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**Call Meeting
Tuesday August 23, 2016
6:30 PM**

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. He began by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were as follows; Mayor Eric Schindler, Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Sauls, Council Members Carter, Rutland, and Sandlin, Clerk, Police Chief Breletic, Maintenance Supervisor Patterson, and citizens.

First agenda item to be discussed was the 2016 tax millage rate. Mayor explained that due to no increase in the millage that there was no need for a public hearing and the millage rate would be set in this called meeting. Member Rutland made a motion to approve and set the 2015 gross rate of 10.677 less the rollback of 4.125 with a net of 6.552 as the 2016 millage rate, Member Sauls second the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor called on the Lake Park Chamber of Commerce Executive Board to present their upcoming Chamber events. Julie Wilbers, Treasurer, came forward and thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing the Chamber to come and present their upcoming events. She called on Tony Taylor- Coastal Merchant Solutions, to come forward and give a summary of the plans for the Christmas Parade and Business Open House. The Open House will be held from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The parade will line up beginning at 1:00 at Francis Lake Baptist Church and will begin at 2:00. The parade route will follow Lakes Blvd. and end at the vacant lot at the Hidden Oaks entrance. Mrs. Wilbers then introduced the other Chamber of Commerce Board attendees; Brenda Huseman- Executive Assistant, Kathy Walker-Executive Director, Dawn Cannon-Owner of Raceway, and Peggy Lawrence-Quality Inn

Julie Wilbers further explained that there would be a map printed and distributed to those attendees so that they could visit each business that was registered for the Open House. She further stated that the business participants must be registered with the Chamber to be included on the map. As an example she said that the new flower shop would be one of the stops on the map and that Santa would be at that location. Mrs. Wilbers encouraged the Mayor and Council to have City Hall open and to participate in the Open House. She also announced that the Chamber Christmas Tree Lighting would

be held at Winn Dixie this year and will begin at 7:00 PM on Wednesday November 23, 2016.

Mayor called for the next agenda item of maintenance department, city upkeep. Member Sauls spoke first stating she had had concerns about the grass being cut in the entire city. She further stated that some areas get cut and trimmed pretty well, weed eating she didn't see that going on and trimming, the sidewalks with grass growing over them and things like that. She further stated that that reflects on people that come through. Mayor stated he understood her concern and he went on to say he did a ride around the city and said it looked pretty good to him. He didn't see anything too overgrown; he knows they are out there cutting and spraying the pond. Mayor further stated that he knows beautification is important, he asked if anyone else had been out and seen any trash or anything that had been neglected. Member Sandlin spoke up and said she had been out and said that it was the trimming of it, she suggested maybe they should have the professionals give them some pointers. Mayor pointed out that they do the cutting and the edging and stuff and it gets to the cooler season. Member Sandlin asked if they could come in earlier before the heat set in. Clerk stated they do come in early and get started and if there was an area that they see that needs more attention, then contact city hall and a work order can be done to make sure that specific place gets taken care of. Member Sandlin then stated she had been in contact with the railroad regarding the upkeep around the railroad. She stated she was told that the city had been doing the weed upkeep for 45 years and that city should go up there and weed whack it or spray it and it wouldn't be a problem. Mayor asked if she could get that in writing because they had been told that they couldn't do anything to the railroad property or right of way. Member Sandlin further discussed a tree that had fallen and the railroad had pushed the tree and left it lying on the right of way. She questioned if we could do a control burn to clean it up. That tree along with a few others can really be a problem. They discussed the tree (s) being on the railroad right of way or city property.

Mayor called on agenda item of a key pad for clerk door. Police Chief James Breletic came forward to explain and discuss the quote submitted. Chief Breletic further explained that there was a need for the additional security for the clerk's office since there are a lot of times that the officers are not at city hall. The clerks deal with cash during regular business days and also during court. The key pad for the door would allow them additional security during those times. After reviewing the quote, Member Rutland made a motion to purchase the key pad for \$652.46 for the protection of the probation, court, and city clerks to be paid for from the technology fund, Member Sauls second, all in favor motion passed.

Being no further business, Member Rutland made a motion to adjourn, Member Carter second, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Read & approved _____

Date _____