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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting  
May 3, 2022  
6:00 PM

#### Agenda

Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes – April 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup> Work Session, and April 26<sup>th</sup> Call Meeting

Financials – April

Citizens' Concerns

Department Reports  
    Administrative  
    Fire  
    Maintenance  
    Police

July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Rezoning Request – William Brady

Employee Timeclock

Committee Seat Vacancies  
    Ethics – 3  
    Cemetery – 4  
    BOZA – 5  
    MPO – 1  
    Planning Commission- 1  
    Ethics Committee – 1

Citizens' Concerns

Executive Reports

#### Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> - Lake Park Municipal Court  
Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Lake Park Work Session  
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Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> – City Hall Closed for Memorial Day  
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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 Rob Plumb and Clerk Fowler. Also present were Fire and Maintenance Supervisor David Brown, Police Chief David Kinsey, and citizens.

Clerk Fowler began by asking Council to consider adding the cemetery to the agenda per email from Rob Plumb. Member Carter made a motion to add cemetery discussion to the end of the agenda, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Pro Tem Griffith called for review of the minutes of April 5th Regular Meeting, April 26th Work Session, and April 26th Call Meeting. Griffith asked about the administrative report not being included in the packet. Clerk Fowler stated that the report was for last month and that this month's report was in the packet. Griffith stated there was not a copy to review; Member Lane stated that it was emailed to Council. Clerk Fowler went to print more copies and distributed them. Griffith stated to skip the minutes for now and come back to them later.

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of the April financials. Member Carter made a motion to approve the financials, Member Lane second. When question called Members Carter and Lane in favor, Member Yeomans opposed, motion passed.

Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for Citizens' Concerns

Carl Taylor, 353 Back Forty, came forward and asked if he would be needed for later discussion of the cemetery agenda item, Griffith responded no. Taylor asked if he could ask the Council a few questions. Griffith responded that it was up to the council member to answer them or not.

1- Prior to the Feb 2022 Council Meeting, were you aware of and involved in any conversations or communications with other Council Members regarding disbanding the Lake Park Police Department?

Mr. Carter- No

Ms Lane- Yes

2- Who did these communications take place with?

Ms. Lane- Oscar and June

3- Do you feel their intent was to disband or downsize the P.D.?

Ms. Lane- disband



Tim Thornhill, 2297 W Marion Ave. came forward to state he was told that the Council was considering closing the railroad crossing near the property that he had purchased and he wanted to state he was against closing it.

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of department reports.

Clerk Fowler stated that as reviewed in the Work Session, she requested that Council to consider approving the Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation. Member Lane made a motion to approve the proclamation, Member Carter second. When question called Members Lane and Carter in favor, Member Yeomans opposed, motion passed. Fowler requested that Council consider paying Billy Jones a week vacation time that he has been unable to take before his anniversary date. Member Carter made a motion to approve the payout of one weeks' vacation, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed. Clerk Fowler asked Attorney Plumb to help explain the notice from the City of Hahira regarding the LOST tax. No action taken. See attached.

Fire Chief and Maintenance Supervisor David Brown came forward to give his reports. (See attached) Brown first requested Council to approve the GMAG (Georgia Mutual Aid Group) resolution. He went on to explain that they want to provide the best possible protection to the city citizens, businesses, and visitors and noted that there was no cost in joining GMAG. Member Yeomans asked Chief Brown who was responsible for updating and/or removing the burn ordinance from the website. Brown stated that he would get that updated. Chief Brown went on to ask that Council consider donating some surplus fire equipment to Jennings volunteer fire department. He stated that they equipment was of no use to them any longer and that Jennings fire men could greatly benefit due to their small operating budget. Member Yeomans made a motion to donate surplus equipment to Jennings, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed. Member Lane made a motion to approve the GMAG Resolution, Member Yeomans second all in favor motion passed.

Fire Chief and Maintenance Supervisor David Brown gave a quick update on the maintenance department. He also stated that the gate on the new fence in the cemetery would be removed and stored in the maintenance yard until Council decides what they want to do with it. No action taken.

