



120 North Essa Street, Lake Park, Georgia 31636

AGENDA
LAKE PARK CITY COUNCIL
MAY 6, 2014
7:30 PM

Flag Salute and Opening Prayer
Re-zoning request, LP 2014-02-26
Minutes & Financial
Proclamation
Herb Wyatt, biologist report on Tom's Pond
Closing streets within Tom's Pond
Parking at Tom's Pond
Fencing proposal for maintenance compound
Mosquito spraying proposal from Flythe Lane Management
Update on Grants/RDC
Cemetery Committee appointments
2014 budget amendments
Administration/Executive reports



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City of Lake Park
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2014 7:30 PM

Mayor Schindler called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Those present were as follows; Mayor Schindler, Mayor Pro Tem Carter, Council Members Mulkey, Rutland, and Sherrill, City Attorney Plumb, Clerks, Police Chief Breletic, Fire Chief Brown, Maintenance Supervisor Patterson, and concerned citizens.

Mayor Schindler led the Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute. He called on Pastor Issac, Assistant Pastor at Lake Park Methodist Church for the invocation.

Mayor introduced State Senate Candidate John Paige that was in attendance. Mr. Paige took a moment to address Mayor and Council and the citizens in attendance.

Mayor Schindler read a prepared statement by himself in reference to the rezoning request LP 2014-02-26 and the turmoil that it had created among Lake Park citizens, Mayor, and Council. He further stated that LP 2014-02-26 was now closed for any further discussion and it was now up to Council vote.

Mayor called for action regarding Re-zoning request, LP 2014-02-26. Member Rutland made a statement as to his decision making process on the vote and with that he made a motion to deny the rezoning request, and Member Carter second. When question called Members Rutland, Carter, and Sherrill in favor to oppose request, Member Mulkey oppose, motion passed to deny rezoning request.

Mayor called for review of minutes and financials. Member Rutland made a motion to take a 5 minute recess due to excess noise as crowd dispersed, Mulkey second all in favor, meeting recessed at 7:41 PM.

Mayor called meeting back to order at 7:45 PM and called for Council to review the minutes of the last month's meetings. Member Carter made a motion to accept the minutes as presented for April 1, April 21, and April 28 meetings as well as April 1 Public Hearing minutes. Member Mulkey second the motion to accept the minutes, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor called for Council to review the financial statements. Member Carter made a motion to accept the financials report as presented, Member Rutland second, all in favor financials approved.

Mayor Schindler presented a Proclamation in memory of JC Sprig Carter. (see attached).

Mayor called for Herb Wyatt, biologist, to give a report on Tom's Pond. Mr. Wyatt was not in attendance due to family illness. Council moved report to June agenda.

Mayor asked for discussion and action regarding closing (underwater) streets within Tom's Pond. After discussion Member Rutland made a motion to follow Attorney Plumb's advice to send notice to property owners regarding the underwater streets (once the streets were identified) to get a census on closing those streets. Rutland then withdrew his motion. Council then decided to make sure no property owner would be "land locked" and reproach at June meeting.

Mayor request discussion about parking at Tom's Pond, concerned citizens have complained about vehicles parking too close to the pond and damaging the edges of the pond. After discussion, Council moved item to June meeting.

Mayor asked Clerk to contact railroad regarding cleaning up the debris and mess where railroad repairs were made recently.

Mayor called for fencing proposal for maintenance compound. Member Sherrill made a motion to move item to bottom of agenda, Member Rutland second, all in favor, item moved to bottom of agenda.

Mayor called for discussion of mosquito spraying proposal from Flythe Lane Management. After discussion, Mayor asked Clerk to contact County about mosquito pellets, how to get them and/or who distributes them. Member Rutland also made mention of the possible use of mosquito fish. No action taken, item moved to June agenda.

Mayor gave an update on Grants/RDC. No action taken.

Mayor announced that he and Council were requested to find a replacement committee member for the Zoning Appeals Committee to replace Stuart Avera. Mr. Avera had not been in attendance to any of the previous meetings this year and has had no correspondence with Committee Chairman or Clerk's office. Mayor recommended the Council consider Brenda Huseman for the open seat. Member Rutland made a motion to appoint Husman, Member Mulkey second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor asked Council for recommendations for available seats on the Cemetery Committee. Member Sherrill made a motion to reappointment Mr. McDonald, and Mrs. Asbell to their seats, Member Carter second, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor called for Council to discuss 2014 budget amendments. Council decided to move item to end of agenda.

