

REGULAR SESSION OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 14th, 2024

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

6:30 PM Work Session:

1. Public Works Supervisor Rusty Bishop advised the council the Oswalt Nature Park upgrades are complete. In addition, the new public works sign has been installed. It was purchased from Clayton Signs. Public works purchased a new mower for the city. Also, he showed the council the approved street sign design that was voted on and will be the replacement for all street signs in Lake City.
2. Mark Whitley the city engineer briefed the council on the city hall expansion and the Huie Road sidewalk project. The bid documents should be complete and ready to advertise by next week.
3. Mark Whitley also briefed the council on the Lake City municipal park creation. He will have renderings prepared for the council before the December council meeting.
4. The city manager gave the events update which included the community health fair on 10-19-24, Veterans Day on 11-11-24, the lake City Christmas Tree lighting on 11-22-24, Thanksgiving Holiday on 11-28-24, the employee appreciation luncheon on 12-06-24 and the Clayton County Municipal Association Christmas Dinner on 12-19-24.

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:

1. Mr. Jackson the owner of Public Force located at 1515 Burke Drive petitioned the council to give him an extension of 180 days for him to operate until he could get his new building constructed. The mayor made the motion to allow for the 180-day extension to be documented by Resolution it was seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously. The city attorney Michael Huening will draft the Resolution for council. This extension will expire on April 15th, 2025. Mr. Jackson was asked to give an update at the March 2025 council meeting.

New Business:

1. Clayton County commission Chairperson Elect Dr. Alieka Anderson-Henry was unable to attend the meeting and was rescheduled for the November 12th Council meeting.
2. The city manager reported to the council that Human Resources Manager Felecia Styles had applied for and received a \$3,000.00 health/wellness grant from the Georgia Municipal Association. The monies will be used to purchase fit bits for all employees to monitor their health. As a fun fitness competition, the city will track employees' steps taken per month and whoever has the most steps will win a fifty-dollar gift card.
3. The city manager discussed with the Mayor and Council a date for the initial Fiscal Year 2025 Budget session. The date agreed upon was October 29th at 10:00 AM.

Police Report:

Chief Stanelle introduced Officer Morrison to the council and conducted the swearing in of Corporal Shadaya Harper. He also advised the council the overall Part I crime was down year to date by six percent. In addition, he reported the traffic camera at Lake City Elementary school recorded the lowest citation amount since installing the camera. The total was 90 violations as compared to 192 citations in September of 2023. Chief Stanelle recognized the work being done by Code Enforcement Officer Feltus.

Public Comment: NONE

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Kyles seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craven and passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:15 PM.