

7:30 pm

Regular Meeting

September 4, 2012

This Regularly Scheduled meeting of the Lake Park City Council was called to order at 7:30 pm on September 5, 2012 by Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill, members Lane, Moss and Whitfield, City Attorney, acting clerk and interested citizens. Mayor Pro Tem led those present in the Lord's prayer, and then asked all veteran's present to led the flag salute.

Minutes of the August 7, 2012 meeting were read and approved with corrections as noted on minutes. Minutes of the Call meeting August 21, 2012 were approved by Moss and Whitfield, member Lane was absent. Brief financial statement reviewed. Member Moss made motion that no city funds be moved from account to account without the full Council's approval, motion second by member Lane. When question called, members Lane and Moss yes, member Whitfield opposed.

Under Citizens Concerns, Mayor Pro Tem updated Council on County to process city's property tax bills, dumpster for lawn debris was in place, she was in the process of obtaining quotes for city mowing, and working with DOT about reimbursement for city's upkeep of state roads . She thanked Paul Mulkey for getting A/C working in City Hall, but the coil needs to be replace, cost approx. \$1,300.00.

Mr. J. C. Carter spoke on the controversy of the City in the past eight months, reminded Council that it was their responsibility to do the wishes of the citizens. He also questioned why former clerk Ann Peterson was fired in January, no response from Council members. Mr. Cary Scarbrough of Deep South Sanitation told citizens about his service, and offered to talk with any one about refuse collection. Mr. Carl Spano urged Council to adopt the State Wide Mutual Aid Agreement (see attached), questioned member Lane about his manner of addressing a city employee in a public meeting, and why he voted to move forward on the new software, while not voting originally because of a conflict of interest. He also questioned the bidding process of obtaining the software quotes, he had been unable to obtain copies of all the quotes from Council. Mayor Pro Tem read statement from Jack Milton (see attached.) Mr. Barry Plotnick stated he was in favor of the Mutual Aid agreement, he as a citizen wanted a strong police force in the city, along with keeping the city mowed , and was against holding meetings with a Council member participating on Skype, was disruptive to him.

Agenda items, Mayor Pro Tem, City Clerk position, Chief Baker, Fire Department, City investment Fund and Reception Temp were placed on agenda by member Lane. He then moved to place all of these

agenda items to be discussed after Council met in Executive Session. Member Moss second motion, when question called, members Lane and Moss for, member Whitfield opposed.

A State Mutual Aid Agreement and Resolution was considered, with member Moss moving adoption, motion second by member Whitfield, all agreed.

A letter of engagement between the City of Lake Park and Robert Yehl for services (see attached). Member Moss moved City accept agreement with the exception of item 3) review and recommendation regarding the current water billing system. Motion was second by member Whitfield, when question called Lane opposed.

Bids for engineering services were discussed, with member Moss moving to accept bid of Lovell Engineering (all bids attached), and if they are unwilling to honor their quote of January 2, 2012, then contract be awarded to Roberts Surveying. Motion second by member Whitfield, all approved.

Fire Chief Morris Cook explained the attached proposal for training and incentive payments to volunteer fire department members. Member Whitfield thanked him for all his and the volunteers hard work, but he felt that it should not be acted upon at this point, rather during the 2013 budget discussions, all members in agreement.

Member Lane moved Council go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, motion second by member Moss, all in agreement (9:00 pm). Meeting called back to order at 10:35 pm, with motion for Mayor Pro Tem to sign affidavit stating business of Executive Session by member Whitfield, second by member Moss, all approved.

Member Lane stated the agenda item, Mayor Pro Tem was withdrawn. He then made motion for the Police Department, Fire Department and City Maintenance Departments to produce a complete inventory of all equipment owned by the City, before the October 2, 2012 meeting. Motion second by member Whitfield, all approved. Member Lane made statement about the city "borrowing" from other City funds to place in general operating accounts, and suggested that they be replaced.

Member Lane moved to hire Debbie Harris at \$15.00 per hour as City Clerk, motion was second by

Member Moss. When question called, member Lane for, members Moss and Whitfield opposed.

Council then discussed posting of Clerk's position, member Whitfield moved notice be placed on City's website, ad run in Valdosta Daily 9/9, 9/12/ and 9/16, with deadline for applications on 9/30. Motion second by Lane, all approved.

Member Whitfield moved City obtain three estimates on necessary repairs to A/C, motion second by Member Lane, all approved.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:30 pm.

Read & approved _____ Date _____

With corrections as stated in October 2, 2012 minutes.