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City Hall 229-559-7470  
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Regular Meeting  
September 2, 2015 7:30 PM

Agenda

- Minutes & Financial
- Citizens' Concerns
- Recognition of 4<sup>th</sup> of July art project winners
- 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Credit Card policy
- Civic Center repairs
- Street lighting upgrade
- Funding for FEMA fire grant
- Business License Fee
- Dumpster ordinance
- Golf Cart regulations
- Update on setting tax millage rate
- Backhoe repairs



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### Minutes

Mayor called the September 1, 2015 City of Lake Park Regular Meeting to order at 7:35 PM. who then led in flag salute and prayer. Those present were as follows: Mayor Schindler, Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Carter, Council Members Mulkey and Rutland, Clerk, Clerk Consultant and a number of interested citizens.

Mayor began by asking Council for a motion to adopt Ordinance 110 as read in the August 4, 2015 meeting. Member Rutland made a motion to adopt, Member Mulkey second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Rutland made a motion to amend his previous motion regarding the tree removal from August 4, 2015. He amended his motion to state that they were to spend no more \$15,000 for the purpose of street improvement and for those funds to be paid from the SPLOST VII, Member Mulkey second, all in favor motion amended.

Mayor asked Council to review the minutes from August 4, 2015 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. Member Carter made a motion to accept the Public Hearing minutes as submitted, and to accept the Regular Meeting minutes as amended, Member Mulkey second, all in favor, motion passed.

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

Citizens' Concerns – none at this time

Mayor Schindler called on Dr. Julie Schindler to lead the recognition of 4<sup>th</sup> of July art project winners. Those winners were presented with a certificate and were advised that their outstanding artwork would be on display in the lobby of city hall throughout the year.

#### Department reports

Fire Department – reviewed fire calls, bay door motor, and brush truck/mini pumper. He further requested that a separate line item for grant money be added to his department budget when planning workshops for the 2016 budget. \*see attached.

Maintenance Department – reviewed backhoe repairs and reported that it's running great at this time, no complaints regarding city mowing have been reported, CSW workers are being used to help with garbage pickup throughout the city, water tower was recently painted and inspected. He further asked Council to start making plans for Christmas event and decorations. City is still in need of brackets to hold the giant wreaths that were donated by City of Dasher.

Mayor stated that Council needed to amend a previous motion regarding the backhoe repairs, total expense slightly exceeded the proposed amount allocated. Member Rutland made a motion to amend his previous motion to increase the approved repair spending an additional \$754.06 for a total repair expense to be \$9,754.06 and those funds to come from SPLOST VII, Member Carter second the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Police Department – Mayor read the submitted report. \*see attached.

Mayor called on Council for the review and recommendations to the City Credit Card Policy Ordinance. It was reviewed and discussed. No action taken.

Mayor called on Council to discuss the civic center repairs. After review Member Rutland made a motion to contact the lowest bidder to see if he would honor the bid submitted over 30 days ago in the amount of \$18,500. If he will honor that bid we will accept it and the repairs will be paid from the SPLOST VII funds. If not then city should re-advertise for bids. Member Carter second the motion and when question called, all in favor motion passed.

Streetlight upgrade – no action taken

Mayor asked for Council to discuss Business License Fees. After discussion Mayor advised that a notice be mailed out with license renewals to request business owners to bring printed proof of gross receipts at the time of their renewals.

Mayor asked council to review the City of Lake Park Dumpster Ordinance. After some discussion, Council decided to get an estimate to extend fence around dumpster and add this item to the October agenda.

Golf Cart regulations – covered during police department report

Mayor gave an update on setting 2015 tax millage rate. He explained the problem with the tax digest and the options given to the city by Lowndes County tax commission. After discussing the city's options on funds to maintain the city until the tax digest is set, Member Rutland made a motion to cash in CD in the amount of \$104,477.49 to be deposited into the investment account and to be used in lieu of property tax revenue until tax digest is completed. Once digest is completed and property taxes are received, the total funds plus any fees or withdrawal penalties from the CD are to be replenished and reinvested into another CD. Member Carter second the motion and when question called, all in favor, motion passed.

Backhoe repairs – covered during maintenance report

Citizens' Concerns

Admin/Executive reports

Mayor advised Council to discuss possibly moving the City of Lake Park polling place from the civic center to the Lake Park fire department. No action taken at this time.

