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City of Lake Park CALLED Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2024  
6:30 pm

**Members Present** were Mayor Jena Sandlin, Council Member Oscar Griffith, Council Members Michelle Lane, Busby Courson and Carl Spano.

**Staff Present:** City Clerk Lisa Johnson, Police Chief Ed Yarbrough, Deputy Clerk Christian Crews, Attorney Rob Plumb

Mayor Jena Sandlin called the meeting to order, noting that the invocation and pledge had been observed during the preceding Public Hearing.

Mayor Sandlin stated that the Public Hearings for the millage rate had been heard, and at this time she would like to ask for a motion on the millage rate adoption. Council Member Spano stated that his agenda listed the debris removal update as first; City Clerk Lisa Johnson noted that the Mayor had requested a change in order, and the updated Agenda should have been with the packets. Deputy Clerk Christian Crews brought updated agendas for the Council and the meeting proceeded. Mayor Sandlin resumed with a request for a motion on the millage rate. Council Member Carl Spano made a motion to set the millage rate at 6.219. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Mayor Sandlin asked City Clerk Lisa Johnson to present the update on debris removal, as the City has received new information. Mrs. Johnson stated that the opportunity had been presented for the County and all cities to submit a request for the Army Corps of Engineers to include the County in their project for debris pickup. The County has submitted a request for Lowndes County and its cities, on our behalf, to be included in the list of locations that they will be handling. While this has not progressed to approval yet, the request has been submitted. It is not expected that there would be a significant disruption in the process. Council Member Courson asked who was picking up the tin and construction debris in the medians. Mayor Sandlin responded that debris of that type would need to be taken to the landfill by residents. Council Member Courson clarified that he was asking about the debris that is in the median, not what had fallen in residents yards. Mayor Sandlin stated that the City's maintenance crew would need to pick that up and dispose of it.

Mayor Sandlin noted that the September financials were in the Council's packets, and asked if there was a motion or discussion on these. Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to accept the unaudited financials of September, 2024. Council Member Carl Spano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Mayor Sandlin stated that the next item on the Agenda was a review of the proposed Budget. Council Member Spano stated that he would be happy to answer any questions if there were any. There were no questions at this time.

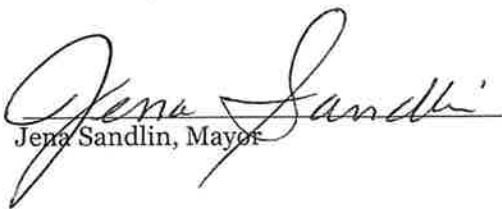
Mayor Sandlin stated that there is a question on a water tap on Gordon Street where there are five new homes being built; it was discovered that the main lines were in the middle of the road. Mike Killeen was installing the taps and has come up with a plan to resolve the issue. The Mayor asked City Clerk Lisa Johnson to explain the details. Mrs. Johnson explained that the contractor had had the lines located at the beginning of the project, when he was developing his budget and again when he became ready for the tap. Mr. Killeen had actually gone to complete the tap for the first home, which is completed except for getting water, when it was discovered that the lines were in the middle of the roadway. She stated that she believed this issue is the same or similar to the one that the City received the CDBG to correct, and understood that it was a goal to replace all of these old lines. Having spoken with Mr. Courson, she spoke with Mr. Killeen about the best way to handle the problem given these circumstances; the choices are to tap the existing lines, which will require digging up the road at least twice and most likely three times to provide water to all five houses, or to tie into the existing 6" line at the corner of Park and Thomas and run a 2" that would ultimately serve all five. The arrival of Hurricane Helene delayed the estimate to do this, but was received last week in the amount of \$28,500 and included in the Council's packets. After speaking with Mr. Courson, she has reached out to get other quotes, but none have yet been received. It is her understanding that the contractor does have a party interested in the home, and the contractor is anxious to be able to move forward. Council Member Courson asked if there were grants available for this. Mrs. Johnson responded that there are, but not likely for such a small project; additionally, applying for a grant of this nature would take several months. Council Member Spano stated that the City does have funds available for this, but wonders how we would handle traffic control. The City would need to handle traffic control, but this should not be a lengthy project. Mrs. Johnson clarified for Council Member Lane that the tie-in would not be to the lines in the middle of the road, but to a 6" line that has already been put in to replace other older lines. Council Member Lane asked Council Member Spano where the funds would come from, and he responded that there were reserve funds earmarked for Water. Council Member Lane asked if we could recover any portion of the expense, and Mrs. Johnson responded that we could recover the normal cost of the tap. Council Member Busby Courson made a motion to request other bids for comparison and table the decision until the next regular meeting on November 5. Council Member Michelle Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Council Member Carl Spano made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Council Member Michelle Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Council entered into Executive Session at 6:58 pm.

Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to reenter regular session. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Council reentered regular session at 7:54 pm.

Council Member Carl Spano made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

The next regular meeting of the Lake Park City Council will be held on November 5, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

  
Jena Sandlin, Mayor

  
Lisa Johnson, City Clerk

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