Member Carter made a motion to allow Chief Brown to begin gathering information on a replacement fire truck, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Lane made a motion to go into Executive Session at the end of the agenda to discuss personnel, Member Carter second. When question called Members Lane and Carter in favor, Member Yeomans opposed.

Police report skipped

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Fire Chief and Maintenance Supervisor David Brown gave a quick update. He reported that the fireworks permit had been submitted and that they needed to work out a plan for parking due to the road construction. He suggested using the school and church parking areas. No action taken.

Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for skipped department report for the police department. Chief David Kinsey came forward to give that report. Kinsey explained the updates to the service call numbers. He also explained that he was asked about the program they do for a "ride along". Kinsey said that the city has actively participated with the ride along program where someone can sign up to ride with an officer to see what all the officers' responsibilities are.

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of the rezoning request from William Brady. Member Yeomans questioned the item stating they had voted on it previously. Clerk Fowler explained that they had reviewed the request previously but the official LCPC Recommendation had not been received then. Mr. Carter stated that there had also been a correction to the rezoning, instead of M1 it was recommended that the property be rezoned to M2. Member Carter made a motion to approve the rezoning request to a M2, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review employee timeclock. Member Yeomans made a motion to purchase an employee timeclock for \$258.59 from Office Depot. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of the committee seat vacancies. Clerk Fowler stated that Council should consider making an official vote on either the reappointments to the committees or replace those members that are on there. Fowler further stated that Council took care of the Ethics Committee at the last meeting but needed to do the same for the remaining committees to prevent any future problems.

Member Yeomans made a motion to keep the cemetery committee members the same, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed. Those members are listed as follows;

Tyson McLane – Chairman  
Ann Peterson – term ends January 2023  
Pat Brown – term ends January 2024  
Bob Elworthy – term will end January 2024

Member Lane made a motion to keep the Board of Zoning Appeals the same with the addition of Shannon Hancock for the vacant seat, Member Carter second. When question called Members Lane and Carter in favor, Member Yeomans oppose motion passed. Those members are listed as follows;

Carl Spano – Chairman appointed by committee members – term ends January 2026  
Ralph Romero - term will end January 2026  
Larry Hebdon – term ends January 2024  
Robin Cumbus- term ends January 2024  
Shannon Hancock - term ends January 2024

Member Yeomans made a motion to appoint Vanessa Wade to the MPO Committee, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

Planning Commission appointment tabled.

Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of the added agenda item regarding the cemetery. Attorney Plumb began by explaining the current situation regarding the cemetery boundaries. He summarized:

1. We need an updated survey showing the new fence line as the northern boundary between Ocean Pond and the city cemetery
2. We need a survey of the boundaries of the Odd Fellows Cemetery and need to determine who will pay for that; and
3. Council needs to decide whether it wants to do anything about the OFC encroachment across the southern boundary of the city cemetery.

Member Carter made a motion to approve additional and final survey to show the encroachment from Odd Fellows to the City Cemetery, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for Citizens' Concerns

Ruth Keesling, 727 Sandy Bottom, came forward to ask about candidates running for the special election. She wanted to know if there would be something set up in order to meet and talk to them so that they can make an informed decision at election time.

\*Clerk Fowler stated that there was a tentative plan to hold a casual "Coffee with the Candidates" but a confirmed date had not been set.

#### Executive Reports

Member Yeomans made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, Member Lane second, all in favor motion passed at 7:25 PM



Council returned to Regular Session at 7:49 PM.

Pro Tem Oscar Griffith called for review of April minutes. Regarding the April 5<sup>th</sup> Administrative Report, Member Griffith stated that when he had received the phone call, nothing was said about a personal conversation, nothing was said about the call being confidential, and he had no personal gain or benefit from any of that. Member Lane made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup> Work Session, and April 26<sup>th</sup> Call Meeting, Member Carter second. When question called Member Lane and Carter in favor, Member Yeomans opposed, motion passed. Member Yeomans stated that the audio recording can stand for itself.

May Work Session was rescheduled to May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Read & approved

Lisa B. Johnson

Date

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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