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Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 1, 2016
7:30 PM

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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, Police Chief Breletic, and citizens.

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

Citizen's Concerns

Robin Cumbas – 400 Broadway, asked Council to consider a change in the meeting time. She stated that she along with other citizens would like to be more involved in city business; however the lateness of the meeting times made it hard for families with children, i.e. get off work, homework, supper, etc. She further stated that she was in agreement with the golf cart ordinance by stating you have to set guidelines and rules. She further asked Council to consider the services of the beaver man to clear out beavers that are causing problems with drainage flow as well as possible damage to city property.

Julie Schindler – 328 Back Forty Drive, updated Council on the Art Contest that will be held in April at the Civic Center. She shared a poster that will be used to promote the contest. The art submitted will be on display in the Civic Center from Friday April 1 – Monday April 4. The winner of the art contest will be selected by people's choice votes and will be announced on Tuesday April 5 during the official reopening of the civic center.

Gloria Luke – 401 4-H Club Rd, spoke in favor of the golf cart ordinance and questioned Council about operating golf carts currently on city streets until there is an ordinance in place.

Pat Brown- 809 Main Street, request that city do something to clean up the ditch at 707 Main Street. She stated that she had been asking for it to be done but no one was acting on it. Mayor spoke on behalf of the city maintenance department stating they are aware of the request however due to the wet conditions they could not risk the city equipment getting stuck and/or damaged. Once the ground is suitable for such a heavy piece of equipment, the city will be able to clear the area as requested. Mayor and Council Member Sandlin discussed the process of work orders and how request like this should be handled.

Bert Rutland-400 West Marion stated he wanted to commend the police department for their outstanding service. He explained that he was at city hall when a citizen came in to complain about a citation and an officer. He went on to explain the Chief spoke to him and reviewed video of the traffic stop with the complainant, which resulted in proof that the complainant did actually conduct the traffic offense. In the end, the police department did a great job and should be commended for their service.

Mayor called on Council for their recommendations to the Ethics Committee. Member Carter made a motion to nominate Bridgette Patterson for the combined (Mayor and Council) recommendation to the Ethics Committee, Member Rutland second, all in favor motion passed. Member Sandlin made a motion to nominate Rubinell McDonald for the Council's recommendation to the Ethics Committee, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

The Mayor called on Council to discuss and select an engineer for the FY16 CDBG project. Member Rutland made a motion to officially select Lovell Engineering to be the FY16 CBDG project engineer, Member Carter second the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor called on Council to discuss the 2016 CBDG Conflict of Interest. After discussion Mayor certified that there is no potential conflict of interest that exists.

Mayor requested Council to review the CDBG FY16 Submittal Resolution. After review, Member Rutland made a motion to submit the application to obtain the FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) Funds for water system improvements, Member Sauls second the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor called on Chief Breletic to come before Council to review the Ordinance 111 regulation on golf carts. Mayor asked for recommendations from Attorney Plumb regarding ordinance options. Attorney Plumb explained after speaking to John Corbett that it was too late to get anything submitted for this year's consideration. The other option is for the city to reduce their speed limits for the streets in question to meet the speed requirements set by the state of Georgia. Member Rutland made a motion to reduce the 30 MPH streets within City of Lake Park to 25 MPH and to replace signage to post such speed, Member Carter second for discussion. Council questioned radar inspection and certificates for the change in speed limit, Chief Breletic replied he had already discussed with DOT and had procedure in hand to get that updated once Council made their decision. When question called all Council Members in favor, motion passed. Full first reading of ordinance, to include streets, speed limits, etc. will be at the next Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday April 5, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Comment [CoLP1]: Minutes amended April 5, 2016. See amended minutes.

Department Reports

Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson came before Council to give his department report. He began by introducing Council to the "Beaver Man", Mr.

Brown. Mr. Brown came forward to explain his strategy at removing beavers in areas where they are a nuisance. Council discussed his services, fees, and procedures with the Lowndes County and how those could benefit the City of Lake Park. No action taken at this time.

Patterson continued to report on issues and condition of the donated bucket truck. Patterson introduced Jim Jangua from JNB Industrial Repair. He came forward to explain the problems with the truck and the quote submitted for the repairs. After discussion, Member Rutland made a motion to allow up to \$3,000 to be used from SPLOST VII to refurbish the bucket truck and that total to include tires, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

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Mayor requested the City's website item be moved to April 5, 2016 agenda.

Mayor announced the City of Lake Park renewed their agreement with the State of Georgia Emergency Management Plan.

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Mayor further advised Council that the GMA Annual Convention would be held in Savannah June 24-28, 2016 and they must notify the clerk of their plans to attend prior to March 15, 2016 for registration.

Being no further business, Member Rutland made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM, Member Sandlin second, all in favor, motion passed.

Read & approved Jaratha Fowler Date 4-5-16



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Full first reading of amended Ordinance 111.

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