

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Lake Park Governing Body was called to order at 7:30 pm on October 2, 2012 by Mayor Pro Tem, with prayer and flag salute. Those present, Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill, members Moss and Whitfield, City Attorney, Clerk, and interested citizens. Member Lane was absent.

First business, meeting minutes of the September 4, 2012 meeting. Member Moss moved to add the audio recording of the meeting to the City website. motion died for lack of second. Member Moss moved approval of September 4, 2012 minutes with the following amendments, adding comments to citizens concerns: "Mr. J.C. Carter also told Council he wanted them to be conservative spending tax payer dollars. Mr. Barry Plotinick also stated he agreed on council behavior and rolling of eyes, agreed on enforcement of water code and shut off, agreed turning over tax collections to Lowndes county was a good thing, and he mentioned council packets be delivered to council so they could spend time reading materials in the meeting". On page 2, paragraph two, should read: A State Mutual Aid Agreement and LEOP Resolution was considered, with member Moss moving adoption, motion second by member Whitfield, all agreed." Final note, Council agreed to meet on October 15, 2012 to consider clerk applications, and begin 2013 budget process. Motion to adopt with changes was second by member Whitfield, minutes approved. Call Meeting minutes of September 12, 2012 were reviewed, with member Moss moving adoption with the following changes "member Moss expressed concern about the amounts transferred in August (general fund) to pay bills" should read "member Moss addressed \$25,000. being transferred in July from investment fund, and in August two c-d's, \$18,206.40 and \$10,947.69 for a grand total of \$54,154.09. Member Moss moved again that \$235.00 be moved to the payroll account from 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. Motion died for lack of second" Motion to adopt Call meeting minutes of 9/12/2012 with changes second by member Whitfield, minutes approved.

Member Moss moved to make transfers from Enterprise Fund to General Fund as budgeted, no second motion dies.

Under Citizens Concerns, Mr. Ron Holley expressed concern of a "city now divided", and urged Council and citizens to work together, along with the upcoming newly elected Mayor. Mr. Barry Plotinick thanked Council for their hard work, and questioned part time police officer status. Mr. Carl Spano asked Council to consider moving next regular meeting date, as it would fall on election day. He also remarked on four points/questions that he has approached Council on several occasions, without receiving any answers. (see attached). Tim Baker explained why he was functioning as Water Superintendent, as Alan Leonard had personal issues that prevented him from taking the required test, and a timing problem (now resolved) with certifying Bob Elworthy. He assured citizens the city's water supply was safe, and in fact had a pure aquifer rating. Mr. Baker also addressed the issue of only two full time officers covering the city. Ms. Millie Griffin questioned Council on how the citizens were notified of any special meetings.

Inventory lists from police, fire and maintenance department were reviewed, with Mayor Pro Tem asking police chief to clarify which officer was responsible for each item, and also to provide mileage of each vehicle.

Under Fire Dept. member Moss questioned Fire Chief if Firefighters Standards & Training information update form had been completed, has not at this time. She also questioned if the fire department had an operating manual policy concerning drivers of fire department vehicles. Fire Department's 2012 budget was discussed, with member Moss moving City implement training pay proposal from Chief Cook presented 9/4/2012, in alignment with 2012 budgeted amounts. Chief Cook will report back to Council on full training costs (off site) and the number of volunteers to receive this training, will be considered as funds allow. Motion second by member Whitfield, all approved.

Members reviewed Building Permit fee schedule (see attached), member Moss moved adoption , motion second by member Whitfield, motion passes.

Collections procedure against Lake Park, Financial Transparency, Payroll Fund, Charter of Accounts and South Georgia Rural Commission were agenda items placed by member Lane. As he was not present, no action taken.

