

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 9th, 2023

Attendees: Mayor Ron Dodson, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Craven, Rusty Bishop, Police Chief Whitmire, City Attorney Dzikowski, City Manager Chris Leighty

6:30 PM Work Session:

The Mayor and Council set November 2nd at 10:00 AM as the day and time for the initial meeting to discuss the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget planning session.

The community clean up day will be Saturday October 14th.

The Mayor and Council were briefed on upcoming events and holidays. Veterans Day will be November 11th which is a Saturday. By policy city hall will be closed on Friday. The Christmas Tree lighting will take place on November 17th, and the employee appreciation luncheon will take place on December 1st.

There will be no election this year for Lake City Mayor or Council positions because the incumbents were the only ones to qualify.

The discussion of the property purchase was moved to an executive session.

The Mayor and Council authorized the city manager to give Police Chief Whitmire his service weapon and Chief's badge for his retirement.

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:

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilmember Craven seconded by Councilmember Brown and approved unanimously.

Old Business: None**New Business:**

Lake City Mayor and Council recognized Officer Howard for being promoted to Corporal and Administrative Clerk/ GCIC Clerk Brandy Hicks for being awarded the Administrative Assistant of the year for the State of Georgia by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

Lake City Municipal Court Judge Keith Woods advised the council of the need to appoint an Associate Judge in the event he may not be available for court. He nominated Judge Chelsea Freeman Dease for that position. She is a Northwestern Law School Graduate. She will replace Judge Crandall Bray. A motion to approve her as the Associate Judge was made by Councilmember Craven seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.

The mayor asked the city attorney about pending litigation and was told the mediation is moving forward. Councilmember Craven asked about the pending dismissal of Public Force suit against the city. The city attorney advised they were still waiting for the Clayton County Judge to decide the case.

Police Report:

Police Chief Whitmire gave the police report. He stated that Part I crime was increased year to date by 23%.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Mayor Dodson to retire to an executive session to discuss a land purchase it was seconded by Councilmember Craven and approved unanimously. The council moved to executive session at 7:41 PM.

Executive session ended at 8:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Regular city council meeting ended at 8:03 PM