

City of Lake Park, Georgia – City Council

7:05 PM

Work Session

March 15, 2012

This scheduled work session meeting of the Lake Park City Council was called to order at 7:05 PM on March 15, 2012.

Those now present; Mayor Futch and other interested citizens. Absent; Council members Lane & Sherrill.

Welcome by Mayor Futch followed by flag salute and prayer.

City Council candidates, for the April 3, 2012 special election, Shauneen Moss, Bert Rutland and David Whitfield were in attendance.

Mayor Futch announced and invited volunteers to a Cemetery clean-up day on Saturday, March 24th from 8AM thru 12Noon. He also reported that the February clean-up month was a success and gave a special thanks to all of the volunteers who participated. Terry Deas, Charles Cowart, Susan Futch and Danny Ganas were recognized for their contributions of equipment, labor and land use.

Mayor Futch made remarks concerning the preservation of Lake Park's historical documents. There were recommendations to have documents copied and digital filed.

Dale Broussard with Altitude Cable reported on their opening/presence in the Lake Park area. After discussing percentages of franchise fees and other potential revenue streams to the City, he stated that, at a later date, his company would be making a request to the city for possible financing of their franchise fees. Mayor Futch explained that any such request would have to be brought before a quorum of council at a later date.

The Accountability of the City's financial reporting and options for improving the city's internal controls were discussed in depth. Council candidates Moss, Rutland and Whitfield made comments and expressed their views.

Mayor Futch, water supervisor Alan Leonard and water department employee Bob Elsworth had an in depth reporting of Lake Park's water system. Water rates, maintenance problems, water testing and possible recommendations and solutions were discussed. Council candidates were active in the discussion.

Fire Department issues were discussed with Lake Park resident and volunteer Bob Wilbers telling of his 29 years experience of working with both fire departments and fire equipment manufactures. He then reported on his findings concerning the LPVFD and its fire trucks. Mayor Futch and the council candidates joined in conversation about the fire trucks. Mr. Wilbers said that he would continue his work and get back with the upcoming new council.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Approved by:  Date: 4-10-12

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