Mayor stated he was asked about city posting school crossing signs on Broadway and on Long Pond.

Being no further business, Member Rutland made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM, Member Mulkey second, all in favor motion passed.

Read & approved Jabatha Fowler Date 10-13-15



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Chief James Breletic

**ACTIVITY for Month of August 2015**

-Number of calls for month 171 911 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 4116

-Number of tickets issued for August Court calendar 63

-Number of cases scheduled for August Court calendar 52

**Break down on citations:**

No insurance ( )	VGCSA ( )
No valid tag (3)	Theft by Taking (1)
Suspended license/No license (3)	Seat Belt (4)
Suspended registration (3)	
Expired license (2)	
Red Light ( )	
Improper lane change (1)	
Too fast for conditions (13)	
Speeding (5)	
DUI (4)	
Other (13)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>( 52 )</b>

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

DUI ( )		
Suspended license ( )		
No license ( )		
Warrant(s) (1)	Shoplifting (1)	Criminal Trespass (1)
Disorderly Conduct (1)	Public Drunk ( )	Theft by Taking (0)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>( 4 )</b>	

1. Twenty-three Georgia cities have golf cart ordinances, with some places such as **Peachtree City** near **Atlanta** and **Hahira** in **South Georgia** creating golf cart lanes along local roadways, according to the Georgia Municipal Association. **Hall County** has several golf course communities built around public streets. Dec 28, 2011

Golf cart drivers face new rules if they hit public roads

[www.gainesvilletimes.com/archives/61082/](http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/archives/61082/)

Golf carts driven on public roads face an increased risk of accident and injury, very similar to motorcycles. It is often difficult to see golf carts, and when involved in crashes, the driver is not as protected as they would be in a traditional automobile. If you or a loved one has been injured in a golf cart accident, contact [Atlanta auto accident lawyer](#) to see if you might be eligible to pursue recourse in the form of compensation for medical bills, lost wages, and pain and suffering.

- See more at: <http://www.forthepeople.com/blog/georgia-passes-new-golf-cart-law/#sthash.w5sEnM5D.dpuf>

## New Ga. law requires safety features on golf carts

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#Key parts of Georgia's new law targeting illegal immigration are also set to take effect. Starting Jan. 1, any employer with 500 or more employees will have to use a federal database called E-Verify to check the employment eligibility of all new hires.

#The mandate is being phased in with smaller businesses that have 100 or more employees required to use the database starting July 1, and companies with more than 10 employees to start using E-verify by July 2013.

#Employers with 10 or few employees are exempt from this requirement.

#The law's sponsor and supporters said they wanted to deter illegal immigrants from coming to Georgia by making it tougher for them to work in the state. Already, any company with a federal contract is required to use E-Verify, and Georgia has required state and local government agencies and their contractors to use the database since 2007.

#But the new law could cause trouble for many businesses, experts say.

#"Many Georgia businesses are confused with respect to the provisions of the law that have to do with E-Verify," said Atlanta lawyer Teri A. Simmons, who advises businesses on immigration and employment matters. "Within most businesses, human resources professionals are already dealing with so much that it's hard to also fit in E-Verify training and administration."

#When Georgia's governor signed the law in May, Georgia joined Arizona and several other states that have recently enacted tough laws taking aim at illegal immigration. Federal judges have since blocked all or parts of the various laws, and Arizona's is headed to the U.S. Supreme Court next year.

#Also taking effect Jan. 1 is a provision that any agency administering public benefits must require each applicant to provide at least one "secure and verifiable document." A list of acceptable documents was provided by the attorney general's office over the summer.

#The new law also instructs the state agriculture department to submit a report to the governor and the heads of each chamber of the state Legislature by Jan. 1. The department was tasked with examining the effect of immigration on the state's agriculture industry and providing suggestions to reform a federal guest worker program. The department also was supposed to evaluate the feasibility of a state guest worker program.



