

7:30 pm

Regular Meeting

November 13, 2012

This Regular meeting of the Lake Park Governing Body was called to order at 7:35pm on November 13, 2012 by Mayor Pro Sherrill. Opening prayer was offered by Pastor Robby Harrington of Calvary Baptist Church. Veterans present led everyone in flag salute. Those present, Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill, members Moss, Whitfield, City Attorney, Clerk, and a large number of interested citizens. Member Lane was absent.

First item of business, Clerk administered oath to Eric I. Schindler as Mayor of Lake Park, term to expire 12/31/2013.

Mayor Schindler then gave a short opening speech, and explained why Citizens Concerns were listed twice on the agenda.

Member Moss moved to accept minutes of the Regular meeting 10/2/2012, Call meeting of 10/4/2012, 10/5/2012 and Call meeting of 10/9/2012 with correction that time meeting adjourned to read: 8:25 in lieu of 8;25, Call meeting of 11/5/2012, 11/7/2012 and 11/8/2012 as written, motion second by member Whitfield. Financial Statement reviewed and approved by members Whitfield and Sherrill, member Moss opposed.

Before Citizens Concerns were held, member Sherrill moved the Council move the hiring of City Clerk to the end of agenda, after Executive Session, all members agreed. Member Sherrill also moved to

remove from the agenda Reports from Maintenance, Police and Fire Dept., she (Sherrill) gave update of Chamber's plans to hold Christmas festival and parade at the Outlet Mall. Member Sherrill wanted to clarify that City businesses in the City did not file the required alcohol reports, due to being told they were not required to do so by a previous administration. All businesses have not received clarification will be required to remit per City ordinance from October 2012 forward, and that tree removal (corner of Lawrence and Marian) be placed with bids on tree removal agenda item, all members agreed.

Under Citizens Concerns, Dr. Robert Yehl updated Council on his grant research. The Quitman Housing Apartments are a 515 project, and he felt it was in the best interest of the City for the City to send a letter to Board concerning renovations at the Apartments. Nothing to report on Cemetery, Water system. City Attorney mentioned information about a CDBG grant workshop to be held in Pine Mountain Dec. 12-14. After some discussion, member Sherrill moved the City register Dr. Yehl for this conference, Moss second. When question called, members Sherrill and Moss for, member Whitfield opposed, motion carries. Mr. Dan Bremer, representing the Lake Park Chamber of Commerce congratulated new Mayor Schindler, introduced Chamber Board members and invited Council to attend a tree lighting ceremony on 11/21/2012, 7:00 pm at Dr. Sosa's business on Lakes Blvd.

He also briefed Council again on the planned Christmas Festival/parade being held at the Outlet Mall,

and encourage City or Historical Society to have a booth at the Festival. Mr. Carl Spano made statement (see attached) concerning the absence of member Lane, and stated he felt he (Lane) should step down from the Council, as he is not able to represent the citizens, due to his work. Mr. Cary Scarborough of Deep South Sanitation talked with Council about an exclusive contract for garbage collection, if the Council was interested. Dr. Julie Schindler addressed the fact of a letter that was sent out before the election to citizens concerning her, and the possibility of legal action, as she knows the PO Box being used. Bert Rutland and Millie Griffin spoke about knowing Dr. Schindler, and they do not appreciate the election tactic of using the elected Mayor's wife in campaigning. Patricia Brown wanted the Council to know that she felt a calmer, different spirit in the Council meetings now. Jeff Patterson encouraged Council to get on with City business, and to consider activities for our children. Barry Plotnick questioned grant for Georgia Trails, and engineering needs for grant. Citizen had also questioned why City did not fly flags on Veteran's Day, letter will be sent to maintenance department reminding them of dates to put out flags.

Under Refuse contract, no action taken.

Bids on tree removal were opened, with member Sherrill moving the City certify that the tree at corner of Cotton and Main was on city right of way, Moss second. When question called, members

Moss and Sherrill for, member Whitfield opposed. Member Sherrill moved Mayor meet with Pro Tree about tree at 300 N. Main St. to see if it should be trimmed or taken down, all members agreed. Member Whitfield moved City send letter to resident at 216 Harris Trail, stating on advice of Attorney, and previous Council decision, no liability. When question called, members Sherrill and Whitfield for, member Moss opposed, motion carries. Member Moss moved to survey tree at corner of Cotton and Marian, and Lawrence and Marian, motion second by member Sherrill. When question called, members Moss and Sherrill for, member Whitfield opposed, motion carries. Member Sherrill moved Mayor negotiate with Pro Tree on trimming trees on N. Railroad Ave., second by Member Moss, all approved. (all bids attached).

Bids on repairing driveway at 216 Harris Trail were opened, with Ben Wisenbaker at \$1,819.50 and Dosta Construction \$2,450.00. Member Whitfield moved City deny any liability from root damage, motion second by member Sherrill. When question called, members Sherrill and Whitfield for, member Moss opposed, motion carries.

Member Sherrill stated she had a bid on mowing city right of ways, matter tabled. Also discussed reimbursement from DOT on State right of way within city limits that City is maintaining, no action

taken.

Bids on replacing coil on one of City Hall's A/C units were opened, Waller \$1,350.00, plus freon, Kinsey Air Conditioning, \$1,550.00 inclusive. Member Whitfield moved City contract with Waller, motion second by member Sherrill. When question called, members Sherrill and Whitfield for, Member Moss opposed, motion carries.

No bids were submitted for replacing complete unit at Civic Center, bids will be taken on a 5 ton unit, matter tabled.

No action taken on submitting LMIG projects at this time.

Budget workshop for 2013 budget workshop set for 11/27/2012, 4:00 pm.

Member Sherrill moved Mayor have a wall mounted drop box for payments installed, costs not to exceed \$100.00, second by member Whitfield, all approved.

Under Citizens Concerns at end of meeting, Dr. Julie Schindler asked Council to reconsider taking down tree at 216 Harris Trail, and questioned if it could be tied to the LMIG program. Kathryn Whitfield told Council she felt they should follow the City Attorney's legal advice in making their decisions.

Carl Spano advised Council to cut tree, but not remove roots.

Member Sherrill moved Council go into Executive Session at 11:10 pm, motion second by member Moss, all approved. Meeting called back to order at 11:40 pm, with member Moss moving the Mayor sign

Affidavit and Resolution, second by member Whitfield, all approved.

Member Moss moved June Yeomans be appointed as City Clerk and bonded within 30 days, motion second by member Sherrill, all approved. Member Moss reported on classes she wished for new clerk to attend.

Motion made by member Sherrill that Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Clerk be authorized to sign on City banking accounts, motion second by member Moss. When question called, members Moss and Sherrill for, member Whitfield opposed, motion carries.

Member Moss stated her motion about pay for volunteer fire fighters was on effective starting September 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

Member Moss moved David Kinsey's salary be increased immediately to \$11.15, motion died for lack of second. Documentation for police mileage was discussed at length, with no action taken.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:20 am.

Read & approved _____ Date _____