

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on January 4, 2021 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, and via Communications Media Technology.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen Witt

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
Vice Mayor/Council Member
City Council

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

Stephen M. Witt
Chris Greene – absent
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
C. Todd Sampson
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Joseph Helfenberger
Chief Argatha Gilmore
Audrey Sikes

PROCLAMATIONS

None

MINUTES

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

None

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Pastor Donathan Shaw- 308 SW Calloway Dr, Lake City, addressed members regarding notice of violations received on property located at 729 Wilson Street. Growth Management Director Dave Young updated members on the violations for this property.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCES: None

RESOLUTIONS

Open Public Hearing

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Resolution No. 2020-122. City Council Resolution No. 2020-122 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Resolution No. 2020-122. No one asked to be heard therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

1. City Council Resolution No. 2020-122 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting an inventory list identifying city property deemed appropriate for use as potential affordable housing; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-122, adopting an inventory list identifying city property deemed appropriate for use as potential affordable housing, as amended. The amendment provides a correction to paragraph #2, replacing verbiage of inventory list of affordable housing with inventory list of properties. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Other Items

None

New Business

Ordinances

2. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2176 - (first reading) an ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 20-02, relating to voluntary annexation; making findings; annexing certain real property located in Columbia County, Florida, which is reasonable compact, and contiguous to the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida, into the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2176 on first reading, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 20-02, relating to voluntary annexation. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

3. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2177 - (first reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida to provide for lien amnesty and forgiveness of fines and liens associated with code enforcement proceedings. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to postpone City Council Ordinance No.**

2021-2177. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

RESOLUTIONS

4. City Council Resolution No. 2021-001 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the City, by and through its Police Department, to enter into the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Agreement 2021 with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; providing for conflicts; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-001, authorizing the City, by and through its Police Department, to enter into the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Agreement 2021 with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

5. City Council Resolution No. 2021-002 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces for Fiscal Year 2021 and the City, through the Lake City Police Department, accepting financial assistance from the Federal Government for overtime and expenses associated with strategic initiative programs. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-002, authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces for Fiscal Year 2021 and the City, through the Lake City Police Department, accepting financial assistance from the Federal Government for overtime and expenses associated with strategic initiative programs. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

6. City Council Resolution No. 2021-003 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be either surplus to its needs and sold at a publicly noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirement of Section 2-183 of the City Code, and authorizing the City to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the City. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-003, declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be either surplus to its**

needs and sold at a publicly noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirement of Section 2-183 of the City Code, and authorizing the City to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the City. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

7. City Council Resolution No. 2021-004 - A resolution 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 made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-004, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

8. City Council Resolution No. 2021-006 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida accepting the bid from, and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Crews Custom Services, Inc., for the planting of trees at the City's Bio Solids Site and Spray Field, at a cost not-to-exceed \$32,500.00. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-006, accepting the bid from, and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Crews Custom Services, Inc., for the planting of trees at the City's Bio Solids Site and Spray Field, at a cost not-to-exceed \$32,500.00. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

9. City Council Resolution No. 2021-008 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a Release and Satisfaction of Lien, the lien relating to a code enforcement lien being recorded in the Official Records Book 1347, Page 2347, of the public records of Columbia County, Florida. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-008, authorizing the execution of a Release and Satisfaction of Lien, the lien relating to a code enforcement lien being recorded in the Official Records Book 1347, Page 2347, of the public records of Columbia County, Florida. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

OTHER ITEMS

None

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

10. Discussion and Possible Action - Process for renting out Girls Club buildings (Joe Helfenberger).

Mr. Helfenberger reported if the City desires to rent to non-profit groups Happy House and Lolipop Daycare Center are interested. Mr. Helfenberger stated he needed direction on how to proceed.

Public Comment: Lavell George 123 NE Kurt Ct, Lake City, Jo-Ann George 1273 SW Canther PL, and Vanessa George addressed members and stated in discussions with Mr. Helfenberger they were under the impression the recommendation was for the City to rent the building to Lolipop Daycare. Ms. Vanessa George stated Lolipop is the only after school center for ages 6-12 in the County. The Georges are interested in renting the building for \$100 per year.

Mr. Helfenberger stated he was not sure if the other parties are still interested in the other building. He will reach out to Happy House to gauge their interest.

Mr. Hill made a motion for staff to make this happen for Lolipop for at least one of the buildings using the same offer that was provided to the other organization (Happy House). The motion did not receive a second.

Mr. Jefferson asked if there are any legal issues with non-profit v's profit for leasing public property. Mr. Koberlein responded there are no legal issues with not for profit aspect however, a term, compensation and legal premise must be identified. Mr. Koberlein stated he can craft a lease and use of property.

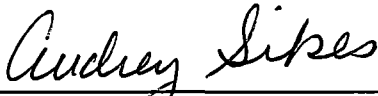
Members concurred by consensus for a final instrument to come back to council for consideration of 5 year with auto renewals, maintenance will be on renter, with \$1 a year fee lease.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Sampson requested Strategic Planning, a unified Vision Statement and to meet with the public to hear citizen's requests.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.



Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk