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Regular Meeting  
August 4, 2015 7:30 PM

### Agenda

Public Hearing, Ordinance # 110

Minutes & Financial

Citizens Concerns

MPO Presentation, Cory Hull

Review 2015 millage rate adoption schedule

Second reading, Ordinance # 110

Acknowledgement of 2015 4<sup>th</sup> of July sponsors

Department reports

Additional phone line for City Hall

Voice Mail System

Tree removal proposals

Civic Center repairs

Setting fines for false fire alarms

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Exec./Admin. reports



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Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

Those present were as follows; Mayor Schindler, Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Carter, Council Members Paul Mulkey and Bert Rutland, City Clerk, Maintenance Supervisor Patterson, Fire Chief Brown, Police Chief Breletic, and citizens.

Mayor Schindler called Public Hearing to order at 7:30 PM regarding Ordinance # 110, establishing policy and procedures regarding opening invocations and prayer to open council meetings, adopting a policy of non-exclusion for selection of volunteer invocation speakers and promoting a diversity of viewpoints.

He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor to the Ordinance #110, there was none.

He asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition to the Ordinance #110, there was none.

Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:32.

Read & approved Loatha Fowler Date 8-1-15



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Minutes

Immediately following the Public Hearing of Ordinance 110, Mayor called the August 4, 2015 Regular Meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Mayor asked Council to review the minutes from July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting. Member Carter made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Member Rutland second, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor asked Council to review the financials from July 2015. Member Mulkey made a motion to accept the financials as presented, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

Citizens' Concerns – none at this time

Mayor Schindler called on Cory Hull, Valdosta Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordinator (VLMPO) to come before Council to review the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan that is federally required and outlines the transportation projects to be undertaken over the next four years. Following the presentation, the Mayor asked if Council or any citizen had any questions for Mr. Hull, there were none.

Mayor called on agenda item of the 2015 millage rate adoption schedule. However at this time the 2015 tax digest has not been reconciled therefore Council does not have amounts to consider. Mayor noted that once digest is ready to review, Council will have a Call Meeting to discuss.

Mayor then performed the second and final reading of Ordinance # 110. \* see amendment on September 2, 2015.

Mayor Schindler then acknowledged the 2015 4<sup>th</sup> of July sponsors, they were as follows;

Pepsi  
Radio station C92.9  
Lake Dogs & Rascals of Lake Park  
Terry Dees  
TNT Fireworks  
Valdosta Electric  
Lake Park Farmhouse – JC McMullen  
Clint & Barbara Slocomb  
Colonial Bag  
Billy & Beth Herndon

Bennett's Fire Protection  
Lake Hardware  
Sunset Farm Foods  
Greg Martin Auto Repair  
Cowboys Firepit Grill  
Lake Park Area Historical Society  
Winn Dixie  
Camping World  
Lake Park Men's Salon  
Eagle Automotive  
CB&B Ice  
First State Bank  
Lake Park Plaza  
Lake Park Christian Fellowship  
First Federal Bank

Department reports

Fire Department – see attached

Police Department – see attached

Member Rutland made a motion to approve the proposed addendum to the Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual, Member Mulkey second, discussion. When question called all in favor, motion passed.

City Marshall – see attached

Regarding illegal water line, Member Rutland made a motion to have said said person to remove the illegal tap and water line, he will have to save up his money to have his own meter, and until then he will have to obtain his water without the use of a pipeline. Furthermore there would be no legal action taken at this time, but if it happens again the city would proceed with legal action, and to notify him by letter. Member Mulkey second the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Maintenance/Water

Busy cutting grass, weed eating, and trimming  
Backhoe repairs discussed. After explanation of unforeseen repair costs, Member Rutland made a motion to amend his previous motion regarding the approved funds for the backhoe to be increased up to \$9000 and to be paid from SPLOST VII, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor asked for Council to review quote for additional phone line for City Hall. No action taken.

Mayor asked Council to review quote for voice mail system. Member Rutland made a motion to post pone action and to discuss during the 2016 budget work workshop, Member Mulkey second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor opened the bids for the tree removal process. (see attached) After review Member Rutland made a motion to go with the lower bid from Pro Tree and for the funds to be used from SPLOST VII. He further stated that the removed trees be replaced with either Dog Wood trees or something that is easier to maintain and not be such a hazard to the city. Member Mulkey second the motion and when question called, all in favor motion passed. \* see amendment on September 2, 2015.

Mayor stated that Council needed to review the proposed repairs for the Civic Center. Member Mulkey stated he had been gathering information on those repairs and asked if that item be tabled for an additional month until the September meeting.

Agenda item of setting fines for false fire alarms was tabled upon Fire Chief Brown's suggestion.

