

7:30 pm

Regular Meeting

October 7, 2014

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Lake Park City Council was called to order at 7:30 pm on October 7, 2014 by Mayor Schindler. Those present, Mayor Schindler, members Carter, Mulkey and Rutland, City Attorney and City Clerk Consultant. Mayor Schindler opened meeting with flag salute, member Carter led in prayer.

Minutes of the Public Hearing, September 7, 2014, Regular Meeting, September 7, 2014 and Call Meeting of September 17, 2014 were reviewed. Member Carter moved approval of all as written, motion second by member Rutland, all approved. Member Rutland mentioned the minutes were well written. Financial Statement reviewed and accepted as recorded.

Under Citizens Concerns, Mr. Barry Plotnick questioned the increase in property taxes, why some citizens in his area were not within city limits, and wanted information on de-annexation.

Second reading of Ordinance # 108 was considered. As public hearing and advertising of this Ordinance were complete, member Rutland moved to adopt with the deletion of wording "possession of knives" in opening paragraph. Motion second by member Mulkey, all approved.

Under Department reports, Police Chief Breletic gave handout (see attached # 1) regarding the Department activity, and a tentative policy & procedure manual he has prepared. When all these objectives are met, it should result in a lower insurance rate for the City. Fire Chief Brown recapped the recently awarded FEMA grant, the cascade system is up and running, the Department will make this service (filling air tanks) available to other agencies if needed. At this point, the City's total contribution will be \$1,275.00. He reported on the ongoing business inspections for fire safety at each location, explained how, if violations are found the owners can correct and have a re-inspection. Mayor questioned the cost of these inspections, and discussed having a fee added to the business license tax to cover same. No action taken at

this time. Fire Chief Brown stated the department is up to 21 volunteers, and additional gear is needed immediately. Chief Brown stated he had a cap on the total number of volunteers at this time of twenty five (25). He proposed eight (8) bunker gear outfits, cost approx. \$8,000. Member Rutland stated he wanted to insure the safety of our volunteers, he moved City purchase eight (8) new outfits, at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00, motion second by member Mulkey, all approved. Mayor and Council thanked Chief Brown and the department for getting a large limb off the Civic Center property. City would have had to contract with a tree surgeon and incur a large expense. Chief Brown stated Twin Lakes Volunteer Dept. had also assisted them in removal. Council agreed to send a letter of thanks to Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Dept. and to expend up to \$125.00 to host a dinner for the volunteers at the Civic Center. Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson reported all hydrants were flushed, the fire hydrant near Fred's was being repaired, Killeen Construction was getting ready to replace and relocate the main water valves (citizens will receive ample notice). Also noted, 16 poisonous snakes have been killed to date.

Mayor introduced Mr. Jeff Godwin with Rocketcomm WiFi Company. His company would like to serve our area with internet service (6.1 speed, approx. \$40. per month). He proposes to use the City's water tower to place company's equipment (must have 24 hours access). City would then have areas with "hot spots" that the police and fire department might utilize. No action taken.

Member Rutland moved to appoint Ms. Robin Cumbus, if she will accept to be the Council's representative on the Ethics Committee. He immediately withdrew motion and stated he moved appointment of Ms. Robin Cumbus, motion second by member Mulkey, all approved.

Under appointments to Cemetery Committee, Mayor advised Council that he was uncomfortable with only three members on this committee, and recommended it be amended for four (4) seats. Council agreed, and City Attorney will prepare amendment to Ordinance # 64, will have first reading November 2014.

A representative of McLaggan Communications gave Council a presentation/quote of equipment known as “tag reader recognition”. This system can record tags on up to three (3) lanes of traffic. It will also interface with other agencies using the same system. He proposed a three camera system, with one (1) year warranty, cost \$25,150., and stated a lease/purchase plan was available with 10% down. After the first year, annual maintenance fees will be \$1,500.00. He also stated that he recommended that cables be placed in each police vehicle so as moving this equipment from vehicle to vehicle would be easier. (not included in price). Some discussion followed questioning if the Technology fees collected on citations could be used for the annual expense, no action taken.

Ms. Kathy Walker, Executive Director of the Lake Park Area Chamber of Commerce was given the floor to report on the activities planned for Christmas Festival/Parade. Parade/Festivities will be held on Saturday, December 6th, 11:00 am, and follow same route as 4th of July parade (Lakes Blvd. to Marion Ave. to Railroad Ave.). The arts/crafts, food vendors will be located at the Mill Store Plaza, and merchants will have special open house events.

Mayor Schindler gave Council a quote for equipment a “one call message” center. If City’s water system was to go down, message could be recorded and sent to all citizens, notices of meetings, etc. Two systems were presented, basic \$1,499. and charges for # of calls, or Plus \$1,799. inclusive. (see attached # 2). Council took no action.

Mayor and Council agreed date for Halloween festivities within City, October 31, 2014.

Date of October 21, 2014, 7:30 pm was set for first budget meeting.

Under final Citizens Concerns, Jeff Patterson questioned Council about City’s Christmas decorations, and date of tree lighting, no action taken.

Member Rutland moved Council go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters, motion second by member Mulkey, all approved. (9:45 pm).

Meeting was called back to order at 10:00 pm, with member Carter moving Mayor sign Affidavit and Resolution as to matter of Executive Session, motion second by member Rutland, all approved.

Police Chief Breletic approached Council on increasing his salary, and also David Kinsey. He recommended a 50 cent per hour for David Kinsey, retroactive to his being appointed Sgt. in June 2014. Member Rutland moved same, motion second by member Mulkey, all approved. When he (Breletic) questioned Council about his salary, he was asked to wait until the 2015 budget workshop. Chief Breletic questioned the City Attorney regarding non-compliance with Simpac (probation overseer), Attorney reported he has not received any correspondence at this time.

Mayor Schindler stated every Council member should contact the Georgia Ethics Commission regarding filing of reports as soon as possible, to make sure they were in compliance.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm

Read & approved _____ Date _____