Mayor asked for department reports, and first to address Council was new maintenance supervisor Jeff Patterson. Patterson gave a review of his duties since he began the position as well as plans he has to increase productivity. Patterson asked Council to consider allowing him to drive home the city truck due to his being on call for the water department. In his time on the job he had been called out for water calls on two different occasions and he explained that he had no city vehicle or uniform to show proof of his position. Member Rutland made a motion to allow Patterson to drive the city truck home to be used for on call purposes only, Member Mulkey second all in favor motion passed.

*Mayor apologized for the lack of Citizens Concerns portion of the agenda; he assured those in attendance that it was a clerical error and that he would offer that item after department reports.

Mayor called on Police Chief Breletic to give the police department report. (See attached) Member Sherrill requested Chief Breletic to submit a breakdown of calls to

show number of 911 calls, follow ups, and/or traffic stops. She further requested a breakdown of citations issued by officer.

Member Rutland made a motion for the Chief to keep track of the specifics of tickets and that he report citations by category not by officer, Member Mulkey second. When question called Members Rutland, Mulkey, and Carter for, Member Sherrill abstain, motion passed.

Member Rutland made a motion that if any council person receives a complaint pertaining to the police department that they report that complaint to the Mayor and the Mayor will refer to the Police Chief directly, Member Mulkey second. When question called Members Rutland, Mulkey, and Carter for, Member Sherrill abstain, motion passed.

Member Rutland made a motion to decommission the police vehicle (2008 Crown Vic VIN# 2FAFP71V08X1248458) in question, remove from insurance, and sell as is for salvage, Member Mulkey second all in favor motion passed.

Member Rutland made a motion to discuss personnel in Executive session at the end of the agenda, Member Mulkey second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor called for Fire Chief Brown to give the fire department report. Chief Brown stated that he had gotten donations from different area businesses for bottled water to have on hand during fire calls and also stated that his department would be sharing those waters with the police department to insure that all volunteers and employees are kept hydrated during these summer months. Chief also stated that he has several new firemen that would be graduating from fire school and he would like to present them with their badges at the July meeting. Brown also stated that the fire department was in desperate need for Jaws of Life and other safety equipment to replace the dated and unusable equipment that they have currently. Member Sherrill made a motion to give the Chief permission to purchase the equipment that he needs because there is no back up now. Discussion regarding the equipment and pricing followed. Member Rutland made a motion to have Chief Brown to gather quotes on the equipment and to bring to Council in a Call Meeting to consider. He further stated that Council should attend the demonstrations that are set up for the equipment at the fire station. Member Mulkey second the motion, all in favor the motion passed. Member Sherrill withdrew her motion.

The Mayor introduced Norman Bennett, candidate for Lowndes County Board of Commissioners Chairman that was in attendance. Mr. Bennett took a moment to address Mayor and Council and the citizens in attendance.

The Mayor also introduced Gretchen Quarterman, candidate for Lowndes County Board of Commissioners Chairman that was in attendance. Mrs. Quarterman took a moment to address Mayor and Council and the citizens in attendance.

Citizens' Concerns

Ralph Romero, North East Street, addressed culvert being backed up and water flooding yards and area around house. Member Sherrill made a comment to inquire about a berm.

Deidra Jarvis, Marion Ave, addressed a sinking sidewalk in front of her home.

Mayor called for action from the Council, Member Rutland made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss personnel issues, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor called regular meeting back to order at 10:20 PM. Member Rutland made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the Executive session resolution and affidavit, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor asked for Council to review the proposed budget amendments. (see attached) No action taken at this time.

Mayor asked for Council to discuss the zoning text amendments. Member Rutland made a motion to allow attorney to comb through text amendments, Member Carter second. When question called Members Rutland, Carter, and Mulkey for, Member Sherrill oppose, motion passed.

