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Public Hearing
Tuesday January 5, 2016
7:30 PM

Minutes

Mayor called the Public Hearing to order regarding Ordinance 104 Amendment #2.

He began by stating the Public Hearing was for the 2nd Reading Ordinance 104 Amendment #2- Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance to amend section 3-8 regarding publication of notice of license applications, to amend section 3-117 regarding proration of license fees for lounges, hotels and restaurants, and for other purposes.

Mayor then opened the floor for anyone whom wished to speak in approval or opposition of the Ordinance 104 Amendment #2, there were none.

Mayor closed out the Public Hearing at 7:36 PM.

Read & approved Jacqueline Traylor Date 2-2-16



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Regular Meeting
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Meeting began with Clerk swearing in Mayor Eric Schindler and Council Members Carter, Rutland, Sandlin, and Sauls.

First order of business was to elect the Mayor Pro Tem. Member Carter made a motion for Council Member Sauls to be elected as Mayor Pro Tem during this Council term with additional authority to sign all documents on behalf of the City. Motion was second by Member Rutland, Members Carter, Rutland and Sandlin affirmation, member Sauls abstained from voting..

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

Mayor then opened the Public Hearing for the 2nd Reading Ordinance 104 Amendment #2- Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance to amend section 3-8 regarding publication of notice of license applications, to amend section 3-117 regarding proration of license fees for lounges, hotels and restaurants, and for other purposes. (Minutes attached)

Mayor Schindler asked Council to review the minutes from December 1, 2015 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, and December 7, 2015 Call Meeting. Member Carter made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Member Rutland second, all in favor motion passed.

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

Citizen's Concerns – none at this time

Mayor called for Council vote on Ordinance 104 Amendment #2. Member Rutland made a motion to adopt as read, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor asked Council to review the telecommunications contract with GMA for cable franchise. After discussion Member Rutland suggested to consult with Attorney Plumb on further action against Altitude and have him report to Council in February. Member

Rutland made a motion to terminate the telecommunications contract and not renew, Member Carter second, all in favor, motion passed

Member called for Council to review the quotes submitted for the City's property and casualty insurance. After discussion Member Rutland made a motion to renew current policy with Blanton and Griffin, Member Sandlin second. Member Sauls suggested that Council begin reviewing policy and request bids in November to insure that they had more time to compare "apples to apples". When question called all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor advised that the 2015 Budget needed a final amendment before closing out the year. He explained that there were two expense account codes that were over budget (Admin. \$2859 and Maint. \$3847). After reviewing the information on the accounts, Member Rutland made a motion to add funding from remaining balances in Public Safety (police and fire) to those over budgeted accounts in Admin and Maint. Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor asked for Council to discuss the Ordinance 111 a motorized carts ordinance for inclusion to the City of Lake Park, Georgia. He advised that previously Council had agreed to conduct a workshop session to further discuss the issues with the current ordinance proposal. Council agreed to meet on January 12 at 7:00 PM in the conference room at City Hall. Mayor invited the citizens and stated that the work session would be open to the public.

Citizen's Concerns

Dr. Julie Schindler, 328 Back Forty Drive, updated Council on Civic Center reopening and Art Show. She stated that all types of artwork would be accepted (painting, drawing, sculptures, quilts, etc.) Dr. Schindler explained that the theme would be "What Does Your Gate Look Like?" due to Lake Park being known as the Gateway City. She further explained that she would like to have at least a month to get the word out and post flyers advertising the art show as well as a possible donation of \$100 monetary prize for the first place artwork along with trophies. Council agreed to allow art exhibit to be held in Civic Center during April 1-3 and to hold the re-opening prior to the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday April 5, 2016. The winners will be announced at the Council Meeting.

Member Rutland made a motion to award \$100 as monetary prize from the General Fund for the Art Show and to purchase 3 trophies not to exceed \$25 each for the winners. Citizen Mary Jane York, Ocean Pond, raised her hand, stated she would like to object due to the property taxes going sky high and she saw no government to require tax payers to pay prize money for anything. Mayor asked if Council Member's motion still stood, he said yes, Member Carter second the motion. Member Sauls suggested possibly purchasing ribbons instead of trophies. Member Sandlin suggested the possibility that citizens might want to make a donation for the prize money. Christy Brownwell, Lakes Hardware, stated the Hardware would donate the \$100 prize money and the ribbons. Council Member Rutland withdrew his motion.

Mary Jane York, 500 Ocean Pond Rd., questioned Council regarding concerns about the motorized cart ordinance. She questioned homeowners liability covering her golf cart, stated wasting time and money collecting for this, what proof do they have that this regulation is needed, questioned out of town golf carts, and does county have regulations on golf carts. Mayor called on Chief Breletic to address some of the legality questions. York further questioned Georgia's tort law covering injuries or damages and further asked about city's

liability for injuries. Chief Breletic invited Ms. York to attend the work session on January 12 to further discuss the golf cart ordinance.

Mayor called for department reports.

Police Chief Breletic came forward to give the police department report for December as well as the 2015 year ending report. (See attached)

Fire Chief Brown came forward to give the fire department report.

Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson came forward to give the water and maintenance report. He began by announcing the donation of a 1997 Ford Diesel bucket truck from a local business to the city. Then proceeded to report the ongoing issue with damage to the Cemetery caused by semi-trucks, Patterson asked Council about purchasing large, high reflective signs to put up that say "Stop No Semi Trucks Beyond This Point" and "No Semi Traffic". (see attached) He also noted that he had met with the Cemetery Committee Chairman and they agreed that installing a pole in the ground in the center of the driveway would stop large unwanted traffic but still leave room for regular vehicles to pass through either side. Member Rutland made a motion to authorize Patterson to order and install the requested signs and pole at the Cemetery and for the funds to come from the Cemetery account, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor began with Admin/Executive Reports. Mayor asked Patterson to update Council about beaver dams and issues associated with those. He advised that he had spoken to Lowndes County Public Works Director Robin Cumbas, and she recommended the "Beaver Guy" to remove the beavers, destroy the dams. He stated several upcoming events including National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.). Mayor asked for anything further from the Council. Member Sauls inquired about the after hour contact information for City Hall. Mayor stated that all contact information was posted out front in the display case in front of City Hall. Sauls asked about and answering machine and it was stated that there was an answering machine before but it had been damaged by a lighting power surge and never replaced. Council agreed that a replacement machine should be bought and installed. Member Sandlin inquired about the meeting with Kathy at the Chamber. Kathy Walker, Executive Director of the Lake Park Area Chamber of Commerce advised that invitations were in the mail for the Annual Banquet, held on January 28, 2016 at the Quail Branch Lodge. At that time citizen Mary Jane York asked to be recognized and Mayor advised they were in the middle of admin/executive reports and that they would recognize her afterwards. Mayor asked for anything further from the Council, Member Sauls asked if all motions had been voted on.

Mayor called for Citizen to come forward.

Mary Jane York, 500 Ocean Pond Rd, stated she wanted to bring up a couple of things that happen since she was last recognized. She questioned Mayor about a previous statement of "cross talking", the Chief's interruption, and Roberts Rules of Order.

Being no further business Member Rutland made a motion to adjourn, Member Sandlin second, all in favor meeting adjourned 9:15 PM.

Read & approved

J. Martha Fowler

Date

2-2-16