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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting
January 4, 2022
6:00 PM

Agenda

Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance

Swearing in of new Council - Oscar Griffith
Michelle Lane

Minutes – December 7th Regular Meeting, December 14th Call Meeting, and December 27th Work Session

Financials – December

Citizens' Concerns

Department Reports
Fire
Maintenance
Police

Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

Update on Broadway Litigation

Cemetery Update

Veterans Memorial

Railroad Crossing Public Hearing Dates

Digital City Hall Sign

Committee Seat Vacancies

Cemetery Committee (2-year term other than chairman)

Pat Brown – term ends January 2022

Bob Elworthy – term will end January 2022

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

Dr. Charles Adams – term ends January 2022 (3 year term Mayor/Council Appointee)

Thomas Hager – term ends January 2022 (Council Appointee)

Deidra Jarvis – term ends January 2022 (Mayor Appointee)

Board of Zoning Appeals (4 year term)

Carl Spano – Chairman appointed by committee members – term ends January 2022

Ralph Romero - term will end January 2022

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

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Appointments

City Attorney

City Auditor

Municipal Court Judge

Citizens' Concerns

Executive/Admin Reports

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday January 17 City Hall will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day

Tuesday January 18 Lake Park Municipal Court @ 6:00 PM

Monday January 24 Work Session @ 6:00 PM

Friday January 28 – Safety Meeting at noon

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Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Carter welcomed everyone, gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present for the meeting were as follows; Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Carter, and Council Member June Yeomans. Also present were Attorney Rob Plumb, Fire Chief and Maintenance Supervisor David Brown, Police Chief David Kinsey, Clerk Tabatha Fowler, and residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called for swearing in of new Council. Clerk Fowler swore in Michelle Lane followed by Oscar Griffith.

Pro Tem Carter began by stating that he needed to step down as Mayor Pro Tem due to health concerns. He acknowledged that he would continue to serve on Council but would not be able to continue with the Mayor Pro Tem duties.

Member Carter called for review of the minutes of the December 7th Regular Meeting, December 14th Call Meeting, and December 27th Work Session. Member Griffith made a motion to approve the December 7th minutes, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed. Member Griffith made a motion to table the December 14th minutes until Council was able to review the recording of the meeting, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed. Member Yeomans made a motion to approve the December 27th minutes, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed.

Carter called for review of the December financials. Member Yeomans made a motion to approve, Member Griffith second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Carter called for Citizens' Concerns

Melissa Asbell, daughter of Rebecca Tomlinson of 417 W Cotton Ave, came forward to state her concerns and disapproval of the tree removal happening at the Cemetery along with Christina Meeks who also requested Council to not remove some of the trees scheduled to be taken down.

Ben Futch, 898 Long Pond Rd, came forward to question the 2022 general fund budget as well as the SPLOST budget. He requested that Council research the numbers and change it.

Pat Brown, 809 Main Street, came forward to question about the cemetery trees being removed as well as the fence to be installed. She stated that the Odd Fellows Cemetery does not want to take part in any of that.

Carter called for review of the department reports

Fire and Maintenance Supervisor David Brown came forward and gave the fire report. See attached.

He went on to give the maintenance report which included a request to surplus an old mower and post on city website to accept bids on. See attached.

Police Chief David Kinsey came forward to give his report. See attached.

Member Carter called for review of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. Member Yeomans made a motion to approve the resolution, Member Griffith second, all in favor motion passed.

Carter called for an update on Broadway Litigation; Attorney Plumb advised that Council would need to go into Executive Session to discuss the item. Member Lane made a motion to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Carter called for Cemetery update and said that it was covered during previous discussion.

Carter stated that it had been requested by Julie Wilbers that Council table the Veterans Memorial discussion until February meeting so that she could attend to answer any questions that Council might have.

Member Carter called for review of the railroad crossing Public Hearing dates. Member Yeomans made a motion to table the railroad crossing meeting, Member Griffith second, all in favor motion passed.

Carter called for review of the digital city hall sign. Council request Clerk to try to get additional bids to compare.

Member Carter called for review of the committee seat vacancies.

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Clerk Fowler stated that both Brown and Elworthy were willing to continue to serve on the Cemetery Committee.