Mayor made an announcement that there were two upcoming committee meetings; they were as follows;

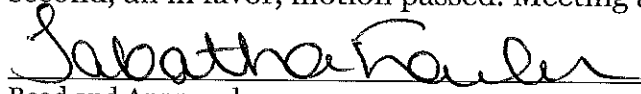
May 15 at 7:00 PM July 4th Celebration Committee Meeting at Civic Center
May 15 at 7:00 PM Lake Park Cemetery Committee Meeting at City Hall

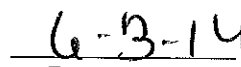
Mayor also stated that it had been brought to City Hall's attention that there had been an error in their water testing compliance. There had been a bad water test result in October 2013 and that should've have resulted in a 5 sample testing done after notification and 5 sample testing done the following month. After review of the sample reports, there were only 5 sample tests done immediately following the confirmation of the bad test results, there were no 5 sample tests done the following month. (November 2013). A noncompliance letter has been prepared and will be mailed out to every water customer to notify them of the noncompliance and to assure them that the City of Lake Park's water source is clean and healthy.

Mayor asked for Council action regarding the personnel item. Member Rutland made a motion to allow Chief Breletic to hire Officer Brent Barnes full time, to work 42 hours per week at \$10.50 an hour, and to set his work schedule as he sees fit. Member Carter second the motion, when question called Members Rutland, Carter and Mulkey for, Member Sherrill oppose, motion passed.

Mayor asked Council to review the estimate that was turned in to do the needed repairs to Lawrence and Essa Streets. After review of the estimate, Member Sherrill made a motion to begin the repairs to Lawrence Street, Member Rutland second, all in favor motion passed.

Being no further business, Member Rutland made a motion to adjourn, Member Carter second, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 PM.


Read and Approved


Date



120 North Essa Street, Lake Park, Georgia 31636

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, as our community looks back over its many years of being, a few individuals stand out for their caring, their contributions, and their visions, which have made Lake Park such a fine place to live; and

WHEREAS, one of our citizens, J. C. "Sprig" Carter is such an individual, one who was a true leader in our community for many years, known both for his business skills and for serving with the City government in Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, J. C. "Sprig" Carter was very instrumental in developing the Lake Park Zoning Ordinance, served as the first Chairman; and

WHEREAS, J.C. "Sprig" Carter served five terms as a Council Member of the Lake Park City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Park desires to publicly recognize and show its appreciation to the family of J.C. "Sprig" Carter for his leadership and vision, and the great impact that he has made on this community and to express their deepest sympathy on his passing April 21, 2014.

So proclaimed this the 6th day of May 2014.

Attest:
City Clerk

Eric I. Schindler
Mayor



RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE PARK CITY COUNCIL

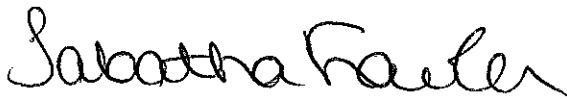
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAKE PARK CITY COUNCIL, as follows:

At the meeting held on the 6th day of May 2014, Council entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing : Personnel

At the close of the discussion upon this subject, the Council did vote to re-enter into Open session and herewith takes the following action in Open session:

- 1) The actions of the Council and the discussion of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session are hereby ratified.
- 2) Each member of this body does hereby confirm that to the best of his or her knowledge, based upon the advice of the City Attorney, the said subject matter and of the closed session portion was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception (s) as set forth above.
- 3) The Mayor, or the presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the members of this Council, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 (b).
- 4) The affidavit shall be included and filed with official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by statute.

Approved this the 6th day of May 2014



Attest:

City Clerk



Mayor/Presiding Officer

Executive Session Affidavit

I am competent to make this Affidavit and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein. Pursuant to my duties as Mayor I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the LAKE PARK CITY COUNCIL held on the 6th day of May, 2014, a portion of said meeting was closed to the public.

It is my understanding O.C.G.A 50-14-4 provides as follows: When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law.

The subject matter of said meeting, or the closed portion thereof, was devoted to matters within exceptions to public disclosure provided by law.

Those specific relevant exceptions are identified as follows: Personnel

This Affidavit is executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 and is to be filed with the official minutes for the aforementioned meeting.


This 6th day of May 2014



Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 6th day of May 2014



Notary Public



120 North Essa Street, Lake Park, Georgia 31636
Chief James Breletic

ACTIVITY

-Number of calls for month _____ **253**
-Number of miles driven during month _____ **3313**
-Number of tickets issued for April _____ **62**
-Number of cases scheduled for April Court _____ **71**

-Amount of possible fines to be collected before court for April Court session _____ **21,984.00**
-Amount of fines collected after April Court session _____ **10,275.00**
This included money received before April court session _____ **(3,010.00)**

NOTE: some cases were reset for next court date.

Possible amount of fines receivable from citations written to date _____ **77,702.00**
TOTAL Amount of fines collected year to date _____ 28,122.00

Number of person(s) on Probation _____ **40** with **(13)** active in warrant status.

Person arrested during month: **5**
2- Dui's, 1-suspended license, 1- no license, 1-for failure to appear.

Cases investigated:
Theft case at Fred's department store and a false name case.

Up Dates

-Computer server still awaiting to being connected to our network and awaiting assistance to move all files over.
-Currently awaiting additional information from software companies as to receiving proper desk to download their software onto our new server.
-With the Mayor's help, we were able to obtain four monitors for the computers that we've been able to rebuild from various parts that we had from older computers.
-Have started new probation company (**JUDICIAL ALTERNATIVES OF GEORGIA**).

NEW BUSINESS

-Have spoken with Mr. Patterson in reference to our community service personnel reporting to him, also will be conducting a meeting with Mr. Patterson and our new probation company to lay out ground work and have all person(s) supplied necessary release form.

-Patches, police have made new patches.

With the assistance of Chief David Brown Lake Park Fire Department, I was able to apply for Georgia municipal Association safety and liability management grant program. This grant netted approximately \$5600.

I am pleased to announce that we were awarded the grant and we have implemented it with the purchasing of three LG EMS jump kit bags. These EMS bags will be used in each one of patrol cars so that if an incident happens, an emergency situation, a paramedic, and /or medically trained person(s) will be able to use these EMS jump bags on the person in need. The bags will be placed into each patrol unit.

In addition with these funds, we have ordered and have received five Philips heart start defibrillator. There'll be a defibrillator placed in each one of the patrol cars and the extra defibrillator will be placed at City Hall. Thus we will have an opportunity should a life-threatening situation arise we will have the necessary equipment to attend to same. I also intend a make sure that all employees are properly trained in these devices.

Coming from Europe, I had the pleasure of being involved as a Excel center and have written and copy written two books, one book on first aid and the other on defibrillator(s) which will be supplied to assist all personnel and will be made available in our City Hall should anybody need any information on first aid.

-Next, I wish to requested the decommission of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, bearing vehicle identification number: 2 FAFP 71 V 08 X 128458, said vehicle has been in service since 2008 and in the past has been wrecked and/or totaled twice making it dangerous to operate. Request permission to sale the vehicle and have funds placed back to where they came from with a possibility of marking the funds for police services.

Officer Barnes, Fire Chief Dave Brown, and I were able to take various parts off this vehicle and transfer them onto the other 2008 Crown Victoria so that we can use that vehicle in service.

***-Employee issues:** After speaking with Ms. Peterson and Ms. Flower and reviewing over the city's departmental budget for law enforcement officer's salaries.*

Thus, I wish to request that the Mayor and the city Council to consider the idea of bringing Officer Brent Barnes on as a full-time officer. Officer Barnes will be working approximately 42 hours a week 84 hours during the pay period. In addition I wish to raise his salary from 10.25 an hour to \$10.50 an hour.

-In addition I wish to request the Council and the Mayor's to address the idea of having all officers be placed on salary instead of an hourly rate so that the Police Department may be able to run more effectively in the near future.

Proposed 2014 budget amendments as of 5/1/2014

Increase Gen. Admin/temp salaries	14,000.*
Increase Maintenance	8,929.**
Officer Barnes to full time status, 42 hours per week	0***
Total	22,929.

Suggestions for balancing:

Decrease account # 100-3200-20-5111200	12,000.00-
Decrease account # 100-3500-00-523200	4,500.00-
Increase projected revenue in 100-351170 (fines)	6,429.00

Or increase 2014 tax millage rate by 1 mil

*Would be for max. of \$400.00 per week for A. Peterson and M. Herring

** Would be for full time J. Patterson and B. Jones

*** no increase as 2014 budget had costs budgeted for 5th position in Police Dept.