

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on January 16, 2007, beginning at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - John Robertson

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor	Mike Lee
City Council	John Robertson
	George R. Ward
	Eugene Jefferson
City Attorney	Herbert F. Darby
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief David Allbritton
City Manager	David Kraus
City Clerk	Audrey Sikes

2. MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting- January 2, 2007

Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the January 2, 2007 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Lee seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Jones Edmunds, Invoice No. 0217089, \$10,500 (Harris Tract)
- B. Permit request form the Blue-Grey Army, Inc. to hold the annual festival and parade

The Blue-Grey Army, Inc. is requesting permission to hold the annual festival and parade downtown Lake City on February 15th-17th, 2007. All required documents including proof of insurance have been provided to the Police Department.

- C. Earth Tech, Invoice No. 401404, \$250.00 (airport)
- D. Earth Tech, Invoice No. 401405, \$300.00 (airport)

Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of item A - D listed above. Mr. Robertson seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

5. APPROVAL OF GREATER LAKE CITY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY CONSENT AGENDA

- A. December Invoice Henry A. Sheldon, P.E. Invoice No. 11401, \$9,374.40
- B. Jones Edmunds Associates Sprayfield Sinkhole Invoice, \$2,500.00
- C. Jones Edmunds Associates Reuse System Master Plan Development Invoice No. 305449, \$8,501.66
- D. Jones Edmunds Associates Reuse System Master Plan Development Invoice No. 305511, \$5,960.00
- E. Tetra Tech HAI Invoice No. 50055679, \$9,920.92
- F. Jones Edmunds Associates- Reuse Presentation \$ Adoption
- G. Inflow & Infiltration (I & I) Budget Amendment, \$120,000
- H. Salary of General Manager- Increase from \$65,000 to \$75,000
- I. Lenvil Dicks Water System Acquisition

Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the Greater Lake City Regional Utility Authority consent agenda, consisting of item A - I listed above. Mr. Lee seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- A. Ms. Mary Lee Tanca, Rural Ramp, Coordinator, Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida

Ms. Tanca introduced to City Council and the citizens of Lake City "Building Ramps, Building Lives! Adopt-A-Ramp" Program. Ms. Tanca stated this is a new grassroots effort in Columbia County working to organize volunteers, volunteer groups, donations, and supplies, and suppliers to build ramps for those in need. Ms. Tanca reported there are currently four or five persons on the waiting list for Columbia County (with one of these being within the City limits). Mr. Robertson requested Mr. Kraus to contact Ms. Tanca once the handicap access committee has been formed. Mr. Lee discussed and suggested the writing of CDBG grants by the City to assist with funding in the future. Ms. Tanca thanked the members and provided handouts to interested persons.

7. PERSONS WISHING TO APPEAR THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

8. PROCLAMATIONS

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on request from Annie Mattox Recreation Center Board of Trustees for reimbursement of electricity charges in the amount of \$630.03, which was tabled from the January 2, 2007 meeting (David Kraus)

Mr. Kraus reported the new utility pole has been installed and is working. Mr. Kraus made a recommendation to the members to pay the \$630.03 to the Annie Mattox Board of Trustees. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to remove this issue from the table. Mr. Robertson seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Robertson	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Lee	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to pay the \$630.03 to the Annie Mattox Recreation Center Board of Trustees for the reimbursement of electricity charges. The motion provides funding from account number 572 (utilities). Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Lee	Aye
Mr. Robertson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Members are to ensure the Annie Mattox Board understands that future restroom improvements will not come with the responsibility to pay the utility bill.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A-B. ORDINANCES:

Mayor Witt closed the Regular Session and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2007-1097. City Council Ordinance No. 2007-1097 was read by title and Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2007-1097, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

1. City Council Ordinance No. 2007-1097, (first reading) installation of banners

This ordinance amends the City Code relating to the installation and maintenance of banners across streets within the City. This ordinance will provide for the prohibition of banners for commercial purposes, required an application, a permit and payment of \$200.00 to the City for each permitted banner to cover extra expenses incurred in rendering services relating to the installation and removal of the banner. **Mr. Lee made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2007-1097, on first reading, relating to the installation of**

banners. Mr. Ward seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Lee	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Robertson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

C. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2007-002, authorizing the City to lease approximately 353 acres of land