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

Dr. Charles Adams – term ends January 2022 (3 year term Mayor/Council Appointee)

Thomas Hager– term ends January 2022 (Council Appointee) Vacant

Deidra Jarvis – term ends January 2022 (Mayor Appointee)

Clerk Fowler stated that both Adams and Jarvis would continue to serve on the Ethics Committee but a replacement was needed for Hager's seat.

Board of Zoning Appeals (4 year term)

Carl Spano – Chairman appointed by committee members – term ends January 2022

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Clerk Fowler stated that both Spano and Romero were willing to continue to serve on the Board of Zoning appeals but a replacement was needed for Averett's seat.

MPO Representative: Vacant (no term limit) appointed September 2, 2014
Mary Jane York - fill seat of Mayor Sandlin

Clerk Fowler stated that the MPO Representative seat was still vacant and need a replacement appointed.

Carter called for appointments of City Attorney, City Auditor, and Municipal Court Judge. No motions made.

Member Yeomans made a motion to table the appointments to the February meeting date, Member Griffith second, all in favor, motion passed.

Member Carter called for Citizens' Concerns

Ben Futch, 898 Long Pond Rd, came forward to request to go into Executive Session along with Council to advise new Council of his stance on the Broadway litigation. Attorney Plumb stated that as long as Council agreed, he could be present for the Executive Session.

Pat Brown, 809 Main Street, came forward to state that she was not happy about what the city was doing with the Cemetery.

Carter called for Executive/Admin reports

Clerk Fowler asked for Council to consider approval of a subdivision application. She explained that the previous Council had reviewed it and didn't find any problems with it but wanted the new Council to decide on it. Fowler stated that the property owner has requested to subdivide 2 acres from his parcel in order for him to sell it and has no other plans for it at this time. She went on to advise that the Zoning Ordinance now requires Council to approve any subdivision application before it is sent to the SGRC for processing and final approval. Member Lane made a motion to approve the application for submission, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Clerk Fowler asked for Council decision on the mower that was requested to be surplus. She advised if Council chooses to do so, they could get the mower listed on the website and taken care of. Member Griffith made a motion to surplus the mower in question and post it for bid, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Clerk Fowler announced that the city had been approved for the 2022 LMIG grant.

Being no further agenda items, Member Yeomans made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, Member Griffith second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Yeomans made a motion to come out of Executive Session and authorize Mr. Carter to sign the Executive Session Resolution and Affidavit, Member Griffith second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Yeomans made a motion to postpone the Broadway litigation hearing, Member Griffith second, all in favor, motion passed.

Member Lane stated that she had a scheduling conflict and would like to make a motion to reschedule the February Regular Meeting to the second Tuesday, February 8th, 2022, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Yeomans made a motion to nominate Member Griffith as Mayor Pro Tem, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Yeomans made a motion to add Member Griffith as an additional authorized signer of the city financial accounts, Member Lane 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 Jaratha Fowler Date 2-8-22

Lake Park City Council Monthly Fire Report for January

Fire calls -6 for December

3 structure fires – mutual aid request from Lowndes County

1 vehicle fire - city

2 false fire alarm – city

Station needs – none

Vehicle needs – S&S Diesel gave a verbal quote of 3900.00 still waiting on official quote

Grants – We were awarded the Denis Leary Foundation grant 3200.00 this will replace the intake valve on Tanker 2 and buy 8 sections of fire hose. No update waiting on equipment to be delivered

Lake Park City Council Monthly Maintenance Report for January

Service calls

In process of locating water lines for Main Street expansion

Maintenance needs – 48-inch sand bucket has been delivered to aid us in cleaning out ditches.

Work accomplished – Removed dead tree from civic center property, removed stump from playground area between church and civic center, removed tree in city maintenance yard, trimmed trees and removed bushes around city hall, Christmas lights hung on utility poles.

Cemetery update – tree removal will start Monday January 3rd; new fence is in and contractor should start this week.

Lawnmower Quotes – The new Husqvarna lawnmower has been delivered; request council declare old Husqvarna mower surplus so it can be sold on city website

Tree Removal – The tree on the right of way located at 300 South Railroad is rotten and a hazard we will have quotes by the Council meeting. This was done by maintenance.