

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on August 3, 2020 beginning at 6:00 P.M., via Communications Media Technology.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen M. Witt

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
Vice Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt
Melinda Moses
Chris Greene
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Joseph Helfenberger
Chief Argatha Gilmore
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

2. PROCLAMATIONS
None

3. MINUTES
None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS
None

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL
None

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
None

8. OLD BUSINESS
None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action: Request to forgive Code Enforcement Liens in the amount of \$58,000.00 on Parcel Number 11918-000, located at the corner of NE Cooley Avenue and NE FAMU Lane, for Ricardo Dandy, current owner (David Young)

Mr. Helfenberger outlined the five possible actions for Council consideration.

Council Action Options:

- (1) Forgive all fees associated with this code enforcement.
- (2) File a lawsuit against current owner and previous owner to collect the fees.
- (3) File a foreclosure suit on owner and city assume ownership of property.
- (4) Forgive accumulated code enforcement fines on property but have owner pay code enforcement administrative fees expended within ninety (90) days of this council action.
- (5) Forgive accumulated code enforcement fines on property but have owner pay code enforcement administrative fees expended and require property owner to submit plans and obtain permits for construction within twelve (12) month of this council action.

Mr. Greene made a motion to forgive the accumulated code enforcement fines on the property totaling \$58,000.00, to have the owner pay code enforcement administrative fees expended totaling \$7.21 and require the property owner to submit plans and to obtain permits for construction within twelve (12) months of this council action. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

B. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2020-066, if adopted, will ratify the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-066, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

2. City Council Resolution No. 2020-067, if adopted, will authorize the extension of the initial agreement with James Moore & Co., P.L. for outside auditing services for the Fiscal Years ending September 30th of 2021, 2022 and 2023. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-067, authorizing the extension of the initial agreement with James Moore & Co., P.L. for outside auditing services for the Fiscal Years ending September 30th of 2021, 2022 and 2023. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2020-068, if adopted, will authorize the execution of an Amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, previously authorized by City Council Resolution No. 2015-030. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-068, authorizing the execution of an Amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, previously authorized by City Council Resolution No. 2015-030. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

4. City Council Resolution No. 2020-069, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into an agreement related to utility work to be performed by the Florida Department of Transportation for construction and improvements to State Road 25, also known as U. S. Highway 41; and authorizes the City to enter into a Third-Party Agreement with the Department of Financial Service, Division of Treasury, to pay the Florida Department of Transportation \$13,200.00 for the construction of the improvements. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-069, authorizing the City to enter into an agreement related to utility work to be performed by the Florida Department of Transportation for construction and improvements to State Road 25, also known as U. S. Highway 41; and authorizes the City to enter into a Third-Party Agreement with the Department of Financial Service, Division of Treasury, to pay the Florida Department of Transportation \$13,200.00 for the construction of the improvements. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

5. City Council Resolution No. 2020-070, if adopted, constitutes the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Preliminary Fire Assessment Resolution; relating to the provision of fire protection services, facilities and programs in the City of Lake City, Florida; confirming previous resolutions as amended; reimposing fire protection assessments and establishing fire protection not-to-exceed assessment rates; directing the preparation of the Preliminary Assessment Roll; authorizing a public hearing and directing the Provision of Notice

thereof; and providing an effective date. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-070, if adopted, constitutes the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Preliminary Fire Assessment Resolution; relating to the provision of fire protection services, facilities and programs in the City of Lake City, Florida; confirming previous resolutions as amended; reimposing fire protection assessments and establishing fire protection not-to-exceed assessment rates; directing the preparation of the Preliminary Assessment Roll; authorizing a public hearing and directing the Provision of Notice thereof. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

C. Designation of FLC Conference Voting Delegate (Mayor Witt)

The FLC will host the 2020 Virtual Annual Business Meeting on Friday, August 14, at 2:00 p.m. Due to the circumstances regarding COVID-19, the meeting will be remote access only **via Zoom**. It is important that each municipality designate one official as “voting delegate” to participate in voting for League leadership and adoption of resolutions that determine the direction of the League.

Members concurred to appoint Jake Hill as the voting delegate for the 2020 Virtual Annual Business Meeting on Friday, August 14, at 2:00 p.m.

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Helfenberger announced the following:

- August 10, 2020 – Special City Council Meeting – Monument – 6:00 PM Virtual/Zoom
- August 17, 2020 – Workshop 5PM – Affordable Housing and Lien Amnesty Program
- August 19, 2020 and August 20, 2020 – Budget Workshops – 4PM – Virtual
- September 9, 2020 – Budget Hearing – 6:00 PM
- September 21, 2020 – Final Budget Hearing – 6:00 PM

12. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt stated a letter encouraging citizens to wear a mask will be sent out soon.

Mr. Greene extended his gratitude to Officer Cody Chauncey and thanked all Lake City Police Department Officers for their service to the City. All the members concurred with his statements.

Chief Gilmore appreciated the comments and stated Officer Chauncey is doing well recovering. She thanked her department and Columbia County Sheriff’s Office for their assistance with SWAT. Chief Gilmore state it was a coordinated effort.

Mayor Witt mentioned the passing of former City Public Works Director Richard Lee and offered his condolences to the Lee family.

Mr. Hill offered his condolences on the passing of former City Employee Mike Felton. Mr. Jefferson stated he attended the grave side services and the City was well represented.

13. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk