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Regular Meeting
Tuesday January 10, 2017
7:30 PM

Agenda

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Financials - December

Citizen's Concerns

Municipal

Law Enforcement Resolution #2017-0110

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CBDG Engineer Scoring

Petition of Service Delivery Agreement

Representative for Lowndes County EMS Committee

Lakeview Gardens update

Department reports

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Minutes

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, and Jena Sandlin, City Attorney, City Clerk, Clerk Consultant, Maintenance Supervisor Patterson, Fire Chief Brown, Police Chief Breletic, and citizens.

Mayor called on Council to review minutes from December 6, 2016. Member Carter made a motion to accept the minutes as read, member Sauls second the motion, when question called all in favor minutes approved.

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

Citizen's Concerns

Sgt. Major Russell McCloud retired, Baxley Drive Lake Park, stated he had questions and concerns regarding a training that took place in Savannah during the summer. He further asked who all attended, what training was taken, who sponsored the training, and were there certificates from the training? Mayor stated that the Savannah Conference is an annual conference and they provide many types of training. Mayor further explained that there is a wide variety of training for Council, Mayors, and clerks. Council Member Sauls stated that there were updates and changes to things they needed to know about. They talked about different programs for municipalities like sidewalks, programs that different cities were implementing like parks and recreation and those sorts of things. Member Sandlin stated that she also attended the parks and recreation training. McCloud then asked if there were certificates on file for those training. Mayor and clerk advised that no certificates were on file however those training credits can be viewed and printed from the GMA website. McCloud went on to state he would like to submit an open records request for those transcripts or certificates on Mayor and Council Members that attended said training.

Debbie Harris, Collins Avenue Lake Park, stated she was there representing Mike Hickman. The drainage issue at the property had been discussed by Council

previously but nothing has been done about it. She submitted photos after a recent rain to show the water backed up around their property. Mayor called on Jeff Patterson to come and address the Council. Patterson stated that he and Mr. Hickman had discussed the low lying areas in the back yard and about the drainage from their roof running out into the driveway. Mayor suggested that Patterson contact Mike Killen and have him come out and do another assessment on the issue and for him to advise Council on action to take.

Thomas Barr, 395 Back Forty Dr. Lake Park, came forward to notify Council that he had qualified to run for vacant Council seat.

Julie Schindler, 328 Back Forty Dr. Lake Park, wanted to notify Council that there would be a 2nd Annual Art Exhibit held in the City of Lake Park. The theme of "What does your gate look like" will be the same as last year to represent Lake Park as being the Gateway City. She encouraged more participation and for Council and citizens to spread the word. She further stated that art doesn't limit you to painting or drawing, art is your self-expression and how you see things. Whether that is painting, sculpting, quilting, pottery, welding, or drawing, the possibilities are endless. They plan to get the posters and information out to churches, schools, and other avenues to increase participation.

Bob Wilbers, 360 Back Forty Dr. Lake Park, stated he was concerned about Council decisions and planning. He further stated he felt that there was a lack of support for the law enforcement employees and those that serve the community. He stated that those officers risk their lives to protect and serve and if they cite someone for wrongdoing then they should have to pay the consequences accordingly.

Mayor also recognized and acknowledged that Rubinell McDonald also qualified to run for Council seat.

Mayor called on agenda item of municipal, Council has to appoint the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Lake Park. Member Carter made a motion to appoint Judge David Sanbach as Municipal Court Judge. Motion died for lack of second. Mayor addressed Council for lack of decision.

Mayor moved on to Law Enforcement Resolution #2017-0110. Read resolution aloud and presented police department with framed resolution.

Mayor called on Council to review the CBDG Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2016. Member Carter made a motion to approve the minutes, Member Sandlin second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor went forward to CBDG Engineer Scoring process. Stated that he would like for the packets to be scored accordingly with guidelines provided by SGRDC, South Georgia Regional Development Committee, and those to be done by Clerk Tabatha Fowler, Police Chief Breletic, and Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson.

Mayor stated the Council needed to consider the Petition of Service Delivery Agreement Resolution. He introduced Lowndes County Commissioners Clay Griner and Mark Wisenbaker that were in attendance. Mayor asked if either would like to come forward and give the Council an update on the process between Lowndes County and the City of Valdosta. Mr. Griner explained some big points still under discussion were roads, crime lab, water and sewer, and Rainwater Conference Center. Member Sandlin made a

motion to authorize Mayor to sign the judicial resolution for the Petition of Service Delivery Agreement, Member Sauls second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor asked Council for suggestions for a person to be Lake Park Representative on the Lowndes County EMS Committee. Fire Chief David Brown asked to address Council regarding the appointment. He stated after his meeting with Lowndes EMS, Council need to be aware that the representative chooses would have to have the authority to approve purchases in an emergency situation. Mayor advised Council to reach out to those they know and come up with some suggestions and re-approach at February's meeting.

Mayor gave Council and those in attendance an update on Lakeview Gardens project. TISHCO Companies are hoping to be able to complete it in two phases. The first phase will hopefully be completed by the end of September with the remaining by December 31. However, it is still very early in the construction process.

Mayor called for department reports.

Police Chief Breletic, began by apologizing for his absence in December, he was not in attendance due to a family sickness. Breletic began with a review of 2016; patrol miles, accidents worked, citations issued, case investigations, arrests, probation fines and community service, and court fines. Breletic then questioned Council as to their method of figuring the budget; he further asked why he as the department head was not asked to explain his proposed budget that he submitted. He stated that he understood why Council stated that there is no money and can see why no employee raises were given. At the same time, he requested that Council vote to give each employee an additional week of vacation time to compensate and to raise morale within the work place. After some discussion Member Carter made a motion to approve one week additional vacation for the police department employees. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Fire Chief David Brown gave his department report. (see attached) He went on to express his concern for the budgeting process and stated that he just received his copy of the approved budget for 2017 today.

Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson gave his report. Currently they are working on trimming trees, preparing equipment (mowers, weed eaters, etc) for the mowing season. He reported to Council that Thursday January 12, 2017 that the city would switch over to Lowndes County water while the city water tower was being serviced by the Utilities Service Group. Once completed city will switch back over to city water. He further reported that the road project on Harris Trail was scheduled to begin on January 16, 2017, and weather permitting should be completed within a few days. Patterson then stated he knew Council said there was no money but he wanted to ask for them to consider increasing his cell phone reimbursement from \$25 to \$50 a month. He told Council on average of how many calls and text he gets per month for work, and how he always answers all the calls in a timely manner. After discussion of where the funds would be paid from, Member Carter made a motion to increase the cell phone reimbursement to \$50 a month to be paid from revenue from unappropriated general fund balance, Member Sauls second, all in favor motion passed.

Citizen's Concerns

Julie Wilbers, 360 Back Forty Dr. Lake Park, wanted to update Council on Lake Park Chamber events. Mrs. Wilbers gave a recap on December events and stated she and the Chamber appreciated the support from the City of Lake Park. The

Annual Chamber dinner will be held on February 2, 2017 beginning at 6:30 at the Quail Branch Lodge. Tickets are \$40 each or a sponsor table of 8 for \$400, the theme will be "Back the Red White and Blue". March 16-18 will be the Lake Park Chamber Rodeo and will be held at Raisin Cane.

Fran Wilbers, 5171 Old Hwy 41 S. Lake Park, stated that as a City of Lake Park property owner she was concerned with the situation regarding the judge, as well as the lack of support for the request of an additional vacation week for employees. She stated she would like for Council to think it over and discuss it at more detail and to revisit those items at the February meeting.

Mayor gave the Admin/Executive Reports.

Mayor asked about the city insurance policy renewal and was advised that Blanton and Griffin had extended the renewal to March 1, 2017. Mayor asked for clerk to get 3 quotes on policy, one from GMA, one from Blanton and Griffin, and one additional.

Mayor asked Council to review a request for an increase on a cemetery plot from Mike Hickman. After discussion Mayor asked for contact to be made with Mr. Hickman to verify what exactly he wants to do. Does he want to purchase the additional property, how he plans to use it, and if it will interfere with plot access near and around said area? Add item to February agenda to be revisited.