This resolution authorizes the City to lease approximately 353 acres of land in Columbia County, owned by the City, to Jim Moses for the sole purpose of hunting birds during lawful bird hunting seasons. Jim Moses submitted a bid to lease said property for a one year term and at an annual rental rate of \$1,000.00 with an option to extend the lease for two additional one year terms. Members briefly discussed the charge per acre and Mr. Moses plans for hunting quail. Mr. Ward reported Mr. Moses plans to release quail and run dogs. Mr. Robertson stated this property is used as part of the sludge disposal and mentioned this item should have been presented to the Greater Lake City Regional Utility Authority Board for a recommendation to City Council. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2007-002, authorizing the City to lease approximately 353 acres of land to Jim Moses. Mr. Jefferson seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Lee	Aye
Mr. Robertson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

2. City Council Resolution No. 2007-003, authorizing the City to enter into a record storage agreement

This resolution authorizes the City to enter into a record storage agreement with Mini-Storage & Record Storage of Lake City, Inc. According to the agreement, City shall pay rates as set forth in the Price Sheet

(Exhibit 2), provided that the total charges for storage and retrieval services for the initial term, which begins in the date of its execution and ends September 30, 2007, does not exceed \$4,000.00. The agreement may be renewed at the option of the City for three (3) consecutive one-year renewal terms on October 1 of each year commencing October 1, 2007, for a period not to exceed three (3) years commencing October 1, 2007. Mr. Ward asked staff to consider permanent storage versus the costs for a capitol outlay project. Ms. Sikes stated staff will evaluate the needs of the City, prepare a plan and present a recommendation to City Council relating to the cost effectiveness of permanent storage at Mini Storage or investing in a capitol outlay project. Ms. Sikes reported the records at the Old City Hall location would be moved as soon as possible. **Mr. Robertson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2007-003. Mr. Jefferson seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Robertson	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Lee	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

3. City Council Resolution No. 2007-004, authorizing the City to enter into change order number five with Ortega Industrial Contractors

This resolution authorizes the City to enter into change order number five to the contract between the City and Ortega Industrial Contractors for the construction of the new water treatment plant. This change order extends the completion date from January 27, 2007 to May 27, 2007. Mr. Robertson asked that Ortega be notified that change orders need to be presented to the Greater Lake City Regional Utility Authority Board prior to being presented to City Council for approval. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2007-004, authorizing the City to enter into change order number five with Ortega Industrial Contractors. Mr. Robertson seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Robertson	Aye
Mr. Lee	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

- D. Request from Columbia County Senior Services for reimbursement of the building permit fees in the amount of \$7, 656.81 and reimbursement of the tap fees in the amount of \$24,900.00 for the new Lifestyle Enrichment Center on Baya Avenue (David Kraus).

Faye Bowling-Warren, 630 Southwest Old Mill Drive, Lake City, Florida, addressed members and requested a reimbursement of the building permit fees and the tap fees. Mr. Robertson stated members needed to consider this as two separate requests. Mr. Kraus reported the building permit fees are in the general fund and would recommend the waiver. Mr. Kraus reported the tap fees would be an expense from the general fund to the Greater Lake City Regional Utility Authority and stated bonding requirements would not allow the City to waive the tap fees. Mr. Robertson agreed with Mr. Kraus and stated this would be a \$25,000 donation from the general fund (contingency). Mr. Kraus does not recommend waiving the tap fees. **Mr. Ward made a motion authorizing the City to reimburse building permit fees in the amount of \$7,656.81 to Columbia County Senior Services. Mr. Robertson seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Robertson	Aye
Mr. Lee	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Mr. Kraus offered to meet with Ms. Bowling-Warren at a later date to discuss the tap fees. Mr. Ward suggested June or July 2007.

- E. Authorize Request for Proposal (RFP) to update the City's Community Redevelopment Plan and review, revise and prepare amendments to the existing City ordinances creating the City's Community Redevelopment Agency and Redevelopment Plan

Mr. Lee reported the Downtown and Neighborhood Development Committee had met in November 2006 and agreed by general

consent to update and review the City's Community Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Ward stated the existing TIF funds expire in three to five years and expressed concern for projecting the revenue stream. Mr. Darby stated the City might be able to extend the life of the existing agency. Mr. Lee recommended to the Council not to make any other major expenditure prior to this plan. **Mr. Lee made a motion authorizing the City to proceed with an RFP, for the purposes of updating, reviewing and revising the City's Community Redevelopment Agency and Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Robertson seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Lee	Aye
Mr. Robertson	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Mr. Lee requested Mr. Kraus to contact the Lake Shore Hospital Authority Board with the possibility of sharing in the plan with the City. Mr. Robertson expressed gratitude to Mr. Lee for initiating this focus and moving in this direction.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Airport: George Ward, Chairman

