

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on December 21, 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, and via Communications Media Technology.

## PLEDGE OF ALIGANCE

## INVOCATION

Council Member Todd Sampson

## ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member  
City Council

City Attorney  
City Manager  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
City Clerk

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

## PROCLAMATIONS

None

## MINUTES

- [1.](#) City Council Regular Session July 20, 2020
- [2.](#) City Council Regular Session August 3, 2020
- [3.](#) City Council Regular Session August 17, 2020

**Mr. Greene made a motion to approve the July 20, 2020 Regular Session, August 3, 2020 Regular Session, and the August 17, 2020 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. Greene requested to move item #15 City Council Resolution No. 2020-149 as the 1<sup>st</sup> item in new business. Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

## PRESENTATIONS

None

## PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Stew Lilker, Fort White, Florida addressed members relating to City Utilities and the composition of the Utility Sub-Committee.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. Election and ratification of Mayor Witt's recommendation of Council Member Chris Greene to serve as Vice Mayor for FY21.

**Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of item “4” listed above. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

## OLD BUSINESS

### Ordinances

None

### Resolutions

None

### Other Items

None

## NEW BUSINESS

5. City Council Resolution No. 2020-149 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing members to serve on the Utility Advisory Committee to the City Council, as created by the code of the City of Lake City, Florida; repealing all resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-149, appointing members to serve on the Utility Advisory Committee. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

### Ordinances

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2173 - (first reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Ordinance No. 91-688, as amended, relating to an amendment to the text of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to application, CPA 20-10, by the City Council, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, providing for amending Policy I.1.2 of the future land use element by adding a mixed use land classification, repealing all ordinances in conflict, and providing an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2173, on first reading, amending City Council Ordinance**

No. 91-688, pursuant to application, CPA 20-10, by the City Council, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, providing for amending Policy I.1.2 of the future land use element by adding a mixed use land classification. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2174 – (first reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Section 102-36 of the City Code to provide for the waiver of impact fees for the development and construction of affordable housing; providing for repeal of ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to refer City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2174 to the Utility Advisory Committee for review and recommendation. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

8. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2175 - (first reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida to provide for the waiving and suspension of water and sewer impact fees for a period of twelve (12) months as an inducement for economic development; requiring any applicant seeking to take advantage of the development incentive to apply for and acquire a building permit and commence construction of the development prior to the expiration of the development period; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to refer City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2175 to the Utility Advisory Committee for review and recommendation. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

## RESOLUTIONS

9. City Council Resolution No. 2020-109 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting a utility easement from the Kinjac Corporation for the purpose of extending a water main and enabling future utility system improvement and routine operation and maintenance. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-109, accepting a utility easement from the Kinjac Corporation for the purpose of extending a water main and enabling future utility**

system improvement and routine operation and maintenance. **Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

10. City Council Resolution No. 2020-143 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting a utility easement from New Generation Christian Ministry, Inc., for the purpose of extending the water utilities. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-143, accepting a utility easement from New Generation Christian Ministry, Inc., for the purpose of extending water utilities. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

11. City Council Resolution No. 2020-144 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the acceptance of the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, wherein the Department of Transportation agrees to contribute up to eighty percent of the total eligible project costs, not to exceed a maximum of \$579,392.00, for the rehabilitation and preservation of Runway 5-23 at the Lake City Gateway Airport. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-144, authorizing the acceptance of the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, wherein the Department of Transportation agrees to contribute up to eighty percent of the total eligible project costs, not to exceed a maximum of \$579,392.00, for the rehabilitation and preservation of Runway 5-23 at the Lake City Gateway Airport. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

12. City Council Resolution No. 2020-145 – 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 a Third Judicial Circuit Mutual Aid Agreement between Municipalities and Sheriffs of counties located in the Third Judicial Circuit. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-145, authorizing the City, by and through, its police department, to enter into a Third Judicial Circuit Mutual Aid Agreement between Municipalities and Sheriffs of counties located in the Third Judicial Circuit. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

13. City Council Resolution No. 2020-146 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of the Cares Act Grant Agreement between Columbia County and Lake City, Florida, accepting the disbursement of \$27,699.71 from Cares Act Relief Funding. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-146, authorizing the execution of the Cares Act Grant Agreement between Columbia County and Lake City, Florida, accepting the disbursement of \$27,699.71 from Cares Act Relief Funding. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

14. City Council Resolution No. 2020-147 – 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 made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-147, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the Covid -19 Public Health Emergency. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

15. City Council Resolution No. 2020-148 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an agreement with Gulf Power Company conveying a utility easement to Gulf Power Company to include 0.039 acres of real property and concluding eminent domain litigation. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-148, authorizing the execution of an agreement with Gulf Power Company conveying a utility easement to Gulf Power Company to include 0.039 acres of real property and concluding eminent domain litigation. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

16. City Council Resolution No. 2020-150 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of the Second Amendment to the contract between the Florida Department of Corrections and City of Lake City for the use of inmate labor in work programs. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-150, authorizing the execution of the Second Amendment to the contract between the Florida Department of Corrections and City of Lake City for the use of inmate labor in work programs. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

17. City Council Resolution No. 2020-151 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, creating and establishing a Joint City-County Utility Committee; appointment members to serve on the committee; repealing all resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-151, creating and established a Joint City-County Utility Committee as amended. The amendment modifies the recital to reflect recommendations of the Joint City-County Utility Committee goes directly to the governing Boards (City of Lake City and the Columbia County Board of County Commission). Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

Public Comment: Stew Lilker addressed members regarding composition of the Committee.

## OTHER ITEMS

18. Discussion and Possible Action – Northeast Florida League of Cities Dinner Meeting – (Jake Hill) The Council previously authorized to host the December 2020 Dinner Meeting in Lake City. However, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the December 2020 Dinner Meeting was cancelled. The Northeast Florida league of Cities has asked if Lake City would be interested in hosting the December 2021 Dinner Meeting in Lake City. **Mr. Hill made a motion to host the Northeast Florida League of Cities Dinner Meeting, pending Covid-19, in December 2021. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

19. Discussion and Possible Action – To provide direction related to City Clerk contract. **Mr. Greene made a motion designating Mayor Witt as the City Council representative to negotiate with City Clerk Audrey Sikes regarding her contract. The motion provides authorization for the City Attorney to draw up and review the contract. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

20. Discussion and Possible Action- CARES Act Round Three (Joe Helfenberger).

Mr. Helfenberger reported there are some issues out there he is working through with the County. He anticipates to have this item back for discussion and action early next week.

#### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill reported in response to his recommendation for the termination of the City Attorney that he had met with Mr. Koberlein and it was a very productive meeting. Mr. Hill stated he would like to continue to work with the City Attorney and apologized to Mr. Koberlein.

Mr. Koberlein thanked Mr. Hill for his comments, and emphasized he enjoys what he does and appreciates each of the members.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.**

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk