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Regular Meeting  
Tuesday May 3, 2016  
7:30 PM

### Agenda

Minutes –April 5 Public Hearing, April 5 Regular Meeting, and April 21 Work Session  
Financials – April 2016

Citizen's Concerns

Ordinance 113 – Clerk & Police Chief Positions

Sealed bids for 2002 Ford Truck

Veterans Memorial

Fire Department Property

Annexation/DE annexation

Easement for drainage update

Department Reports

Jon Boat – Maintenance of Tom's Pond

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Immediately following the 7:00 PM work session, Mayor Schindler called the Regular Meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

Those present were as follows; Mayor Schindler, Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Sauls, Council Members Ronald Carter, Bert Rutland, and Jena Sandlin, City Clerk, Clerk Consultant, Maintenance Supervisor Patterson, Fire Chief Brown, and citizens.

Mayor called on Council to review minutes: April 5 Public Hearing, April 5 Regular Meeting, and April 21 Work Session. Member Sauls moved to correct typo in spelling of April 5 Regular minutes, page 2, last paragraph from "He further sated" to "He further stated". Member Carter made a motion to approve the April 5 Public Hearing, April 5 Regular Meeting, and April 21 Work Session minutes with the correction to proposed by Member Sauls. Member Rutland second the motion, when question called all in favor minutes approved.

Mayor asked Council to review the April 2016 financials. Member Rutland made a motion to accept as presented, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor asked Council approval to make an announcement. He went on to announce that Clerk Tabatha Fowler has been recognized by University of Georgia for successfully completing all the educational requirements of the Georgia Clerks Certification Program.

Mayor called on Council to make a decision on Ordinance 113 – Clerk & Police Chief Positions. Member Rutland made a motion to accept Ordinance 113 with the amendments that agreed upon and passed on to Attorney Plumb to draw up, Member Carter second the motion. During discussion, Members Sauls and Sandlin voiced their disapproval to modify the term of office stating that the employees are in better shape leaving things the way they are. When question called Members Rutland and Carter in favor, Members Sauls and Sandlin oppose, Mayor voted to split the decision in favor of the amended Ordinance 113, motion passed.

Mayor asked Mayor Pro Tem Sauls to open and announce the sealed bids submitted on the Ford maintenance truck. They were as follows; \$805 submitted by Scott Fowler, and \$250 submitted by Eric Schindler. The truck was awarded to Scott Fowler for \$805.

Mayor apologized for skipping Citizen's Concerns. He asked anyone that was present with a citizens concern come forward to approach Council.

Monte Bean, Veteran's Recovery, introduced himself to Mayor and Council and expressed his appreciation for the use of the Civic Center to hold meetings for Lake Park Citizens and others. He further explained the meetings and their importance and encouraged Council to inform others about them.

Mayor called for discussion on Veteran's Memorial. He asked Fran Wilbers to come forward to give an update. Mrs. Wilbers said that the flag pole had been delivered and was currently at Tom's Pond, but the items used to put it together were still being processed. Wilbers also said that she had contacted Randy Ellenburg about setting the pole and suggested that Council meet again to confirm the placement of the pole as soon as possible. Council discussed and agreed to meet at Tom's Pond on Tuesday May 10 at 6:30 PM.

Mayor called on Jeff Patterson and Fire Chief Brown to come before Council to discuss the Fire department property in question. Patterson explained he had contacted the property owner, Nell Hughes, about possibly leasing or allowing city to extend the land line to use for fire training. Mrs. Hughes is not willing to lease or donate any of the property but said that she would get back with the city on an amount for the entire lot if the city chooses to buy it. No action taken at this time.

Mayor asked for Council to discuss and make a decision on Annexation/DE annexation fees. They reviewed the fees of the City of Valdosta and other cities. They discussed the additional cost to the city for mailing out adjoining property owners notice, contacted county, advertisement, and signs to post at property. After much discussion, Member Rutland made a motion to amend the annexation/DE annexation application fee to \$250 plus the cost of the mailed notices, advertisements, and the property signs, Member Sandlin second the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor asked Council to discuss easements for drainage at Tom's Pond. Council decided to try to make verbal contact with property owners and explain the situation and how the drainage needs to be handled. No action taken at this time.

#### Department Reports

Jeff Patterson came forward to give the Maintenance Dept. report. He stated he had received a complaint about a pot hole on Harris Trail. He stated that the pothole was actually at the edge of the city property but most of the hole was on private property. He also asked Council to attend the Lowndes County BOE meeting to be held Monday May 9 at 6:00 PM to speak during citizen's concerns regarding the beaver dam behind the school causing drainage issues and dangerous snake conditions. He further asked that if they were unable to attend, then he asked for a letter to be sent on behalf of the city.

David Brown came forward to give the fire department report.

Jon Boat – Maintenance of Tom's Pond – removed from agenda

Mayor called for the second Citizen's Concerns

Jeff Patterson, Ricks Street, stated he wanted to say a thank you to the Lake Park Volunteer fire department for their help and assistance in the clean-up of a downed tree after the storm today.

Julie Wilbers, Back Forty, asked about Lake Park Cemetery clean up days. Also stated that Gene Toffolo would be doing flags for the Veteran's at the cemetery again.

Member Rutland made a motion for Council to go into Executive Meeting to discuss pending litigation, Member Sauls second, all in favor, Regular Meeting recessed at 8:57 PM.

Member Rutland made a motion to come out of Executive Session and to have Mayor sign Affidavit and Resolution as to matter of Executive Session, motion second by Member Carter, all approved.

Member Rutland made a motion to authorize Attorney Plumb to respond to the notice of pending litigation, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

Being no further business Member Rutland made a motion to adjourn, second by Member Sandlin, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Read & approved Samatha Fowler Date 6-7-16