

# City of Lake City Council

## Work Session Minutes

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Attendees: Mayor Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tem Craven, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Kyles, Community Services Director Eddie Robinson, Community Engagement Liaison Laura Troutt, City Attorney Michael Huening, City Manager Chris Leighty.

### Work Session: 10:00 AM

The mayor called the work session to order at 10:00 AM

### New Business:

1. The Council discussed the possible rezoning and abandonment of Circle Dr. to enable GSC Steel Stamping LLC to expand their business operations and stay in Lake City. City Attorney Michael Huening advised the council he would draw up an agreement for the city and GSC that would be binding on both parties and fulfill the necessary legal requirements.
2. Mayor Dodson proposed to the council that he would like to have a review of the Gateway Zoning that would encourage economic growth while maintaining architectural integrity of the Gateway Zoning. In addition, the city manager asked the council to have the city attorney to investigate the rezoning of Ivey St. as well. The city attorney is looking into what the next steps would be.
3. The city manager advised the council the sanitation fee for Lake City had not increased since 2001 and that the city is now operating at a deficit for the sanitation fee. The fee is \$17.00 per month for an annual fee of \$204.00. The city manager proposed an increase of \$36.00 per year which would increase the annual fee to \$240.00. This fee would address the losses currently but not affect the long-term solvency of the service. An increase of \$72.00 per month would address the sanitation fees for the next three to four years. The sanitation fees from Waste Management includes costs based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and increases annually. The mayor stated he would like to see an incremental change in the Sanitation Fees. Councilmember Hoover stated she did not support any increase. Mayor Pro Tem Craven and Councilmember Kyles stated they would like to discuss further but understood the need to increase the sanitation fee. The mayor asked that it be placed on the Agenda for the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, council meeting.
4. The city manager presented a list of projects for the city to utilize ARPA funds to complete. These funds must be committed by the end of FY 2024 and expended by the end of 2026.

5. The mayor and council advised the city manager the priorities would be an addition to city hall that would provide additional office spaces that are needed to ensure outstanding service to the Lake City Community, An additional building at Public works for storage of required documents and additional office space, secondly the council supported sidewalks projects throughout the city to include Reynolds Road, Huie Drive, Sanders way. Currently the city hall building has no office space to include any expansion of staff which is greatly needed.

The Council Work Session ended at 11:30 AM.