

7:30 pm

Regular Meeting

July 7, 2009

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Lake Park was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Sandlin, who led in flag salute and prayer. Those present, Mayor Sandlin, Council members Carter, Mulkey, Schindler and Spradley, City Attorney, City Clerk and interested citizens.

Mayor Sandlin recessed meeting to hold Public Hearings, meeting called back to order at 7:45 pm.

Member Schindler moved to waive the reading of Regular meeting minutes June 2nd and Call meeting of June 25th as accept as written, motion second by member Carter, all approved.

Financial Statements discussed and approved.

Under Citizens Concerns, Mr. John Akers invited everyone to attend his business grand opening on July 16th. Ms. Cathy Fletcher reported household garbage is being put in the refuse container at the Cemetery. She also questioned Council what rules/regulations were in place concerning opening of grave sites, and flower plantings. Council agreed for the Cemetery Committee to study this matter and make a report back to Council. Mr. J. E. Fender requested a deed to an alley that was closed adjoining his property, Council agreed for City Attorney to prepare a quitclaim deed, provided he (Fender) paid a fee of \$100.00.

Mr. Nick Valenti and Ms. Denise Rackley, provided Mayor and Council with the completed 2008 City audit. Audit was submitted to the State of Georgia on time, and they advised Council there was still the matter of them adopting internal controls, and accounting process. In addition, they requested that uncollectible charges be reviewed and taken off the books.

Under Fire Department donations, no action taken. Fire Chief Brown requested permission to purchase a cooling unit, \$600.00 and additional bunker gear, \$1,850.00 (see attached quotes). Member Carter moved approval with funds coming from SPLOST VI, motion second by member Schindler, all approved. Chief Brown also asked Council to adopt the Homeland Security National Incident Management System (NIMS), member Schindler moved approval, motion second by member Mulkey, all approved. Chief Brown advised Council the newly purchased fire vehicle did not have a mobile radio, he will obtain cost and report back to Council. Final note, Chief Brown asked Council to consider adopting Lowndes County burn ordinance, with changes (see attached). Council agreed, first reading of Ordinance No. 99 held.

City Engineer, Mr. Charlie Clark of EMC Engineering presented Council with the preliminary plans for a sidewalk on Main St. He would have the full costs/bidding package ready for Council by the August meeting.

Mr. Bob Pafford, representing Professional Water Service, LLC made a presentation to Council about treating City's water system for corrosion control (see attached). Council requested more information before making any decision.

Sign text amendment, adding Definitions and amending section 9-5 (see attached).

Ms. Amanda Peacock, representing the Southern Georgia Regional Commission reported to Council the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission had recommended approval as written. Member Schindler moved adoption as written, motion second by member Mulkey, all approved.

Quotes that were received for proposed paving in the Lake Park Memorial Cemetery were brought back on the floor. Member Schindler moved to accept quote from Dosta Construction, 9 foot wide, \$19,800. funds coming from Cemetery Fund. Motion was second by member Carter, all approved.

Members studied Resolution and Ordinance prepared by City Attorney concerning participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. After some discussion, members requested Building Inspector and Fire Chief review materials before any action is taken.

A letter had been sent to Mayor and Council concerned the official voting location for the City, members agreed that the Lake Park Civic Center will be used for all elections, City will be responsible for ½ costs of local, and national elections, and full costs for City elections.

Under Police Personnel, members wanted more time to review applications, meeting date of July 20, 7:00 pm was agreed upon.

City had received three quotes for taking down and trimming trees on city property and right of ways. Bennett's Tree Service \$4,200., Cunningham Tree Service \$4,200. and Lane Tree Service \$4,450. (see attached). It was decided for member Mulkey to

obtain new quotes, leaving off property behind Fire Station, no action taken.

Bid opening for the 2002 Tahoe was brought on the table, only one bid had been submitted by Mayor Sandlin, \$1,500.00 (see attached). Member Schindler moved to accept, motion second by member Mulkey. When question called, members Schindler and Mulkey for, members Carter and Spradley opposed, motion dies. Fire Chief Brown will get vehicle listed on government surplus web site, opening minimum bid \$4,000.00 and review options at a later date.

Web page for City was tabled for more information.

Mayor Sandlin asked Council to consider making an offer to the Lake Park United Methodist to purchase lots owned by them, just south of the City's compound, letter will be sent inquiring if they are interested in selling.

Mayor Sandlin told members since the County recycling centers were now set up to issue permits, the City should discontinue with the mixed bulk container at the Fire Station. Letter will be sent to residents giving them sixty (60) days notice. Member Schindler thanked Tracy Vickers and her husband Shannon for putting on the 4th of July celebration, letters to be sent to everyone involved thanking them for their service. Final item, member Schindler asked Council to consider placing a camera and monitor in the meeting chambers, no action taken.

There being no further business, meeting was closed at 10:15 pm.

Read & approved _____

Date _____