

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 8th, 2024

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

6:30 PM Work Session:

Rusty Bishop presented to the council an update on the sidewalk projects that are currently being done. All of the concrete has been poured and we are just waiting on the land scaping and finishing of the projects for them to be complete. The Oswalt Nature Preserve project is underway with additional concrete being poured. We are still waiting for the fountain repair to be completed. Hopefully, it will be finished by April.

The City Manager discussed the Clayton County Municipal Association Meeting which will be hosted by Lake City. The first meeting will be held at the Lake City Community Center on February 15th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

The Mayor and Council approved sponsoring the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce Galla that will be held on January 27th.

The Mayor and Council approved sponsoring the Good Shepherds Clinic Four Pillars Award ceremony by purchasing a table for the event. It will be held on March 19th.

7:00 PM City Council Session:

Call to order:

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

Invocation:

Reverend Lee Adams gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Dodson moved to have the swearing in ceremony for himself, Councilmember Kyles, and Councilmember Craven before the rest of the agenda is carried out. All three were given the oath of office by Municipal Court Judge Keith Woods.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the December 7th, 2023, council work session was approved by consent decree. The minutes for the December 11th, 2023, council meeting was also approved by consent decree.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

A motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 the Fiscal year 2024 Budget was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kyles seconded by Councilmember Craven and passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kyles nominated Councilmember Craven to be the next Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown and passed unanimously. In addition, Mayor Dodson advised he would be the city's representative for the Clayton County Municipal Association.

A motion was made by Councilmember Craven to approve the annual appointments for 2024 which includes City Judge Keith Woods, Associate City Judge Chelsea Freeman Dease, City Clerk Eric Beckman, City Attorney Denmark Ashby the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kyles and passed unanimously.

Interim Police Chief Stanelle was appointed the Police Chief, and his oath of office was given by Mayor Dodson.

A motion to continue contracting with Whitley Engineering for city projects was made by Councilmember Brown seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craven and passed unanimously. A motion was made to continue contracting with James L. Whitaker, PC for governmental accounting and audit services, was made by Councilmember Kyles and seconded by Councilmember Hoover and approved unanimously.

Police Report:

Chief Stanelle presented the Police Report. He advised the city has taken delivery of a new speed detection trailer and would be deploying it soon. Part I crime increased from 2022 – 2023 by 3.9% this was mostly due to an increase in thefts. Lake City has seen a decrease of 33% of Red Speed camera citations which is what the city was hoping would happen. By slowing vehicles down, it creates a safer environment for the students.

At 7:47 PM the council moved to Executive Session.

At 8:08 PM the Executive Session ended and at 8:09 Regular Council Session resumed.

Public Comment: NONE

Adjournment:

Council Adjourned at 8:10 PM.