

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on November 2, 2020 beginning at 6:00 P.M., at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium located at 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, FL 32055. The meeting was also held via Communications Media Technology.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen M. Witt

## ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member  
Vice Mayor/Council Member  
City Council

City Attorney  
City Manager  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
City Clerk

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

## PROCLAMATIONS

None

## MINUTES

None

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Greene seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

## PRESENTATIONS

None

## PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

Mr. Helfenberger introduced new Assistant City Manager Daniel Sweat.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve a one-time annual token of appreciation to all City employees in the amount of \$50.00 for part-time and those with less than one year of employment and \$100.00 for other full-time employees.

**Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of item “A” listed above. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

OLD BUSINESS  
ORDINANCES:

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2169. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2169 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2169. No one asked to be heard therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

2. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2169 - (final reading) An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida amending the regulation related to the discharge of firearms to allow hunting on annexed tracts of land upon which hunting had been permitted by Columbia County, Florida immediately prior to annexation; providing certain safety regulations; providing for the termination of such hunting upon any zoning reclassification; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2169, on final reading, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida amending the regulation related to the discharge of firearms to allow hunting on annexed tracts of land upon which hunting had been permitted by Columbia County, Florida immediately prior to annexation; providing certain safety regulations; providing for the termination of such hunting upon any zoning reclassification. 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

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2170. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2170 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2170. No one asked to be heard therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

3. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2170 - (final reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida amending the Internal Revenue Code Chapter 70, Article IV, Police Officers Retirement Fund, Section 70-100, related to compliance with the Internal Revenue Code; providing for codification in the code; providing for severability; providing for a repealer; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2170, on final reading, an ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida amending the Internal Revenue Code Chapter 70, Article IV, Police Officers Retirement Fund, Section 70-100, related to compliance with the Internal Revenue Code. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2171. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2171 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2171. No one asked to be heard therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2171 - (final reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Article II, Section 2-31 of the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida, relating to meetings of the City Council; providing that regular and special meeting locations can be held anywhere in Columbia County, subject to advance notice requirements; providing for severability; providing for codification, repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2171, on final reading, an ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Article II, Section 2-31 of the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida, relating to meetings of the City Council; providing that regular and special meeting locations can be held anywhere in Columbia County, subject to advance notice requirements; providing for severability; providing for codification, repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. 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

## RESOLUTIONS

5. City Council Resolution No. 2020-105 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the City's leasing of in-car cameras, body-worn cameras, wireless routers, and automatic license plate readers and associated data recording software, for the city's police department at a maximum six-year lease price of \$470,612.85, with additional costs per city-user. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-105, A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the City's leasing of in-car cameras, body-worn cameras, wireless routers, and automatic license plate readers and associated data recording software, for the city's police department at a maximum six-year lease price of \$470,612.85, with additional costs per city-user. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

6. City Council Resolution No. 2020-116 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida accepting a utility easement from the Parkview Baptist Church, incorporated for the purpose of collection and distribution of storm water from the Gwen Lake Estates area. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-116, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida accepting a utility easement from the Parkview Baptist Church, incorporated for the purpose of collection and distribution of storm water from the Gwen Lake Estates area. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

7. City Council Resolution No. 2020-119 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the execution of the Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. Small Municipal Enterprise Agreement, for software licensing for the City GIS Department, for a term of three years at a price not-to-exceed \$27,500.00 per year. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-119, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the execution of the Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. Small Municipal Enterprise Agreement, for software licensing for the City GIS Department, for a term of three years at a price not-to-exceed \$27,500.00 per year. 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

8. City Council Resolution No. 2020-121 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida supporting, adopting, and implementing the Columbia County 2020 five-year update of the Local Mitigation Strategy. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-121, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida supporting, adopting, and implementing the Columbia County 2020 five-year update of the Local Mitigation Strategy. 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

9. City Council Resolution No. 2020-123 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the City, by and through its Lake City Police Department, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide backup law enforcement services as needed. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-123, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the City, by and through its Lake City Police Department, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide backup law enforcement services as needed. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

10. City Council Resolution No. 2020-125 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the execution of an amendment to the scope of work of the contract with James Moore & Co., P.L., to include auditing services to the Community Redevelopment Agency for fiscal years ending September 30th of 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-125, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the execution of an amendment to the scope of work of the contract with James Moore & Co., P.L., to include auditing services to the Community Redevelopment Agency for fiscal years ending September 30th of 2020, 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

11. City Council Resolution No. 2020-126 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the City to execute an agreement accepting a utility easement from Nextran Corporation for purposes of constructing and maintaining a lift station for the city's utilities at a cost equal to the impact fees associated with connecting to the city's utilities. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-126, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the City to execute an agreement accepting a utility easement from Nextran Corporation for purposes of**

constructing and maintaining a lift station for the city's utilities at a cost equal to the impact fees associated with connecting to the city's utilities. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

12. City Council Resolution No. 2020-127 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. **Ms. Moses made a motion to City Council Resolution No. 2020-127, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. 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

#### DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

None

#### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill told Ms. Moses it was a pleasure and honor to serve on the Council with her.

Mayor Witt congratulated her on a great job during her tenure as a Council Member.

Mr. Greene stated it was a pleasure to serve on the Council with Ms. Moses.

Mr. Jefferson addressed Ms. Moses stating he will miss her and appreciated her serving the community.

Mr. Greene encouraged the public to vote as there are charter amendments on the City ballots.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.**

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk