

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 13th, 2023

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

6:30 PM Work Session:

Community Services Director Eddie Robinson gave a project update. Current projects are the sidewalk repair and replacement in several locations in the city including Pineridge and parts of the sidewalk along Highway 54. In addition, the bids are in, and a vendor has been selected to complete the upgrade of the Oswalt Nature Preserve. This will include completion of the sidewalk, a new fountain pump and new signage along the trails.

Police Chief Whitmire spoke to the council and stated he had appreciated their support during his time as the Police Chief for Lake City.

The city manager gave an update pertaining to the Christmas tree lighting. The Lake City Elementary School Choir will perform.

The city manager reminded council the next meeting to discuss the Fiscal Year 2024 budget will take place on December 7th 2023, at 10:00 AM.

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 of the October council meeting was made by Councilmember Craven seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

1. Police Chief Whitmire gave the oath of office to Assistant Chief Stanelle as he becomes the Interim Police Chief for Lake City. The Mayor and Council congratulated Chief Stanelle and thanked Chief Whitmire for his years of service as Lake City's Police Chief.
2. The Mayor and Council discussed an Intergovernmental Agreement with Forest Park for animal control services. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Hoover seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kyles and passed unanimously.
3. An addition to the regular agenda concerning a Lake City Business, Public Force allowing the owner Kenneth Jackson the ability to operate with a temporary business license for ninety days while he completes construction of a new building. Mayor Dodson asked that it be added as new business and was passed unanimously by the council.

Police Report:

Interim Police Chief Stanelle briefed the council on Part I crime. The city has had a fifteen percent increase in overall Part I crime for 2023.

Public Comment:

During Public comments a resident had a complaint about rats and squirrels eating their way into her crawlspace because of neighbors having too many chickens. The Mayor and Council advised they would investigate it.

Mr. Jackson owner of Public Force asked the Mayor and Council for a temporary business license so that he may keep his business going. He asked the Mayor and Council to give him ninety days from December 1st 2023, until February 1st 2024.

The mayor asked that the item be placed on the agenda as new business. Mayor Pro Tem Kyles made a motion to discuss the agenda item seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously. A motion to approve the 90-day request by Mr. Jackson was approved.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kyles seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously. Council Adjourned at 7:47 PM