



120 North Essa Street, Lake Park, Georgia 31636

7:30 pm

REGULAR MEETING

July 5, 2016

This Regularly scheduled meeting of the Lake Park City Council was called to order at 7:30 pm on July 5, 2016 by Mayor Schindler with flag salute and opening prayer. Those present, Mayor Schindler, Council members Rutland, Sandlin and Sauls, Clerk Consultant, member Carter was absent.

Minutes from the June 7, 2016 were reviewed, with member Sauls proposing to make typo and grammer corrections on page 3 (see attached corrections). Member Rutland moved acceptance with these corrections, motion second by member Sandlin, all approved.

Financial Statements were reviewed, with member Sauls questioning the total cost of fireworks for the recent celebration. City paid business, T.N.T. Fireworks a total of \$5,999.85, and the business gave City a total value package of \$30,000.00. In addition, Police chief stated that an additional \$1,000.00 had been paid to another fireworks vendor. Mayor and Council were very appreciative of this very generous donation.

Mayor Schindler moved a line item on the agenda ,” Open Meetings” as the next agenda item, as it pertains to this meeting. He (Schindler) had learned in a recent training session that no one, Mayor, Councilmembers, Attorney, Clerk, Department Heads, or contract labor shall have their cell phone on and operating in open meetings. Their cell phone could be requested as evidence, in addition to any handwritten notes passed between members during the meeting. Member Rutland moved City adopt this policy immediately, motion second by member Sandlin, all approved.

Under Citizens Concerns, Ms . Andra Thom of Dykes Pond questioned a mobile home on W. Marian Ave. that is in need of major repairs, Mayor explained that the property was actually outside city limits, however the Police Chief was working with Lowndes County Code enforcement to correct situation. Ms. Patricia Brown questioned Council when some drainage issues would be completed near her home, Mayor stated maintenance would look at the situation again to see if there is anything else that can be done. She also questioned reports of vehicles in the area being broken into, and stated she found evidence that her own home lock has been tampered with. Police Chief remarked his department is advising citizens to lock their homes & vehicles, and they are doing extra patrols at this time. Ms. Beverly Frost stated that she had a 4 wheel drive truck cut across the right of way and pulled up into her yard during the fireworks Saturday night. The driver was asked to leave, but apparently left trash behind on her property. Mayor and Council assured her that more parking barriers would be in place before any event is held next year.

Hiram Larry Sanders, Engineering firm presented a quote to Council to conduct a traffic study on certain streets within the City (see attached). Total estimated cost is not to exceed \$5,200.00. This study is necessary to present results to GDOT, to allow the City to run radar on these streets. Mayor and Council discussed at length and will reconsider at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 meeting after funding sources are reviewed.

Mayor Schindler read Transmittal letter prepared concerning proposed Comprehensive Plan Update submittal (see attached), all members in agreement for Mayor to sign.

Roof repairs, needed for the building that houses the fire department's Cascade system was brought on the floor. Fire Chief will obtain at least two quotes for re-roofing the building and present at the August 2, 2016 Regular meeting for consideration.

A quote from Flythe Land Maintenance, Inc., (see attached) was presented at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with no action been taken. Clerk had been instructed to talk with Lowndes County to see if they would be able to spray, County does no routine spraying. Mr. Larry Hanson with the City of Valdosta has also been contacted, to see if City could contract with them, no response from him at this time.

Mayor Schindler briefly updated Council on GDOT's plan for improvements on Main St. within the City. GDOT is proposing to do an engineering study in 2017 to consider plans to widen Main St., no actual construction plan is proposed at this time.

The LMIG matching grant open enrollment period began 7/1/2016 and ends 1/1/2017. City is eligible for up to \$14,280.80. in 2017. Mayor presented a petition from homeowners on Harris Trail (see attached) asking Council to do necessary repairs. Other members also stated the following streets need to be considered: Broadway St., Park St., Carter St. and Clayton. Mayor encouraged members to ride throughout the City to see if there were any others that needed to be included before companies are contacted to obtain quotes for the re-paving. Mayor also stated that most of the paving companies in our area are now working on several major projects, and it would probably be September before we could get quotes. Council will review quotes hopefully by October 2016, so that grant application can be prepared.

Council reviewed quote from Georgia Safe Sidewalks (see attached). There were several options for City to consider, ranging from \$4,000 to \$9,785. Funding sources were discussed, with agreement that Council will consider this matter at the November 15, 2016 meeting.

Department reports, Fire chief reported that ice maker at fire station was not operating properly and submitted several quotes for repair/replacement (see

attached). Member Rutland moved City purchase 100lb machine, total cost \$2,422.54, with funds coming from SPLOST VII (public safety/fire), motion second by member Sauls, all approved. Fire Chief also asked that \$500.00 training cost for instructor (First Responder course) be paid, along with \$300.00 cost for testing of each student. Motion to do so made by member Rutland, second by member Sauls, all approved.

Police Chief reported on Independence celebration events held Friday July 1st, and 2<sup>nd</sup>. A record crowd was present, and to the best of his knowledge no major problems. Council thanked him for all his hard work, and the Lowndes Metro Law Enforcement Explorers group. They are an extension of Lowndes County Sheriff's Office, and worked both days of the event directing traffic and working children's games.

Under Citizens Concerns, Mrs. Julie Wilbers also updated Council on the Independence event, she personally thanked Dr. Julie Schindler, Keith & Jena Sandlin, the Valdosta Daily Times, radio station 92.9, and City department heads that worked with her.

Mayor Schindler stated that auditor had requested an extension for City's 2015 audit from State of Georgia, members agreed for Mayor to sign letter.

Final note, Mayor Schindler recognized the Lake Park Historical Society for their monetary donations to the City fireworks, and the Lake Park Veteran's Park.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm

Read & approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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