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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting
February 8, 2022
6:00 PM

Agenda

Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes – December 14th Call Meeting, January 4th Regular Meeting, and January 31st Work Session

Financials – January

Citizens' Concerns

Department Reports

Fire

Maintenance - Pay scale request for Jones and Patterson

Police

Civic Center Refund request - Hernandez

Update on Broadway

Cemetery Update

Veterans Memorial

Digital City Hall Sign

July 4th Celebration

Insurance Renewal Quotes

Committee Seat Vacancies

Ethics Committee (2 year term except for Mayor/Council appointee)

Thomas Hager– term ends January 2022 (Council Appointee)

Board of Zoning Appeals (4 year term)

Vacant - term ends January 2024 (formally Issac Averett)

MPO Representative: Vacant (no term limit) appointed September 2, 2014

Mary Jane York - fill seat of Mayor Sandlin

Citizens' Concerns

Executive/Admin Reports

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Tuesday February 15, 2022 – Lake Park Municipal Court @6:00 PM

Thursday February 17, 2022 – Lake Park Work Session @ 6:00 PM

Monday February 21, 2022 – City Hall closed for Presidents Day

Tuesday March 1, 2022 – Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

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Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called the meeting to order and lead off with an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were as follows; Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith, Council Members Ronald Carter, Michelle Lane, and June Yeomans, Attorney Plumb, and Clerk Fowler. Also present were Fire and Maintenance Supervisor David Brown, and Police Chief David Kinsey.

Clerk Fowler asked for the Council to consider adding an item to the current agenda to review and accept a Resolution for the CDBG project. The Resolution would be to amend the Chief Elected Official authorized signer for grant forms and paperwork. Member Yeomans made a motion to add the CDBG Resolution to the end of the agenda, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed.

Pro Tem Griffith called for review of the minutes of December 14th Call Meeting, January 4th Regular Meeting, and January 31st Work Session. Member Carter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of the January financials. Member Carter made a motion to accept the financials, Mrs. Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Yeomans made a motion to move Citizens Concerns to after the department reports, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed.

Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for department reports;

David Brown came forward to give the fire and maintenance department report. He distributed a quote for tires for the Dodge truck to be considered along with his report requests. After review, Member Carter made a motion to approve the quote from Nero Tire for the backhoe tires in the amount of \$1129.58, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed. Member Carter made a motion to approve the quote from Fussell tire for the Dodge tires in the amount of \$ 764.78, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Yeomans made a motion to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel salary, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Yeomans questioned about the burn permit that is still listed on the website. Brown confirmed that no permit was required for yard debris and that he would get the permit flyer taken off the website.

Police Chief David Kinsey came forward to give his department report. He went on to advise that he included some police department statistics for Council to review. Member Yeomans questioned Kinsey about service calls, hours of operation, vehicles, and equipment. No action taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for Citizens' Concerns.

Carl Spano, 805 Sand Crane Circle, came forward and advised Council that he may have an Eagle Scout that could help with the Civic Center project needs and that he will let them know for sure by the next meeting.

James Lee, 813 Sand Crane Circle, came forward to voice his concern with his water bill and account history. He asked Council for compensation on his account for the past 3 years that he felt he had been over charged.

Tom Barr, 395 Back Forty Drive, came forward to give some history to Council on the Broadway Street drainage issue. He explained what previous Council had attempted to do and stated that an easement was all that was ever asked for.

Ralph Romero, 305 East Street, came forward to ask Council if they have plans on disbanding the police and fire departments. He wanted to let them know that he had been hearing rumors of their plans and that he and many others were not happy and wants the police and fire departments to stay.

Patricia Brown, 809 Main Street, came forward and asked each individual Council Member if they had plans to shut down the police and fire departments.

Linda Hogan and Justin Sandlin, Southern Occasions, came forward to ask Council to begin planning events in Lake Park again, and to bring back fun activities for the city and the citizens. Hogan also advised that there is a government website that used decorations and equipment can be purchased at a substantial discount.

Carl Taylor, 353 Back Forty Drive, came forward and stated that he had seen a copy of the proposed agreement from the Sheriff's Office for police coverage and he urged Council to let the citizens have an opportunity to speak about the decision.

Walt Bazemore, 6696 Hwy 376, came forward and stated that he would like to see the Council do away with the police department. (Non-citizen)

Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of the Civic Center refund request. Member Yeoman's made a motion to approve the refund, Member Lane seconded, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for update on Broadway. Member Yeomans made a motion to discuss in Executive Session, Member Lane second, all in favor motion approved.

Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for Cemetery update. Maintenance Supervisor David Brown and came forward and stated all trees had been trimmed and/or removed. Council noted that the fence installation should be put on hold. Council asked Carl Taylor to reconnect with Ocean Pond's attorney Mr. Shelton and have him contact Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith. Member Lane made a motion not to lock the gate to the cemetery, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed. Member Yeomans commented that the signage at the cemetery was in poor shape and needed to be replaced.

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of the Veterans Memorial. Member Carter made a motion to approve the designation of the Memorial area as presented, no second, motion died.

Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for Digital City Hall Sign review. Member Yeomans asked that more bids be gotten so they can review, Member Lane second all in favor motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of July 4th Celebration. Member Lane made a motion to approve having a July 4th Celebration and to move forward with the planning of the event, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of the insurance renewal quotes. Member Carter made a motion to accept the quote from GIRMA, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

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Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of the CDBG Resolution. Member Yeomans made a motion to approve, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed.

Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for Citizens' Concerns.

Ronnie Sauls, 1100 W Marion Ave, came forward to let Council know his wife; Debbie Sauls is interested in serving on the Ethics Committee.

Executive/Admin Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith opened the sealed bid submitted on the surplus lawn mower. The bid was for \$100 submitted by Austin Patterson. Member Carter made a motion to accept the bid, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Yeomans made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:25 PM to discuss personnel and land acquisition, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Yeomans made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:01 PM and authorize Mayor Pro Tem Griffith to sign the Executive Session Resolution and Affidavit, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Yeomans made a motion to increase Billy Jones and Jeff Patterson's pay to \$15.25 an hour effective next pay period, Member Carter second all in favor motion passed.

Member Lane made a motion to reschedule the March 1, 2022 Regular Council Meeting to Tuesday March 8, 2022, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Being no further business, Member Yeomans made a motion to adjourn, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed.

Read & approved Jakatha Fowler Date 3-8-22

Council Fire Report for February

Fire Calls 4 so far

1 accident with injuries

1 Assist EMS

1 illegal burning

1 vehicle fire (Echols County Mutual aid)

Station Needs

None

Truck needs

Equipment needs

None at this time

Grants

Wrote a grant for 55000.00 for radios,

Council Maintenance Report for February

Work orders

We have been and continue to locate water lines for the Main street/Lake Park Bellville road widening project

Civic Center Needs

Replace Blinds

Paint interior

Maintenance/equipment needs

Vehicle needs

Backhoe needs 2 rear tires, see attached quotes

Maintenance staff: Jeff and Billy I feel should be making same pay rate , I feel due to everything the maintenance job entails I'd like council to consider 15.00 dollars an hour.

Lake Park Police Department

January 31, 2022

January Police Report

Calls for Service: 132

Synopsis of calls: Shoplifting:1, Theft:1, Domestic Violence: 5, Medical: 4
,Suspicious Vehicle /Persons:3, Reckless Driving:2 Accidents:2

Monthly Reports completed: Uniform Crime Reports to the FBI, Southern
Regional Traffic Enforcement Network, and the Georgia AOC Report.

The Tahoe gets it Police decal this week

Our new car and body cams came in, we are to schedule the outfitting this week.

Officer Bennfield's Patrol Car needs some front end work, the water pump was
replaced a few weeks ago. We are taking it to Smith Tire Wednesday.

Lake Park Police Department

I have put together some numbers for your information, if you have any questions please contact me.

GDOT Traffic Count for 2020: Lakes Blvd 10,000 vehicles per day

W. Marion Ave: 7100 vehicles per day

Number of vehicles stopped for traffic infractions for 2021: 1,619

Number of citations written: 1,038 (Some offenders received more than 1)

Percentage that were warnings: 62 Percent

Number of vehicles stopped percentage per year 0.0004 percent

Vehicles that received a citation: 0.0002 percent

From Speeding: 0.0001 percent

Average number of vehicles stopped per day: Less than 3 of 10,000 vehicles traveling through Lake Park.

Out of 1,038 citations written only 16 of those were actual Lake Park citizens.

Number of written complaints from anyone receiving a citation the past 3 years: 1

RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE PARK CITY COUNCIL

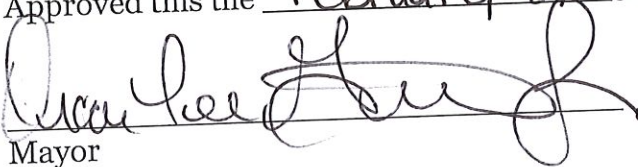
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAKE PARK CITY COUNCIL, as follows:

At the meeting held on February 8, 2022 Council entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing: Personnel and Property Purchase

At the close of the discussion upon this subject, the Council did vote to re-enter into Open session and herewith takes the following action in Open session:

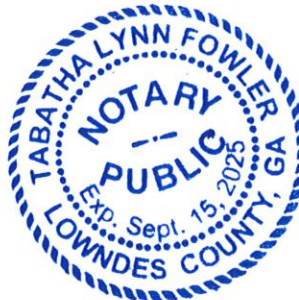
- 1) The actions of the Council and the discussion of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session are hereby ratified.
- 2) Each member of this body does hereby confirm that to the best of his or her knowledge, based upon the advice of the City Attorney, the said subject matter and of the closed session portion was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception (s) as set forth above.
- 3) The Mayor, or the presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the members of this Council, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 (b).
- 4) The affidavit shall be included and filed with official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by statute.

Approved this the February 8, 2022


Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk



AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to

administer oaths, Oscar Griffith who, after being duly sworn, deposes
and on oath stated the following:

- 1) I was presiding officer of a meeting of the Lake Park City Council held on the
February 8, 2022.
- 2) That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 (b) provides as follows:
When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a)
of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such
meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a
notorized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting
or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions
provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception;
- 3) The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting
held on the February 8, 2022 which was closed for the purpose (s)
Personnel and Property as allowed by O.C.G.A. Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted
to matters
within those exceptions and as provided by law;
- 4) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate
of O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 (b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This the February 8, 2022

[Signature]
Mayor/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this February 8, 2022

Tabatha Fowler
Notary Public

