



## City of Lake Park

### Regular Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2013 7:30 PM

Mayor called meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and called on Rabbi Moshe Elbaz to give the invocation.

Those present were as follows; Mayor Schindler, Council Members Moss, Sherrill, and Whitfield, Attorney Plumb, Gary Ziegler and Tommy Griffin of Gary Zeigler CPA firm, and City Clerks. Member Lane was absent.

Mayor announced that they would be having a Public Hearing to discuss the Zoning request LP-2013-01 for the First Baptist Church. He called on Todd Miller of the Georgia RDC to read the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission recommendations on Zoning request LP-2013-01. The Mayor opened the floor for citizen's discussion, there being none, and hearing was closed.

Mayor called for review of the Minutes for the month of June 2013. Member Sherrill made a motion to accept the original drafted minutes of the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion second by Member Whitfield final vote, Members Sherrill and Whitfield for and Member Moss opposed, motion passed.

Mayor called for review of the financials for the month of June. Member Whitfield made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Member Sherrill second the motion. Member Moss made comments on the financials and submitted a printed copy of her comments to be included with the minutes. (see attached) Final vote Members Whitfield and Sherrill for and Member Moss opposed. Motion passed. Member Moss made a motion to transfer \$ 38,750 from the General Fund Investment account into the General Fund Checking account to cover upcoming expenditures. Motion died for lack of a second.

#### Citizens' Concerns

Mayor called for review of the Zoning request LP-2013-01 for the First Baptist Church. Pastor Dawson was called forward to discuss the request. After discussion Member Whitfield made a motion that the zoning for the parcels in question remain R-15 with special exceptions granted for church activity use. Member Moss second the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor announced that the 2012 Audit had been completed and needed Council's action. Member Moss made a motion to add the 2012 Audit Report to the Agenda for discussion and review, Member Sherrill second, all in favor motion passed. After audit findings were presented by Zeigler CPA firm, Member Sherrill made a motion to approve the

audit to be submitted including the city's responses on audit findings. Member Moss second the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor read the Department Reports for the maintenance, police, and fire departments. Member Moss made a motion to purchase 2 fire hydrant repair kits at \$700 each for 2013. Member Sherrill second the motion for discussion, when question called Member Moss and Sherrill for and Member Whitfield oppose. Motion passed. It was noted that this expense item needed to be added to the department's budget for the upcoming year. Member Moss made a motion to accept bid for fire department equipment (\$ 498.00) Member Moss rescinded that motion. Member Sherrill made a motion to allow Fire Chief Brown to purchase a replacement tire for one of the city fire trucks. Member Moss second the motion, all in favor, motion passed. Also noted to add to the next work session agenda the discussion of Fire Department solicitation for donations and or fund raisers.

Member Sherrill made a motion to continue contracting with Bert Rutland for filing the police department reports, SSI's, and obtaining certification for officers until a new Police Chief is in position to do this service. Member Whitfield second the motion, all in favor the motion passed.

Member Sherrill made a motion to consider closing City Hall on July 5<sup>th</sup> because most employees will be working on July 4<sup>th</sup> on the parade and other festivities for the city. Member Whitfield second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor called for review of the prepared City of Lake Park Fraud Policy. Member Moss made a motion to accept the fraud policy for the City, Member Whitfield second for discussion. When question was called Members Moss, Sherrill, and Whitfield all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor announced the most recent update on water issues and the upgrade process. He further stated there will be a meeting with the City Engineering firm on Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> in regards to the project.

Mayor asked for Council to give July 4<sup>th</sup> updates. Member Sherrill reported on the parade event and on the afternoon events. Mayor and Council welcomed all citizens to attend rain or shine.

Member Sherrill made a motion to appoint Ms. Cathy Fletcher to the Cemetery committee and Member Moss second. When question called Members Sherrill and Moss for, Member Whitfield opposed, motion passed.

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#### Consent Agenda Items

Lake Park Elementary School sewer agreement  
Proposal from Historical Society to City of Lake Park  
Traffic Flow on Cotton Ave  
Tree(s) Removal (tree estimates)

Plans for 2014 Budget and requests for bids  
Littering Signs – Process of getting estimates

Member Moss made a motion to accept the consent agenda items with no action being taken, Member Sherrill second the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Member Moss informed Council that she would be unable to attend the August 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and was concerned that Council would not have a quorum. Member Whitfield made a motion to not to reschedule the August Regular Council Meeting due to the absence of Member Moss. Motion died for lack of a second. Member Whitfield made a motion not to reschedule the August Regular Council Meeting due to the absence of Member Moss, Member Sherrill second the motion. When question called Members Whitfield and Sherrill for, Member Moss opposed, motion passed.

Mayor called for motion for the Executive Session. Member Moss made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and salary reviews, Member Sherrill second the motion, all in favor motion passed. Mayor, Council, and Attorney entered Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

Regular session was called back to order at 10:03PM.

Member Moss made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the Executive Session Affidavit and Resolution, Member Sherrill second, all in favor motion passed. Mayor asked if there was a motion from the Council. Member Whitfield made a motion to adjourn. Motion died for lack of a second.

Member Moss made a motion to give Tabatha Fowler a .50 per hour increase in pay. No second was immediately forthcoming, Member Whitfield left the meeting at this point, and no quorum present meeting was adjourned at 10:05PM

Tabatha Fowler

10-1-13

Read and Approved

Date