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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR OUR CITIZENS

Lake Park, Georgia
"A Caring Community"

Georgia's Southern Gateway City

City Council—AGENDA

February 7, 2012—City Hall—7:30 pm

- WELCOME
- PLEDGE & PRAYER
- MINUTES & FINANCIALS
- CITIZENS CONCERNS
- FEBRUARY CLEAN UP MONTH
- STREET DRAINAGE/CULVERTS
- 2012 INSURANCE COVERAGE
- WATER SYSTEM REPORT
- INTERNAL CONTROLS REPORT
- LAKE PARK APTS. PROJECT
- CITY DEPARTMENTS REPORTS
- CIVIC CENTER HVAC
- CITY ENGINEER APPOINTMENT
- CITY SURVEYOR APPOINTMENT
- CITY WEBSITE / VOICE REPORT
- CITY CEMETERY ISSUES
- ACCOUNTING / TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE & SOFTWARE
- HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION
- FUTURE WORK SESSIONS
- ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE & STANDING REPORTS
- ADJOURNMENT

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LAKE PARK FAMILY & COSMETIC

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New Patients Welcome

FEBRUARY 2012 The VOICE

Your Monthly Newsletter from your City Government

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

The VOICE of your Lake Park City Government wishes all a **Happy Valentines Day!** We urge you & your *sweetheart* to attend our regular monthly City Council Meetings normally held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in City Hall chambers. We keep you up to date with a condensed (unofficial) version of last month's City Council Minutes and a tentative Agenda for the current month. The VOICE will speak again 3-01-2012. www.cityoflakeparkga.com City Hall phone: 559-7470

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LAKE PARK POLICE DEPT - Report

Feb. Court Docket: 5 Too fast for conditions viols., 1 Failure to maintain lane viol., 1 No insurance viol., 1 drive w/suspended license viol., 2 Suspended Registration viols. 1 Speeding viol.

Jan. Activity Reports: 1 Armed Robbery, 2 Suspended Registrations, 6 Speeding, 5 Stop Signs, 1 No Insurance, 1 DUI.

Incident Reports: 20 including; Alarm Calls, Larceny, Burglary, Medical, suspicious persons. 35 calls for Business Escort Closings. Agency Assists: 12 includes traffic stops, domestic, warrants.

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MUNICIPAL COURT in session—Feb. 21st @ 6p

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LAKE PARK FIRE DEPT - Report

12 Service Calls: 8 Medical, 2 Smoke Alarms, 2 Misc. 12 youth joined new LPFD Explorer Post.

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CITY HALL CLOSED—2/20 for Presidents Day

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City Council MINUTES

January 3, 2012

The regularly scheduled organizational meeting of the Lake Park City Council was called to order at 7:30p. The new Mayor & Council were sworn into office by Judge Carl Rodgers. Mayor: Ben Futch; Council Members: Russell Lane, Paul Mulkey, Eric Schindler and Sandy Sherrill. Council designated Sandy Sherrill to be Mayor Pro-Tem. Present: Mayor Futch, Mayor Pro-Tem Sherrill, Council Members Lane, Mulkey and Schindler. Also, City Clerk, City Attorney & interested citizens. Welcome by Mayor Futch, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Regular Meeting Minutes of 12-06-11 read & approved. Financial Statement approved after Mayor questioned large sum of ($6600+) paid to Chief Rutland. Under Citizens Concerns, a citizen spoke of needed repairs and upgrades to Lake Park Apts. on Main St. Per City Charter, re-appointments and appointments were made to City employee positions, contracted employees, boards, committees, commissions and appointed volunteer positions that are listed elsewhere in The VOICE. See (*Elected & Appointed Officials & Employees). Council approved Ordinance #104, Amendment #1, Sunday Alcohol Sales. Mayor Futch presented new "Long & Short Term Goals" that included; a new city park, housing project upgrades, landscape median, restoration of landmarks & a citizens yard waste dumpster. Council awarded low bid of $1100 for tree trimming/removal to Lane Tree service. Council awarded low bid of $100 per drop/20 yard dumpster, $150 per drop/30 yard dumpster to Cowart & Son. Council awarded low bid $150 per drop for trash container, $100 per drop plus $37.50 per ton tipping fee for dumpster w/garbage & $50 per drop for a metal only dumpster for the proposed February Clean Up Month. Policemen Robert Grundy & David Kinsey were thanked and introduced to new Chief Tim Baker. Council approved independent audits be conducted for improving internal financial controls at a cost of $3000 and technology controls audit at a cost of $500. Work Session was set for 1-10 at City Hall at 6:30 pm. Adjourned.

City Council MINUTES

Work Session 1-10-12

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Futch, Mayor Pro-Tem Sherrill, Members Lane, & Schindler. Items discussed were: 2012 insurance, selections of City engineer & City surveyor, cemetery issues, garbage services, street drainage, public works needs, fence pricing, past due property taxes & MPO updates. Council unanimously approved Mayor & Council enter into closed executive session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 & pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Council went into executive session & then returned to the Work Session.

Emergency Call Meeting 1-10-12

Council unanimously approved going into an Emergency Meeting on advice by City Attorney. Council approved to pay Interim City Clerk $15 hourly on a contractual labor basis. Council unanimously approved to pay Temporary Agency personnel fees for duration of need. Council unanimously approved to pay Police Chief $35,000 annual salary with the standard $150 monthly insurance allowance for the six months probation period & then raise to $37,500 annual salary. Council unanimously approved to advertise in the legal organ, GMA website & City of Lake Park website for a City Clerk with salary negotiable.

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PROPERTY TAX DUE NOTICE

Attention all property owners. City Property Taxes were due on 12-20-11. Are you current?

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* ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES

MAYOR	Ben Futch
MAYOR PRO-TEM	Sandy Sherrill
COUNCIL MEMBER	Russell Lane
COUNCIL MEMBER	Paul Mulkey
COUNCIL MEMBER	Eric Schindler
C ITY CLERK/COURT CLERK –interim	Beth Sims
MUNICIPAL COURT INTERPRETER	Connie Sosa
MUNICIPAL COURT PROBATION	Jessica Freeman
CITY ATTORNEY/COURT SOLICITOR	Robert Plumb
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE	Carl Rodgers
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Alan Leonard
CITY POLICE CHIEF	Tim Baker
CITY FIRE CHIEF –interim	Tim Baker
CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR	Alan Leonard
CITY WATER SYSTEM SUPV.	Alan Leonard
PUBLIC WORKS/MAINTENANCE SUPV.	Billy Jones
PUBLIC WORKS/MAINTENANCE	Bob Elworthy
CITY POLICE OFFICER	Robert Grundy
CITY POLICE OFFICER	David Kinsey
CITY CROSSING GUARD	Lake Park Police
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION REP	Ken Sherrill
CITY METRO PLANNING ORG REP	Ken Sherrill
CITY NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Ken Sherrill
CITY ENGINEER/SURVEYOR	vacant
CITY CEMETERY COMMITTEE:	Kathy Fletcher, Mike Hickman, Sonny McDonald
CITY ZONING APPEALS BOARD:	Stuart Avera, Danny Beasley, Judy Garlington, Terry Riley, Robert Wetherington
CITY ETHICS COMMISSION:	Stephanie Astin, Gene Toffolo, David Whitfield