

7:30 PM

Organizational Meeting

January 3, 2012

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Lake Park City Council was called to order on January 3, 2012.

New Mayor and Council were sworn into office by Judge Carl Rogers. Mayor: Ben Futch; Council Members: Russell Lane, Paul Mulkey, Eric Schindler and Sandy Sherrill. Member Lane moved to designate Sandy Sherrill as Mayor Pro Tem, motion seconded by member Mulkey. Lane, Mulkey, Schindler approved, Sherrill abstained.

Those now present; Mayor Futch, members Lane, Mulkey, Schindler and Sherrill and interested citizens.

Welcome by Mayor Futch followed by flag salute and prayer.

Member Schindler moved to waive reading of the December 6, 2011 minutes, seconded by member Mulkey. Motion failed. Minutes read and approved. The Financial report was reviewed and discussed, member Schindler moved to approve, seconded by Sherrill, all approved.

Under Citizens concerns, Mr. Lemon Howard spoke of need for repairs and upgrades to Lake Park Apartments (Quitman Housing Project). Mayor Futch thanked Mr. Howard for his efforts and noted that these needs were on the new "Lake Park Goals" list.

Per City Charter, new appointments were made to various personnel positions: Member Sherrill moved to re-appoint Rob Plumb, City Attorney; Carl Rogers, Municipal Court Judge; Connie Sosa, Municipal Court Interpreter; Jessica Freeman, Municipal Court Probation Officer; Alan Leonard, Building Inspector and Billy Jones, Public Works/City Maintenance Supervisor. Seconded by member Lane. Motion/appointments all approved.

Member Lane moved to appoint Beth Sims as Interim City Clerk and Municipal Court Clerk, motion seconded by member Sherrill. Members Lane and Sherrill for, members Mulkey and Schindler opposed. Mayor Futch for. Motion/appointment approved.

Member Sherrill moved to leave Pension Fund Secretary vacant at this time. Second by member Schindler. All approved.

Member Sherrill moved to appoint Alan Leonard as Zoning Administrator. Second by member Lane. Motion/appointment all approved.

Member Lane moved to appoint Tim Baker as Police Chief, seconded by member Sherrill. Members Lane and Sherrill for, members Mulkey and Schindler against, Mayor Futch for. Motion/appointment approved.

Member Sherrill moved to appoint Tim Baker as Interim Volunteer Fire Chief. Seconded by member Lane. Members Lane and Sherrill for, members Mulkey and Schindler against. Mayor Futch for. Motion/appointment approved.

Member Lane moved to appoint Alan Leonard as the Water System Supervisor. Seconded by member Sherrill. Members Lane, Mulkey and Sherrill for. Member Schindler against. Motion/appointment approved.

Appointments of City Engineer and City Surveyor were tabled. All approved.

Member Sherrill moved to appoint Stephanie Astin as the City Council appointment (2 year term, beginning in January 2012) to the Ethics Commission. Seconded by member Lane. Members Lane, Mulkey and Sherrill for, member Schindler abstain. Motion/appointment approved.

Member Lane moved to appoint Gene Toffolo as the City Council/Mayor appointment (2 year term, beginning January 2012) to the Ethics Commission. Seconded by member Schindler. Motion/appointment all approved.

Mayor Futch appointed David Whitfield as the Mayor's appointment (2 year term, beginning January 2012) to the Ethics Commission.

Member Lane moved to appoint Stuart Avera, Danny Beasley, Judy Garlington, Terry Riley and Robert Wetherington to the Board of Zoning Appeals (2 year terms, beginning January 2012). Seconded by member Mulkey. Members Lane, Mulkey and Sherrill for. Member Schindler abstain. Motion/appointments approved.

Member Lane moved to appoint Dale Cooper, Kathy Fletcher, Mike Hickman and Sonny McDonald to the Cemetery Committee (2 year terms, beginning January 2012). Seconded by member Schindler. Motion/appointments approved by all.

Member Lane moved to appoint Ken Sherrill as both the City Metro Planning Representative and the City Newsletter editor (2 year terms, beginning January 2012). Seconded by member Mulkey. Members Lane, Mulkey and Schindler for. Member Sherrill abstain. Motion/appointments approved.

Member Lane moved to appoint Ken Sherrill as the City Planning Commission Representative until April 6, 2012; to then be succeeded by Kevin Coggins as the City Planning Commission Representative for a 2 year term beginning on April 6, 2012. Seconded by member Schindler. Members Lane, Mulkey and Schindler for. Member Sherrill abstain. Motion/appointments approved.

Member Schindler moved to approve as written City Ordinance 104 – Amendment # 1 (Sunday Alcohol Sales). Seconded by member Mulkey. Motion approved by all as written.

Mayor Futch presented new “Long and Short Term Goals” for the City of Lake Park. Long term goals discussed were: A new city park around the Tom’s Pond area; Lake Park Apartments (Quitman Housing Project) needed repairs, upgrades and improvements; Landscape project for the Marion Ave (State Road 7, U.S. Hwy. 41) median areas and restoration of some old Lake Park landmarks (i.e., Old City Hall, Old Jail, Etc.) Short term goals presented were: Providing a dumpster for citizens yard waste and trimmings and an improved and more economical garbage service to the citizens.

Bids for tree trimming and removal of trees located in the City Cemetery, Collins Avenue and South Railroad Avenue were reviewed. Member Lane moved to accept the low bid of \$ 1,100 from Lane Tree Service for these services. Seconded by member Schindler. Motion/services approved by all. Mayor Futch requested that work not take place until city was protected by proper liability and workers compensations insurance requirements from vendor.

Bids for a yard waste dumpster(s) were reviewed. Member Lane moved to accept low bid of \$100 per drop for a 20 yard dumpster and/or the low bid of \$150 per drop for a 30 yard dumpster from Cowart & Son. Dumpster(s) will ultimately be located within a fenced in area on Lawrence Street. Dumpster(s) will be for the yard waste (no garbage) of Lake Park residents only with posted rules and fines for violators. Seconded by member Sherrill. Motion/services approved by all.

Mayor Futch proposed a February Cleanup Month with waste dumpsters being provided for Lake Park citizens use at the vacant lot owned by Danny Ganas across from the Fire Department. Dumpsters would be used for collections of yard waste, metals, old goods, etc. No household garbage or hazardous materials. Member Lane moved to accept low bid of \$150 per drop for trash container, \$100 per drop plus \$ 37.50 per ton tipping fee for dumpster with garbage and \$50 per drop for a metal only dumpster. Seconded by member Schindler. Motion/services approved by all.

Lake Park policemen Robert Grundy and David Kinsey were thanked for their service and introduced to their new Police Chief, Tim Baker.

Member Sherrill moved to have independent audits conducted for improving internal financial controls and technology controls for the City of Lake Park and approve a \$3,000 fee from FHR&S for the internal financial audit and a \$ 500 fee from Nexxtep Technology Services for a Technology audit to evaluate security risks, proceeding immediately. Seconded by member Schindler. Motion/services approved by all.

A future work session was set for January 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm

Meeting was adjourned.

Read and approved *Ryan [unclear]* Date *2-7-12*

Beth Series
Interim Clerk