Citizens' Concerns – none at this time

Mayor made announcements during the Exec. /Admin Reports.

Being no further business, Member Rutland made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Read & approved Sabatha Fowler Date 9-1-15

**ORDINANCE NO. 110**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE PARK, GEORGIA TO ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING OPENING INVOCATIONS AND PRAYER TO OPEN COUNCIL MEETINGS, ADOPTING A POLICY OF NON-EXCLUSION FOR SELECTION OF VOLUNTEER INVOCATION SPEAKERS AND PROMOTING A DIVERSITY OF VIEWPOINTS

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Park (the "City") desires to preserve and maintain the tradition of solemnizing its proceedings by allowing and inviting an opening invocation before each meeting for the blessing and solemnizing of the City Council's proceedings for the benefit of the City Council;

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that our history is replete with official references to the value and invocation of Divine guidance in deliberations and pronouncements of the Founding Fathers and contemporary leaders as set forth in the holding of the United States Supreme Court in *Lynch v. Donnelly*, 465 U.S. 668, 675 (1984);

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court and Eleventh Circuit have consistently upheld the practice of delivering religious invocations before deliberative public bodies occurring prior to policymaking. See *Town of Greece v. Galloway*, 134 S. Ct. 1811 (2014); *Marsh v. Chambers*, 463 U.S. 783 (1983); *Atheists of Florida, Inc. v. City of Lakeland*, 732 F.3d 577 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2013);

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that our City and Nation are comprised of individuals with a diversity of viewpoints, including but not limited to, faiths, religions, beliefs, and non-beliefs. Accordingly, the City will make reasonable efforts to invite, locate, and welcome individuals with a diversity of viewpoints to offer the opening invocation for the benefit of the City Council and the City's policies shall not be intended, implemented, or construed in any manner to affiliate the City Council with or express any preference for or against any faith, non-faith, or religious denomination;

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the diversity of faiths, ideas, viewpoints, and various beliefs as referenced herein, it shall be the policy of the City that sectarian prayer may be allowed that is solemn and respectful in tone that invites the City Council Members to reflect upon shared ideals and common ends before embarking on the business of governing. However, invocation speakers are hereby requested to refrain from exploiting the invocation period with proselytizing or advancing any one belief, view, or religion; disparaging any other faith or belief; denigrating nonbelievers or religious minorities; threatening damnation; or preaching conversion; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council intends, and has intended in the past practice, to

adopt a policy that does not proselytize or advance any faith, or show any purposeful preference of one religious view to the exclusion of others.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE PARK, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 2, Article II of the Lake Park Code is hereby amended to add a new Sec. 2-24.1 as follows:

**Sec. 2-24.1 Opening Invocation**

(a) Intent. It shall be the policy of the City Council that the procedures stated in this rule concerning opening invocation shall govern all official meetings of the City Council and that the members of the City Council and City staff shall adhere to these rules. These policies and procedures are not intended, shall not be implemented, and shall not be construed in any way to affiliate the City Council or the City with, nor express a preference for or against any faith, belief, opinion, religion, or denomination. Rather, these policies and procedures are intended to acknowledge and express the City Council's respect for the diversity of religious denominations and faiths represented and practiced among the citizens of the City.

(b) Timing. After the Call to Order of all official meetings of the City Council an Opening Invocation as described herein shall occur. The opening invocation will occur and be completed during the opening, ceremonial portion of the City Council meeting and shall in no event occur, or be construed to occur, during the policymaking or legislative portions of the City Council meeting. Persons delivering the invocation shall limit their remarks to no more than two minutes.

(c) Speaker Selection. The opportunity to give the opening invocation shall be open to all, regardless of religious affiliation or non-affiliation. The Council shall publish on the city website an invitation to volunteers interested in delivering the invocation. The respondents to the invitation shall be scheduled on a first-come, first serve basis to deliver the invocation. All reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure that a variety of invocation speakers are scheduled for City Council meetings. Notwithstanding the preceding, no invocation speaker shall be scheduled to offer an invocation at consecutive meetings of the City Council, or at more than three (3) City Council meetings in any calendar year. The volunteer delivering the invocation shall not receive compensation from the City for his/her participation or services.

(d) No member of the City Council, City employee or staff shall engage in any prior inquiry, review, or involvement in, the content of any invocation to be offered by an invocation speaker. However, consistent with U.S. Supreme Court precedent, invocation speakers are hereby advised that the invocation should not denigrate nonbelievers or religious minorities; threaten damnation; or preach conversion. Statements reflecting ideals relating to peace and security for the nation, safety of our armed forces, police, firefighters and emergency service personnel, wisdom for the lawmakers, and justice for the people are encouraged.

