.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Craven seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kyles and passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:00 PM.