

7:30 pm

REGULAR MEETING

February 4, 2014

This Regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Lake Park was called to order at

7:30 pm on February 4, 2014 by Mayor Schindler followed by flag salute. Minister Marvin Greene, of the

Lake Park Church of Christ gave the invocation. Those present, Mayor Schindler, Council members

Carter, Mulkey and Sherrill, member Rutland was absent due to sickness. Others present,

City Attorney, Consulting Clerk and a number of interested citizens.

Member Sherrill asked to put another item on the night's agenda, Travel Policy, all members in

agreement, item will be considered at the foot of the agenda.

Mayor called for adoption of the meeting minutes of January 7th, member Sherrill moved to adopt with

change, page 2 "Member Sherrill made a motion to continue insurance coverage with Blanton and

Griffin Ins. Co, member Rutland second motion, all in favor, motion passed. " Should read "Member

Sherrill made a motion to continue insurance coverage with Blanton and Griffin Ins. Co. due to time

constraint (present coverage expires 1/15/2014), member Rutland second motion, all in favor, motion

passed". Her motion to adopt with changes was second by member Carter, all approved. Member

Carter moved City adopt minutes from the January 15, 2014 meeting as presented, motion second

by member Mulkey, all approved.

Financial Statements reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Under Citizens Concerns, Ms. Christy Brownwell, newly elected President of the Lake Park Chamber of

Commerce spoke with Council concerning upcoming Rodeo events, and requested permission to hold

a parade on Marian Ave. March 22, 2:00 pm. Council agreed to proposal, Clerk will obtain permission

from DOT for road closure and Chief of Police will handle traffic safety. Mr. Barry Plotnick questioned

Council about City employees and equipment cleaning property at 400 W. Marian Ave. the previous

Saturday, Mayor responded they were only cleaning City right of way.

Under Special presentation, Mayor Schindler presented a Proclamation of thanks to Kenneth

Sherrill for his eight plus years of service on the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission as the

City's representative. Mr. Sherrill received a round of applause from the Council and citizens present.

Property at 215 Harris Tr. is now in foreclosure, and Mayor stated he had been contacted by

receivership bank concerning zoning of this property. He (Mayor) advised Council that the bank is

aware that zoning is for single family use only. Council will monitor use.

Beer/Wine application for Dollar General was next on the agenda. Chief Breletic reported that he

reviewed the application, met with the manager of the store, and everything seemed to be in order.

Member Sherrill moved to deny request, motion died for lack of second. Some discussion followed with

Member Mulkey moving to grant application provided proper monthly reporting is completed, motion

second by member Carter. When question called, members Carter and Mulkey for, member Sherrill

opposed.

Liquor Store application from Michael Rutherford DBA Lake Liquors was reviewed, Chief Breletic

reported he had also reviewed the application, all paperwork was in order. Member Sherrill moved

approval, motion second by member Mulkey, all approved.

City Council discussed applying for 2014 Community Development Block Grant funding for proposed

water improvements in Area 1 (from Main St. to East St). Councilmember Ronald Carter stated that

he lives in the area to be served by the FY2014 CDBG project activity. Member Carter then read into the

minutes a statement fully and publicly disclosing the potential conflict of interest and stated that he

would comply with the Conflict of Interest guidelines by not discussing the FY-2014 CDBG or voting on

any issue relating to the CDBG. Member Carter then recused himself until any discussion of the FY 2014

CDBG application was completed. Mayor Schindler asked for a motion regarding submitting a request to

DCA for a waiver from the applicable regulations regarding financial interest by council members in the

area to be served by the CDBG project. Councilmember Sherrill so moved, second by member Mulkey.

Councilmembers Mulkey and Sherrill voted in favor, none opposed, motion carried. City Clerk is

instructed to submit the exception request and required documentation to DCA.

Second reading of Ordinance # 21, amendment #12, increasing water rates was held. Member Mulkey

moved approval, motion second by member Carter, all approved.

Department reports were heard next, water department needs electrical repairs, chlorine pump issues

and maintenance needs WiFi connection at 111 Lawrence St. for their use. Fire Chief Brown advised

60% of repairs to the fire station have been completed, new fire truck has arrived and presented

condition of the brush truck. Presently it has no A/C, tires need to be replaced, doesn't meet DOT

requirements for emergency vehicle. He then presented a proposal to purchase a 1999 GMC for

a total cost of \$32,000. Member Sherrill moved City make purchase, making a down payment of

\$10,000. from SPLOST VI funds, finance balance due with best interest proposal, with first payment

being due in 2015. In addition the brush truck will be given to the maintenance department for their

use. Motion second by member Carter, all approved. Under police report, Chief Breletic

reported two new vehicles are on order, police station is still under renovation, the police SUV was sold

for \$4,500. to Brooks County law enforcement. He then asked Council to consider adding a

Technology fee to each citation issued (other than state exempt charge) of \$10.00 per citation, with the

understanding that collected fees be used only for technology needs of the Police Department.

Member Mulkey moved City move forward in preparing an adopting Ordinance as per above, motion

second by Member Carter, all approved.

Under appointment to Greater Lowndes Planning Commission, Mr. Ken Sherrill asked to approach the

Council to ask them to consider appointing W. Keith Sandlin to this seat. Member Sherrill moved to

appoint W. Keith Sandlin to fill the unexpired term on the Commission, said term will expire 4/2017.

Motion second by member Carter, all approved.

Under appointments to the Ethics Board, Mayor Schindler stated he had chosen Alene Bowser-Kinsey

as the Mayor's representative. Member Sherrill stated she had problems with this appointment, she felt

it was a conflict of interest as this person was the spouse of a current city employee. For the remaining

seat (representing Council), no action was taken, will be placed back on March 2014 agenda.

No action taken on appointment to Cemetery committee.

Mayor Schindler informed Council that Bert Rutland was interested in serving as the City's EOC

representative. Member Mulkey moved approval, motion second by member Carter, all approved.

Copier proposal tabled until March 2014 agenda.

Zoning text changes and uses were next discussed (see attached). Member Carter moved to send changes to the Planning Commission for review/recommendation, motion second by member Mulkey, all approved.

Member Sherrill questioned Council about changing City travel policy. She moved that no overnight hotel charges be allowed if the traveling distance was two (2) hours or less from Lake Park. Motion second for discussion by member Carter. During discussion, member Sherrill withdrew her motion.

Council agreed to set date for work session on February 24, 2014, 7:30pm.

Under Citizens Concerns, Julie Schindler approached Council and stated she did not think there was a conflict of interest with the Mayor's appointment of Alene Bowser-Kinsey as his representative on the Ethics Committee.

Resolution # 20140204, entering a Master Lease agreement (for financing purposes) with GMA was read, with member Mulkey moving City sign agreement, motion second by member Carter, all approved.

Member Sherrill reminded Council that the surveys (90+) for the application of the CDBG grant needed to be completed and suggested that Mayor, members Mulkey, Rutland and herself help in getting this done, all members agreed.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:57 pm.

Read & approved _____

Date _____

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