

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Special Session, on March 18, 2020 beginning at 3:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen M. Witt

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor/Council Member	Melinda Moses
City Council	Chris Greene-absent
	Jake Hill, Jr.
	Eugene Jefferson
City Attorney	Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Assistant City Manager	Vince Akhimie
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Argatha Gilmore
City Clerk	Audrey E. Sikes

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

3. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2020-033 finding and declaring the existence of an emergency, as of March 9, 2020, arising from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-033 finding and declaring the existence of an emergency, as of March 9, 2020, arising from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

6. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Fire Chief Randy Burnham stated there are two kinds of test kits, and 2500 test kits have been ordered for our area. No one has tested positive yet in Columbia county. Certain criteria must be met in order to be tested and you must be referred by a provider. The criteria for testing will be provided to staff.

Police Chief Argatha Gilmore stated they will ensure the city is in compliance with the executive order that was released yesterday.

Mr. Koberlein will update the city on any changes to the Public Meetings law.

1. Sandra Smith addressed Council regarding the state of the homeless during this time.

Mr. Helfenberger stated he will be having a meeting with City Directors after this meeting to begin implementing state of emergency procedures.

7. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Jefferson asked if churches have the ability to hold funerals.

Chiefs concurred that at this time they may, however, they are encouraging people to follow the guidelines of the CDC.

8. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 3:29 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey E. Sikes, MMC City Clerk