**ORDINANCE**  
**AMENDMENTS TO TRAFFIC**  
**ORDINANCE of the CITY OF JESUP, GEORGIA**

It is ordained by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Jesup, Georgia, that the **CODE of the CITY OF JESUP, GEORGIA** is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 94** of the **CODE** entitled **TRAFFIC** amended by adding, the following, as **ARTICLE III** thereof, to wit:

**ARTICLE III, MOTORIZED CARTS**

**Sec. 94-41 DEFINITIONS.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

- (a) **Driver** is defined as the person driving and having physical control over the motorized cart.
- (b) **Motorized carts** are defined as those electric and gasoline-powered carts, commonly referred as golf carts or utility vehicle (excludes four-wheelers and similar type of vehicles). They are designed for low speed operation. These are the only carts authorized for use under this section.

**Sec. 94-42. REGISTRATION / INSPECTION / CERTIFICATION.**

- (a) **General.** It shall be the duty of every owner of a motorized cart that is operated over the authorized streets and those areas accessible by the public to register the cart with the city before any cart shall proceed on the streets.
- (1) **Permit Required.** No person shall operate a motorized cart
  - a. Which is not permitted through the city as provided herein on an annual basis.  
The permit is to be placed on the front cover driver side.
  - b. Who does not have a valid driver's license.
- (2) **Application.** Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the city and shall contain the following information:
  - a. Name and address of applicant
  - b. Model, make, name and cart ID number
  - c. Current drivers license number
  - d. Certificate of safety inspection by authorized cart dealer
  - e. Proof of liability insurance
  - f. Other such information which the city may require
- (3) **Revoking of permit.** Permits will be revoked if it is found that:
  - a. The permit holder no longer has a valid driver's license
  - b. Failure to abide by the rules and regulations of this section of the Code.
  - c. Failure to abide by traffic laws in the use of a motorized cart on authorized streets
  - d. Failure to grant right-of-way to pedestrians and bicyclists

- (c) All operators shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using the streets and those areas accessible by the public (except sidewalks) in the city.
  - (d) Motorized carts may only be operated on city streets but not on state highways.
  - (e) No motorized cart is to be driven on any city street where the speed limit is greater than 35 mph or any city street that the Mayor and Council or Police Chief deem to be unsafe.
  - (f) No motorized cart is to be driven on Sunset Blvd., except to cross at 1st Street / Sunset Blvd. and Hwy 341 / Sunset Blvd. Motorized carts will be allowed to use the shoulder and right of way along Sunset Blvd.
  - (g) Motorized carts may be operated on those authorized streets and those areas accessible by the public (except sidewalks) only during daylight hours, unless such motorized carts are equipped as outlined in code 40-8-35, and are equipped with all required lighting to operate during low or no light conditions as required by the Code of Federal Registry (CFR) - 49 CFR 571.500.
  - (h) No motorized cart, except where authorized crossing are approved, shall be permitted to operate within the boundaries of the city over, along or across state highways except at designated motorized cart crossing areas.
  - (i) All motorized vehicles shall be equipped with an amber strobe light that is visible for 500 feet to the rear and front.
  - (j) There shall be displayed on the rear thereof a triangular emblem with those standards and specifications adopted for slow-moving vehicles by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in December, 1966, and contained within such society's standard ASAE S276.1, described in O.C.G.A. 40-8-4.
- (1) **STATE HIGHWAYS:** Thoroughfares designed and used for high traffic volumes or designated as state highways by the State of Georgia:
- a. First Street
  - b. US Hwy 341 / State Highway 27
  - c. US Hwy 301 / State Highway 23
  - d. US Hwy 301 Bypass
  - e. US Hwy 84 / State Highway 38
  - f. Pine Street
  - g. GA 169
- (2) **AUTHORIZED CROSSING AREA:**
- a. 1st Street / Walmart Dr
  - b. 1st Street / Cherry St
  - c. 1st Street / Orange St
  - d. 1st Street / Memorial Dr
  - e. 1st Street / Sunset Blvd
  - f. Hwy 341 / Sunset Blvd
- (i) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any motorized cart or any other person operating, employing, permitting the use or otherwise directing the use of such cart to operate or permit the operator of such cart to drive over the authorized streets or those areas accessible by the public in the city in violation of this article.

Passed and approved by the governing body of the City of Jesup, Georgia, this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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MAYOR

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COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

## ALL PATH USERS

Only the following may use Peachtree City's multi-use paths:

- Pedestrians
- Non-motorized vehicles
- Roller skates, roller blades & skateboards (daylight only)
- Registered golf carts (cannot exceed 20 mph)
- Registered LSMVs in mode restricting vehicle speed to 20 mph or less (An LSMV is a four-wheeled electric vehicle whose top speed is between 20 mph and 25 mph and complies with federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed vehicles).
- Emergency and authorized maintenance vehicles
- Bicycles (traditional and electric)
- Wheelchairs (conventional and electric)
- Electric vehicles designed to carry one person at a speed of 20 mph or less, except as prohibited below.
- Registered electric personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMDs).

### The following are strictly prohibited:

- Automobiles & trucks (except authorized maintenance and emergency vehicles)
- Motorcycles, motorized street/trail bikes, mini-bikes, and mopeds
- Horses
- Go-carts
- Unregistered golf carts, LSMVs and EPAMDs
- Electric or gasoline powered scooters
- Motorized play vehicles (coaster, scooter, pocket bike, and any other motorized vehicle that is not a golf cart, LSMV, EPAMD, electric bicycle, or motorized wheelchair).
- Any vehicle designed to go faster than 20 mph (except as permitted above)

## PATH RULES

- **No racing** of any form, except for special events approved by the city.
- **No blocking** of public access, except for special events approved by the city.
- **No loitering** on bridges or in underpasses.
- Normal rules of the road apply to the recreation paths. For instance, when approaching oncoming path users, each user shall move to his right side of the path. Passing shall be on the left side of the path.
- **Pedestrians should be given right of way** by other users of the paths to ensure them safe passage.
- An **audible warning** is required from operators of golf carts, bicyclists, and skaters when approaching pedestrians from the rear.
- All laws and ordinances relative to alcohol, including open container laws and driving under the influence (DUI), that apply to traffic on the streets also apply to the paths and will be strictly enforced.
- Litter must be deposited in receptacles along the paths or retained for proper disposal later. Littering on the paths is subject to fines and penalties twice that for littering on the streets.

## PETS & PATH COURTESY

- Make sure animals are properly restrained.
- Normally well-behaved pets can be frightened by golf carts, bicycles, or rollerblades and react unpredictably
- Clean up after pets along the paths, and do not let pets relieve themselves on private property. Please extend the same courtesy to property owners adjacent to the paths you would expect on your property.
- Make sure pets on extendable leashes are not blocking the path for other users.
- Pet owners can be held legally and civilly liable for any injuries caused by their pet.

## GOLF CART RULES

### Cart Registration Required

All carts must be registered at City Hall (770-487-7657) within 10 days of the date of purchase.

### Carts may ONLY be driven by:

- Persons age 16 or older with or without drivers license (unless license has been suspended or revoked)
- Persons 15 years old with a valid learners permit (unless suspended or revoked) in their possession. If unaccompanied by a parent/grandparent, or person 18 or older, they may drive accompanied by up to one other person who must be at least 15 years old, or may be accompanied by up to 3 immediate family members.
- Persons 15 years old with NO learners permit must be accompanied in the front seat by a parent, grandparent, legal guardian, or a person age 18 or older with a valid drivers license.
- Persons 12, 13 & 14 years old must be accompanied in the front seat by a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian.
- **No person under 12 years of age may drive a cart.**

## VIOLATIONS

- Violations of the Golf Cart Ordinance, including reckless driving, underage operation, and dangerous situations should be reported immediately by dialing **9-1-1**. The non-emergency number for the Police Department is 770-487-8866 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM).
- Violations on a golf cart can affect a teen's ability to obtain a driver's license.
- Persons with no driver's license convicted of a DUI on a golf cart will be prohibited from operating a golf cart.

**ORDINANCE 02-01**  
**CHAPTER 9**  
**MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

A MOTORIZED CARTS ORDINANCE FOR INCLUSION TO THE CITY OF HAHIRA CODE OF ORDINANCES .

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hahira, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by authority of same, as follows:

Adding the following Sections hereby amends Chapter 9 Motor Vehicles and Traffic.

**Section 9 - 6. Purpose and Intent.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect, maintain, and enhance health, safety and general welfare of present and future citizens of the City.

It has come to the attention of Mayor and Council that the use of motorized carts on city streets creates a potential traffic hazard for other vehicular traffic as well as a danger to the occupants of motorized carts.

Therefore, the intent of this Ordinance is to regulate the use of motorized carts within the corporate limits of the City of Hahira as authorized by O.C.G.A. 40-6-331.

**Section 9 - 7. Definitions.**

Motorized Carts Electric and gasoline - powered pleasure carts, commonly known as golf carts. These carts have not less than three (3) wheels and cannot be operated typically at more than twenty (20) miles per hour.

**Section 9 - 8. Operations & Limitations.**

Motorized Carts may be operated within the corporate limits of Hahira by:

- A. Those persons who are 16 years of age and older and have a valid motor vehicle drivers license, or;
- B. Those persons who are 15 years of age, but not yet 16 years of age, if accompanied in the front seat by a person at least 18 years of age who holds a valid motor vehicle drivers license, or;
- C. No person under the age of 15 years of age shall be permitted to operate a motorized cart on any public street within the corporate limits of the City of Hahira.

**Section 9 - 11. Exception.**

1. Nothing in this Ordinance shall apply to any self-propelled, two-wheeled vehicle.
2. Nothing in this Ordinance shall apply to motorized carts operated by the City of Hahira.

**Section 9 - 11. Enforcement.**

The Hahira Police Department shall be charged with enforcement of this Ordinance.

**Section 9 - 12. Penalty.**

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine for the first offense of not less than twenty (\$25.00) five dollars. For the second offense, fifty (\$50.00) dollars. If a third offense is committed within one (1) year of conviction of a second offense, the minimum fine shall be one (\$100.00) hundred dollars and the owner's registration shall be revoked. If a registration is revoked, the owner shall pay a re-registration fee of two (\$200.00) hundred dollars. The registered owner or family member cannot thereafter register a Motorized Cart for use in the City for a period of two (2) years following a third conviction.

**Section 9 - 13. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the City of Hahira receiving supplies for registration of Carts, but no later than thirty (30) days from passage.

Adopted by unanimous vote of City Council in the regular meeting held May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002.

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signed  
Myron Crowe, Mayor

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*signed*  
Wayne Bullard, Mayor Pro-Tem

# APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

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City of Lake Park  
Case: 2015-07-31

Applicant: Walter Keith Sandlin

Address of property: 202 W Cotton Ave

Telephone: 229-559-7625

Property owner (if different from applicant) 229-375-9446 cell

Acreage: 0.21 (if less than 1 acre, square footage)

Map and parcel number: 0223B 035

Date of pre-application hearing: 7/31/2015

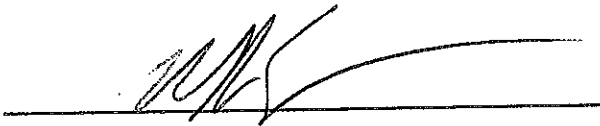
Date: 8/19/15  
To: Zoning Board  
From: Walter Keith Sandlin  
Re: Letter of Intent

To Whom It May Concern:

The request for this zoning change is to allow a professional business in the front part of the building and a living area in the back as the building has two separate units. There are several other businesses in this area and also families living in this area.

Thank You For Your Consideration on This Zoning Change;

Walter Keith Sandlin; Property Owner:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WKS', is written over a horizontal line.



August 28, 2015

Valdosta Daily Times  
PO Box 968  
Valdosta, Ga. 31603

Attn: LEGAL ADS

Please run the following LEGAL AD on Friday September 11th and Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the Valdosta Daily Times:

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PUBLIC HEARING  
Greater Lowndes Planning Commission  
September 28, 2015  
327 W. Savannah Ave.  
Valdosta, Ga.

Lake Park Mayor – Council  
(official hearing)  
October 6, 2015  
7:30 pm  
120 N. Essa St.  
Lake Park, Ga.

The Greater Lowndes County Planning Commission and the Lake Park City Council will hold public hearings to consider the SE (Special Exception) request of Walter Keith Sandlin, property address 202 W. Cotton Ave (0223B 035) to allow residential use in CC (Community/Commercial) zone. Application # 2015-07-31

The Planning Commission will hear the Re-zoning request first, and then make a recommendation to the Lake Park City Council, who in turn will hear the request and make the official decision. The first public will be conducted at the Lowndes County Administration Bldg. 327 W. Savannah Ave. Valdosta, GA and the official public hearing will be conducted at Lake Park City Hall, 120 N. Essa St., Lake Park, GA.