

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

December 11th, 2023

Attendees: Mayor Ron Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Kyles, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Craven, Councilmember Brown, Rusty Bishop, Interim Police Chief Stanelle, City Attorney Michael Huenning, City Manager Chris Leighty

6:30 PM Work Session:

1. Public Works Supervisor Rusty Bishop gave the project update. He informed the mayor and council the improvement to the Oswalt Nature Preserve was continuing and should be completed by early 2024. He also advised council that new truck had been purchased for Public Works. In addition, the tree lighting went well, and the new tree was doing well. The replacement emergency warning siren has been delivered and should be installed by December 26th or 27th.
2. The city manager informed the council that both Christmas Day and New Years Day would be on a Monday which meant city hall would be closed on both of those dates.
3. The city manager discussed the Fiscal 2024 Budget preparations with the mayor and council. There had been two public meetings discussing items for the FY 2024 Budget and the final budget would be presented to the council at the council meeting on January 8th, 2024.
4. The mayor stated the Employee Appreciation Luncheon went well. He suggested the city might try having it in the evening so that more families could attend. In addition, the mayor spoke of the nursing pinning ceremony that Clayton State University held at the Lake City Community Center.

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:**

Approved by consensus

Old Business: NONE**New Business:**

1. The city manager presented a proposal and resolution 2023-05 for the council to approve seeking further CDBG grant funding for the creation of the park in front of Lake City, city hall. Councilmember Craven made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kyles and passed unanimously.
2. The city manager presented Resolution 2023-06 to establish Lake City's millage rate at the current 7.5 mills. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Brown seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Interim Police Chief Stanelle advised the Year-to-Date Part I crime had an increase of 10%. In addition, he spoke of several cases that were resolved by the good work of the Police Department. He advised we are still having some challenges with staffing but was working on a schedule for the holidays.

Public Comment:

A resident from Waterford Court advised there was a dumpster at 5639 Waterford Court that had trash overflowing that was causing an issue with rodents. In addition, the people there were parking on the grass. The resident wanted code enforcement to come out and address.

A motion was made by the mayor to move into an executive session to discuss legal matters. It was seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously. Motion made at 7:39 PM.

Executive Session:

The executive session opened at 7:40 PM and ended at 8:39 PM and the council then reopened the regular council session. The minutes for the executive session will be recorded separately.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the regular session was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kyles and seconded by Councilmember Hoover. Regular council meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.