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December 6, 2016  
Regular Council Meeting

### Minutes

Immediately following the reception for Bert Rutland, 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, Maintenance Supervisor Patterson, Fire Chief Brown, and citizens.

Mayor called on Council to review minutes from November 1 Public Hearing, November 1 Regular Meeting, November 7 Budget Workshop, November 15 Call Meeting and Budget Workshop. Member Carter made a motion to accept the minutes as read, member Sandlin second the motion, when question called all in favor minutes approved.

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

#### Citizen's Concerns

Mike Hickman, 400 W Collins Ave., expressed his support for the Mayor and Council and stated he understood the financial burden the city was in currently but he wanted to kindly ask for city to do whatever they could to correct the drainage issue at his property.

Julie Wilbers, Back Forty, wanted to give Council an update on Lake Park Area Chamber of Commerce Events;

Wednesday December 7 – Goodwill taking donations at Winn Dixie 10-2  
Saturday December 10 – Chamber Christmas Parade, 2 pm (line-up at 1 pm) at Francis Lake Baptist Church Parade route will be West on Hwy 376 (Lakes Blvd) The Lowndes High Bridgeman Band will be performing.

Saturday December 10 – Lake Park Business Open House  
This is an opportunity for all Lake Park businesses to introduce themselves to the community and showcase their businesses.

We hope all of you will come out and see what Lake Park has to offer.

Saturday, December 10 -Chamber Christmas Parade, 2 pm (line-up at 1 pm) at Francis Lake Baptist Church Parade route will be West on Hwy 376 (Lakes Blvd) The Lowndes High Bridgeman Band will be performing.

Chick-Fil-A Santa

December 17 Toys for Tots

Mayor read the Resolution for Bert Rutland, Citizen of the Year, and presented him with a plaque.

Mayor gave a brief update on the Valdosta Lowndes County Service Delivery Agreement.

#### CBDG Grant Meeting Minutes – January Agenda

Mayor called on Council for a vote on the 2016 budget amendments. Member Carter made a motion to amend the 2016 budget as presented (see attached), Member Sauls second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor called on Council for a vote on the adoption of 2017 budget. Member Carter made a motion to accept the proposed 2017 budget with the provision that Mayor and Council review revenue in 3 months to consider employee raises at that time. No second to motion, motion died.

Member Sauls made a motion to accept the proposed 2017 budget as presented, Member Sandlin second. When vote was called for, Members Sauls and Sandlin for, Member Carter oppose, motion passed.

Mayor Schindler began the GIS Contract discussion by reading the recommendation from the Cemetery Committee. After consideration, Member Sandlin made a motion to accept the GIS mapping of the cemetery for the cost of \$5131 to be paid for from Cemetery Fund and to amend the 2016 Cemetery budget with \$1500 annually coming out beginning in 2017. Member Sauls second the motion, all in favor the motion passed. Mayor asked for Council for a motion regarding the GIS bid for the utility mapping as well to be paid for from the SPLOST VII from the water/sewer fund portion in the amount of \$2593. Member Sauls made a motion to go with the GIS proposal of \$2593 to be paid for from SPLOST VII water/sewer funds, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

#### Mayor call for Department Reports

Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson came before Council to give his department report. He stated that the decorations were up and everything was ready for the annual tree lighting Thursday December 8 at 7:00 PM. He further stated that he knew there were no funds available for spending at this time, but Council needed to be aware that there soon would be a need for some new tables and chairs for the civic center. Clerk also advised the need for a front door.

Fire Chief David Brown came forward to give his report. Brown stated that he had attended a Class IV Water Class in Barnesville that day and would wait until after the beginning of the year to take the test to be certified. Also made mention of some new water regulations that he learned about at his training and stated that he would begin running water test and samples with Jeff and Tabatha.

Chief Brown then questioned Council as to their adoption of the 2017 budget. He stated that as a department head, he had not been asked about his proposed budget that he submitted. He went on to explain that they as department heads know their department needs and he realized that money was tight but he couldn't understand how Council came up with the budget without speaking to department heads. He further stated that he appreciated the Mayor and Council for all their continued support, but he just could not understand that part of the budgeting process.

Brown also announced that the fire department would be participating with the following community activities;

December 24 Santa Run – County wide, Santa on Fire Truck going through communities.

December 17 Toy Run – Fire volunteers would be selling food as a fund raiser for the department

December 10 Christmas Parade – will be leading and ending the parade lineup

Brown also gave an update on Tanker truck. He stated that the truck has gone for painting and hopefully be complete before Christmas. At this time the remaining unfinished updates are minimal and he stated that they are below the estimated cost that was supplied by Council. He also stated that he had submitted for the FEMA grant of \$7,200 back in October but would not get notification until maybe May. City portion of that grant would be a few hundred dollars.

No police department report given due to Chief Breletic's absence.

#### Citizen's Concerns

Mike Hickman, 400 W Collins Ave, wanted to state that he appreciated the Lake Park maintenance, fire and police departments for all their dedication and hard work.

Mayor advised that Council had the need to go in to Executive session. Member Sandlin made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel/salary. Member Carter second the motion, all in favor motion passed at 8:10 PM.

Member Sauls made a motion to come out of Executive Session and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution and affidavit of Executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel/salary. Member Sandlin second the motion, all in favor motion passed at 8:45 PM.

Mayor advised Council that they would need to be ready to appoint someone to the Lowndes County EMS committee to serve in Bert's spot in January meeting.

Being no further business, Member Sandlin made a motion to adjourn, Member Carter second, all in favor, motion passed and meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

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