Mr. Ward discussed the request from the Rotary Club for the Charity Air show for April 28th and 29th, 2007. Mr. Ward apologized for not discussing this at committee level prior to tonight. Mr. Ward stated the request includes fuel discounts for performers, assistance with set-up, and use of the Lake City Municipal Airport. Mr. Ward stated City Council has supported this event in the past and is win/win for the Lake City Municipal Airport and the Charity. **Mr. Ward made a motion authorizing the Rotary Club to utilize the Lake City Municipal Airport on April 28th - 29th, 2007 for the purposes of a Charity Air show, inclusive of fuel discounts for performers, and assistance with set-up. Mr. Robertson seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Robertson	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Lee	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

B. Beautification: Bettye Lane, Chairwoman (Mayor Witt)
Mayor Witt reminded members Florida Arbor Day would be held on Friday, January 19, 2007 at 11 AM. The dedication ceremony is to honor W.L. Summers and Virginia Bishop at the recreation complex entrance on Bascom Norris Drive. All members are encouraged to attend.

C. Downtown and Neighborhood Development: Mike Lee, Chairman
Mr. Lee stated there is nothing to report.

Mr. Ward stated between the Downtown and Neighborhood Development Committee and the Beautification Committee he would like for Lake City to be a clean pretty town.

Mr. Robertson discussed signs covered with mildew, leaning signs, and abandoned shopping carts on Old Faith Road. Members concurred little items such as these send a strong message.

Mr. Lee briefly discussed the median sponsorships on 90 W.

D. Fire: Mike Lee, Chairman
Mr. Lee reported the true-up information for the last fiscal year has been provided to the County's auditor and the City is waiting on a response.

Mr. Lee stated due to the early closing of Station Two, and short staffing the overtime budget was higher than originally projected/budgeted. However, the overall budget is in line.

E. Police: Eugene Jefferson, Chairman
Mr. Jefferson stated there is nothing to report.

F. Recreation: Eugene Jefferson, Chairman
Mr. Jefferson stated there is nothing to report.

12. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

A. Bid Award, ITB-006-2007, for annual asphalt contract (Debbie Garbett)

Staff is recommending the sole bidder, Anderson Columbia Company, Lake City for asphalt at a cost of \$65.00 per ton. The previous tab sheet awarded December 19, 2005 was provided to members for review. Mr. Sawyer reported

Anderson Columbia was the sole bidder. **Mr. Ward made a motion to award Bid Number ITB-006-2007, to Anderson Columbia Company, for the annual asphalt contract. Mr. Jefferson seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Lee	Aye
Mr. Robertson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

- B. Requesting approval to renew the Third Judicial Circuit Police Chief's Association Mutual Aid Agreement (Chief Allbritton)

This is an agreement between municipalities located in the Third Judicial Circuit and is also an agreement between those municipalities and the sheriffs of these counties within the Third Judicial Circuit. This agreement is the same one we have entered into for the last seven years and must be renewed each year. Chief Allbritton reported the main purpose for the agreement is for the Columbia County Sheriffs Office Task Force Agreement. **Mr. Robertson made a motion to renew the Third Judicial Circuit Police Chief's Association Mutual Aid Agreement at the request of Chief David Allbritton. Mr. Lee seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Robertson	Aye
Mr. Lee	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

13. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Robertson mentioned how good it felt to be a Gator fan 41/14.

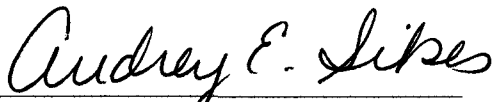
Mr. Lee briefly discussed a letter he received from a Public Works employee this week. Mr. Lee stated members encourage input and suggestions from employees but reminded to use the appropriate chain of command. Mr. Lee was not certain if the Public Works Director or the City Manager were aware of the issue at hand. Mr. Lee reminded staff if situations are not being resolved Council needs to know. Mr. Jefferson agreed with Mr. Lee and stated he preferred the chain of command to be followed.

Mr. Jefferson asked if correspondence is going to be forwarded to the members, at least identify the sender. If the members or recipient of the letter does not know who submitted the information, it is difficult to address the issue with the appropriate person(s) involved.

14. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.


Stephen M. Witt, Mayor


Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk