

4:30 pm

Call Meeting

September 12, 2012

This Call meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Lake Park was called to order at 4:30 pm by Mayor Pro Tem, members Moss and Whitfield present, along with City Attorney and deputy clerk and interested citizens.

City Attorney explained current status of LOST negotiations and necessity of filing petition with Superior Court for arbitration to determine distribution of LOST proceeds. Since the cities and county cannot agree on a distribution certificate, a petition must be filed with the Court by September 18, or LOST will expire. Attorney explained that Valdosta proposes all the cities filing a joint petition and that The cities all be jointly represented by the law firm of Smith, Welch, Webb & White from McDonough, GA, with Valdosta paying all attorney fees associated with the arbitration. To do so, Lake Park would have to adopt a resolution to join in the arbitration and agreeing to the joint representation and sign a joint representation letter. Member Whitfield moved to adopt the Resolution # 2012-09-12 (see attached) with Smith, Welch, Webb & White. Member Moss second motion, all approved.

Member Whitfield moved that the policy prohibiting transfers between accounts without Council approval be rescinded, and city return to the prior policy authorizing the mayor, or mayor pro tem and/or city clerk (two signatures required) to transfer funds between accounts as needed. No second to motion, motion dies.

Member Moss moved that \$235.00 be moved to the payroll account from the General Fund to cover an overdraft in the payroll account, and \$2,578.67 be transferred from court fines/forfeiture account into the General Fund to reverse the erroneous deposit of those funds into the court account. Member Whitfield second motion, when question called, member Moss for, member Whitfield opposed, Mayor Pro Tem votes with member Whitfield, motion dies.

City Attorney restated Ms. Peterson's statement at previous meeting that excess funds received early in the year are put into cd's to earn some interest until those funds are needed. Those cd's are then cashed and the funds put into the proper account (where monies originated, ie general fund, water department, water deposits, etc.). Member Moss expressed concern about the amounts transferred in August (general fund) to pay bills. After some further discussion, member Whitfield restated his prior motion to return to the previous banking procedures, with transfers

between accounts done by mayor, mayor pro tem and/or city clerk, no second, motion dies.

Member Whitfield moved to adjourn at 5:00 pm, motion second by member Moss, all in favor.

Read & approved _____ Date _____

With corrections noted in October 2, 2012 minutes