Being no further business, Member Sauls made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 PM, Carter second all in favor, motion passed.

Read & approved Shirley Traylor Date 2-7-17

RESOLUTION TO JOIN PETITION FOR JUDICIAL RESOLUTION
OF SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY DISPUTE

WHEREAS, Georgia Service Delivery Strategy Act ("the SDS Act") requires local governments to implement agreements that specify the manner and nature in which all governmental services will be provided and funded between and among a particular Georgia county and any municipality located wholly or partially within that county's geographical boundary so as to minimize duplication of services and achieve funding equity between residents of the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Lowndes County; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities Lowndes County and the Lowndes County governing authority have been unable to agree to a comprehensive service delivery strategy as required by the SDS Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdosta and various individual taxpayers and residents of some of the municipalities of Lowndes County have filed or are about to file a Petition for Judicial Resolution of Service Delivery Strategy in the Superior Court of Lowndes County ("the Petition") to implement the procedures provided in the SDS Act for alternative dispute resolution and/or judicial resolution of the service delivery strategy dispute; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of Lake Park wishes to join with the City of Valdosta in the Petition;

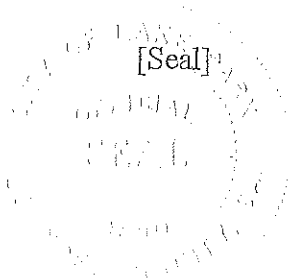
NOW, THEREFORE, this local governing body hereby resolves that the City of Lake Park hereby joins in the Petition as a petitioner with the City of Valdosta and the other petitioners named therein. The mayor is hereby authorized to execute any pleadings, verifications or other documents required for the City of Lake Park to join in the Petition.

IT IS SO RESOLVED, this 10 day of January, 2017.

CITY OF LAKE PARK, GEORGIA

By: [Signature]
Mayor

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk



CITY OF LAKE PARK
2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
City Hall
120 N. Essa Street
Lake Park, Georgia
Thursday, October 13, 2016
10:30 A.M.

A Public Hearing was called to order at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at City Hall to discuss the proposed FY 2017 CDBG application with the city residents.

The following were in attendance: Councilman Ronald Carter, City Clerk Tabatha Fowler, Jeff Patterson with the City of Lake Park and Michael Jacobs (Southern Georgia RC). No one in attendance required Special Needs accommodation. *Sign-in Sheet and Agenda are included and made a part of these minutes.*

The Agenda was followed. Fair Housing Laws and the City of Lake Park's plan to affirmatively further fair housing were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.



Eric Schindler, Mayor

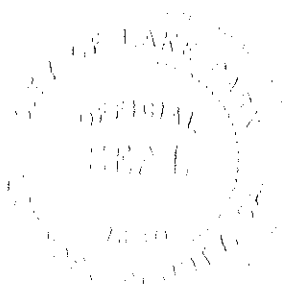
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Tabatha Fowler, City Clerk

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SEAL



Fire Report for City Council January 10th 2017

Fire Calls for December

1 unauthorized burning

1 EMS call (code blue)

1 Vehicle Accident with injuries

Tanker update (plumbing complete, working on installing warning lights, Siren, Compartment lighting.(thanks Gary, Todd ,Will, Bob Wilbers)

Getting quotes on lettering the tanker (3)

Valdosta Fire Chief Freddie Broome & Battalion Chief Brian Boutwell visited our station on Wednesday January 4th

On December 17th Fire Department held fund raiser at the Outback Riders toy run held at the Lake Park Plaza. (Event went very well thanks to Cathi Brown, Stacy Zimmerman, Julie Wilbers, Gary Parks, Bob Wilbers, and Bob Elworthy, Jeff Patterson)

Raise Training pay from 25.00 per night to 35.00 per night maximum of 3 per month per member and 50.00 per Saturday or special event. Training pay has remained unchanged since its inception in 2010 since then fire dept. has lowered the ISO twice and has maintained all state and national standards.

County pays 40 per training night & 45 for Weekend same as LP maximum 3 per month and no limits on weekends