Under Executive, Administrative reports, Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill gave a definition of "investment account", one that normally has a restricted withdrawal date of more than 12 months. The cd's cashed in August would not have been "investment" funds, therefore the motion to move monies was not in question, therefore no motions needed. City is presently not using the separate payroll account, rather employees are being paid directly from the General fund. She (Sherrill) reported ongoing process of bids for mowing, possible reimbursement from DOT for federal/state right of ways within city being maintained by the City. Ms. Amelia Beasley, 216 Harris Tr. has come before the Council on numerous occasions concerning tree and tree roots that appear to be on city right of way that is causing problems with her driveway. Attorney stated law concerning liability of decayed or visible damage tree, but stated he could not find any liability laws for damage caused by tree roots. Mayor Pro Tem stated she had met with city engineer and it appears the tree in question is on city right of way. Member Whitfield moved city obtain two (2) sealed quotes for tree/and root removal, motion second by member Moss, all approved. Member Moss moved city obtain three (3) sealed bids for driveway repair, motion second by member Whitfield, all approved. During discussion, another tree problem at 300 N. Main St. was brought up, quotes on either trimming, or removal to be obtained. Mrs. J.C. McDonald, stated there was a tree on city right of way, behind her property on N. Railroad Ave. and asked that it be inspected, along with tree at corner of W. Cotton/Main St. Quotes to be obtained for these locations at same time as for Harris Trail and M. Main St. Mayor Pro Tem stated a payment made to GMEBS (retirement funding) made in August was a correct bill for services, as city has never requested any reduced payments since adoption in April 2012. A meeting held by the Cemetery Committee in May 2012 was not an official meeting, as no prior public notice was given, nor agenda set. Anything discussed and voted upon is not binding. Clerk presented information from DOT concerning LMIG paving program. Council suggested ways for getting citizen's input, ie committee, or town hall meeting, no action taken as city has until March 2013 to respond. Several citizens have questioned having a Town Hall meeting, members agreed to not set date until new Mayor is seated. Mayor Pro Tem asked Police Chief to place

auxiliary police car in maintenance compound immediately. Council discussed alcohol reporting requirements per section 3-26 and 3-27 of City code. Member Whitfield moved city attorney send letter requesting all businesses comply with reporting schedule, member Moss opposed, Mayor Pro Tem voted affirmative with member Whitfield, motion carries. Cell phone reimbursement from Tim Baker was discussed. (\$50.75 per month) Members discussed adding another phone to probation officer's account for use by David Kinsey. Member Moss moved to add additional phone to AT & T account, unless it was more than current charges for probation phone, if so, then reimburse David Kinsey at same rate of pay as Chief's reimbursement. Motion second by member Whitfield, all approved.

Member Whitfield moved to appoint Ann Peterson as election superintendent for City, motion second by member Moss, all approved.

Mayor Pro Tem questioned if City was interested in placing ad in Valdosta Daily Times for "Domestic Violence Awareness" month. Member Whitfield moved city donate \$100.00 directly to "The Haven", motion died for lack of second. Member Whitfield moved City change regular Council meeting date of November 6th, to the 13th, due to elections being held on the 6th. Motion second by member Moss, all approved.

Member Whitfield moved Bob Elworthy be classified as a part-time employee, working hours not to exceed 28 hours per week, motion second by member Moss, all approved.

Member Moss moved Council go into Executive Session (10:15 pm), to discuss personnel and legal matters, motion second by member Whitfield, all approved. Meeting called back to order at 10:55 pm with a motion by member Moss to authorize Mayor Pro Tem sign Resolution and Affidavit concerning issues discussed in Executive Session. Motion second by member Whitfield, all approved.

Member Moss moved City have a Call Meeting, October 4, 2012, 1:00 pm to discuss personnel matters, motion second by member Whitfield, all approved.

Member Moss moved city file appeal with Ga. Dept. of Labor on unemployment claim, motion second by member Whitfield, all approved.

Member Moss moved City begin taking applications for full time police officer, notice will be placed on city web site, applications taken until October 19th, motion second by member Whitfield, all approved.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Read & approved _____

Date _____