(e) The City Clerk may add the name and affiliated organization of the selected invocation

speaker for a particular meeting to the City Council agenda next to the "Invocation" item.

(f) In addition to volunteers submitting requests, the City Council may invite religious leaders, chaplains, ministers, rabbis or similar of congregations located within the jurisdictional limits of the City and Lowndes County to conduct the opening invocation, keeping in mind the objective of including a variety of speakers in the giving of the invocation.

(g) Conduct of Opening Invocation. Persons in attendance at the City Council meeting are invited to stand during the opening invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. However, such invitation shall not be construed as a demand, order, or any other type of command. Such invitation constitutes a general invitation that a person in attendance may stand if he/she wishes to do so for such observances.

(h) Agenda Disclaimer. The following statement shall be placed at the bottom of City Council meeting agendas:

*Any invocation that is offered before the official start of the City Council meeting shall be the voluntary offering of a private person, to and for the benefit of the City Council. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the City Council or the city staff, and the City is not allowed by law to endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker. Persons in attendance at the City Council meeting are invited to stand during the opening invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. However, such invitation shall not be construed as a demand, order, or any other type of command. No person in attendance at the meeting shall be required to participate in any opening invocation that is offered. A person may exit the City Council Chambers and return upon completion of the opening invocation if a person does not wish to participate in or witness the opening invocation.*

SECTION 2. CONFLICTS. All other provisions of the City Code shall remain in full force and effect except as amended hereby.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any portion of this Ordinance is finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unconstitutional, unenforceable, or void, the balance of the Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

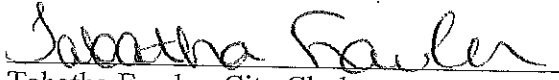


ORDAINED this 4 day of August, 2015.



Eric Schindler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tabatha Fowler, City Clerk

First reading 7/14/2015

Second reading 8/4/15

## **Agenda**

# **Local Plan Implementation Assessment Lowndes County and the Cities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, and Valdosta**

**August 2015**

### **Agenda topics**

Review and Discuss Current Comprehensive Plan  
Identify Desired Updates or Changes to Plan  
Identify and Review Activities for Upcoming Year  
Requests for Assistance  
Discuss RP Performance Standards  
Qualified Local Government Status

**2015 Lowndes County & Cities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, and Valdosta  
Implementation Assessment Meeting – Achievement of Minimum Standards (Regional Plan  
Implementation Program)**

Minimum Standards	Lowndes County	Dasher	Hahira	Lake Park	Remerton	Valdosta
1. All uncertified elected City and County Officials must obtain minimum certification within three years of adoption of Regional Plan by Regional Commission through UGA Carl Vinson Institute or an equivalent Certification Program.						
2. All County and City Clerks obtain certification through UGA Carl Vinson Institute or equivalent Certification Program.						
3. All Planning Commissioners attend planning commission training within one year of appointment.						
4. Update the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) as required by law with all service agreements in place and on file for public review.						
5. Update and adopt the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan						
6. Upgrade all electronic communication capabilities for effective electronic communication between all local governments and furnish appropriate training in the use.						
7. Develop, update, maintain and implement zoning standards or land development regulations.						
8. Develop, update, maintain and implement at a minimum the mandatory building codes and fire codes including applicable administrative procedures.						
9. Put a program in place to require that all building inspections be done by a Building Inspector, who, at a minimum, has been certified through the Building Official's Association of Georgia.						
10. Participate in Joint Comprehensive Planning including development of Short Term Work Programs						
11. Annually perform an internal update the local Short Term Work Programs in coordination with SGRC.						
12. Active participation in Best Practices Workshops, joint comprehensive planning meetings including STWP updates, training sessions offered by the SGRC.						
Achieved Minimum Standards						

# City Council Meeting for August 4, 2015

## Fire Reports:

Vehicle fire (stolen golf cart)

4 fire alarms

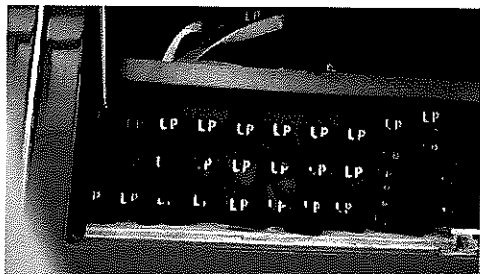
Performed annual inspection of Lake Park Elementary School

Received assistance to firefighters grant from FEMA in the amount of 23944.00 this is a 5% match grant and the city's share will be 1140.00 this grant will be used to purchase 4 SCBA's to replace 4 used ones that were bought in 2009

This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> AFG grant 2009= 52130.00, 2013= 41829.00, 2014=23944.00 This totals 117363.00 in FEMA money and the city's share was 5837.00

Norfolk Southern will be here Thursday morning to present fire department with a 1000.00 donation that will go towards the rescue air bags.

Cribbing came in looks good and easily identifiable



ISO will be here August 11<sup>th</sup> at 830am Looking for any and all city officials to attend.



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Date: July 28, 2015  
Attention: City Marshall  
Reference: Ordinance Violations

1. Produce man has installed PVC pipe on city right of way from ice machine located in Fred's parking lot.
2. Dry cleaner building owner needs to cut and maintain property's grass.
3. Trailer with tree on top of it, across from Sandlin's church needs to be cleaned up as soon as possible. (\*Ann noted that the trailer in question was provided water service from the city BUT is not actually in the city limits.)
4. Water being used to irrigate and not being metered in Sandy Bottom subdivision.



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Chief James Breletic

**ACTIVITY for Month of JULY 2015**

-Number of calls for month\_ \_\_\_\_ 911 stated that they are unable to have a breakdown of calls, but can supply the total number of calls for the month.

-Number of miles driven during month\_\_\_\_\_4505

-Number of tickets issued for July Court calendar\_\_\_\_\_60

-Number of cases scheduled for July Court calendar\_\_\_\_\_65

***Break down on citations:***

No insurance ( )	VGCSA (1)
No valid tag ( )	Theft by Taking (1)
Suspended license/No license ( 3 )	Seat Belt (8)
Suspended registration ( 1 )	
Expired license ( )	
Red Light ( )	
Improper lane change ( )	
Too fast for conditions (6 )	
Speeding ( 8 )	
DUI ( 1 )	
Other ( 31 )	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>( 60 )</b>

***Break down on Person(s) arrested:***

DUI ( 1 )		
Suspended license ( 1 )		
No license ( )		
Warrant(s) ( )	Marijuana ( 1 )	
Disorderly Conduct ( )	Public Drunk ( )	Theft by Taking ( 1 )
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>( 4 )</b>	

-Amount of possible fines to be collected before court for July Court session \_\_\_\_\_ \$26,795.00  
 Amount of fines collected after July Court session \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 8105.00  
 This included money received before July Court session \_\_\_\_\_ \$0.00  
 Possible amount of fines receivable from citations written to date (Approximately) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 120,308.00  
**Amount of fines received to date including probation** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$56,792.00**

Court / Probation Fees collected for Month \_\_\_\_\_ **\$0.00 not reported as of this date.**

Total Number of person(s) currently on Probation \_\_\_\_\_ 23 with (7) active in warrant status. **0 hours** of community service work preformed.

**Technology Fee-----\$250.00 (1833yr)**  
**Crime Lab Fee-----\$125.00(1815yr)**  
**Community service work payout-----\$.00**  
**Court Probation Fee-----\$0.00**

**NOTE: Some cases were reset for next court date.**

-Cases investigated:

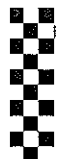
- Marijuana arrest from a traffic stop, arrest made
- Terroristic Threats, all person identified, ex-cleared
- Theft from Ragin Cajun – arrest made
- Burglary – Cotton Ave. still investigating case
- Burglary Lakes Blvd, business, working case-have same type MO within Lowndes Co.

**Up Dates**

- attended chief's school
- Have ordered the air cards from Verizon – cost 38.00 each X 4=\$152 per month (1824 yr.)

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Town Marshall Report –verbal
- Produce man – water line, wants time to pay for water
- Dry Cleaners grass high – contacting owners..
- Trailer on 41 has tree on it, not in city called county
- 911 advised we have changed to a new system, as per them should be better.
- Employee issues:** three people have asked about being reserve officers



*Fx 559-7499*

# Estimate/Invoice



## PRO TREE SERVICE, INC.

3263 Davis Drive • Valdosta, GA 31606  
(229) 242-6775



### REASONABLE RATES

SUBMITTED TO <i>City of Lake Park</i>	PHONE	DATE <i>7/14/15</i>
STREET	JOB NAME	
CITY STATE AND ZIP CODE	JOB LOCATION	
JOB PHONE	DATE TO BEGIN WORK	

We hereby propose to furnish all the materials and perform all the labor necessary for the completion of

*Removal Cleanup 9 large Oak trees \$12,500<sup>00</sup>*  
*Grinding of 10 large stumps \$2500<sup>00</sup>*

All work is guaranteed to be as specified above, performed in accordance with the drawings and specifications submitted and completed in a substantial workmanlike manner for the sum of

with payments to be made as follows:

Dollars (\$ *15,000<sup>00</sup>*)

Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs, will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate.

Respectfully Submitted *Walter E. Piro*  
 Per \_\_\_\_\_

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Acceptance of Proposal - The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acceptance \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



