

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on February 16, 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.

EVENTS PRIOR TO MEETING

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting - 5:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Council Member Jake Hill, Jr.

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
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
C. Todd Sampson
Frederick Koberlein, Sr.
Joseph Helfenberger
Chief Argatha Gilmore
Audrey Sikes

PROCLAMATIONS

1. City of Lake City Utility Proclamation. Mayor Witt presented the Utility Proclamation.

MINUTES - None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item # 14, City Council Resolution Number 2021-024 was recommended for removal from the agenda. **Mr. Greene made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. 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	Nay
Mayor Witt	Aye

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None

PRESENTATIONS

Public comments relating only to City Council Resolution No. 2021-015

Glenel Bowden spoke in support of a digital sign for Sallie Mae Jerry Park.

2. City Council Resolution No. 2021-015 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a Continuing Contract for Professional Architectural Services with Passero Associates, L.L.C., related to the construction of a new City Hall Complex and Westside Fire Station; authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number One related to the continuing contract; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-015, authorizing the execution of a Continuing Contract for Professional Architectural Services with Passero Associates, L.L.C., related to the construction of a new City Hall Complex and Westside Fire Station; authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number One related to the continuing contract. 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

3. Passero Presentation - New City Hall Options

Justin with Passero provided a PowerPoint presentation and covered the options.

Public Comment: Chase Moses with Hunt Moses Realty was in attendance to answer any questions for the members related to the Millenium Bank property.

Mr. Greene stated he is open to option 4 but fully supports option 3.

Mayor Witt supports option 4.

Mr. Helfenberger reported there is a 4-year timeline on City Hall in order to keep the gifted lots by Lake Shore Hospital Authority.

Mr. Jefferson supports option 4.

Discussion and Possible Action - New City Hall Options. **After discussing possible purchase and building options, Mr. Sampson made a motion authorizing the City Manager to move forward with negotiating for purchase the property's identified in option 4. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Linda Andrews addressed members regarding: Code Enforcement Amnesty Program, Utilities for mega site and the ordinance that bans chickens and other livestock.

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. 2020-2175. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2175 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2175. No one asked to be heard therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2175 - (final 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. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2175, on final reading, 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. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2178 - (first reading) An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Chapter 2, Article 2, of the City Code of ordinances; providing for amendments to the rules of meetings of the City Council and special standing committees; providing for amendments to the composition, function, and responsibilities of various special standing committees; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of conflicts; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. Members discussed items they would like to see in policy format via a resolution and not an ordinance. Members concurred to repeal the parts of the ordinance that can be repealed and pass a resolution to fill in the missing components. Mr. Jefferson stated section 2-39 of the ordinance needed to be modified to include the City Manager. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2178, on first reading, amending Chapter 2, Article 2, of the City Code of Ordinances; providing for amendments to the rules of meetings of the City Council and special standing**

committee; providing for amendments to the composition, function, and responsibilities of conflicts. 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

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2182 - (first reading) An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida by adding Section 2-184, to provide for the procurement of design-build contract; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing for codification; providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2182, on first reading, adding Section 2-184 to provide for the procurement of design-build contract. 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

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2183 - (first reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, relating to unlawful activity within public roads and rights-of-way; amending Chapter 98 of the City of Lake City Code to further prohibit activities that interfere with public safety and the primary purpose of public roads and rights-of-way; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2183, on first reading, relating to unlawful activity within public roads and rights-of-way; amending Chapter 98 of the City of Lake City Code to further prohibit activities that interfere with public safety and the primary purpose of public roads and rights-of-way. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

Resolutions

8. City Council Resolution No. 2021-013 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a Change Order to the contract between the City and SGS Contracting Services, Inc., relating to the replacement of the existing grit system at the St. Margarets Wastewater Treatment Facility, extending the project completion date an additional thirty (30) days, at an additional cost not-to-exceed \$268,700. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-**

013, authorizing the execution of a Change Order to the contract between the City and SGS Contracting Services, Inc., relating to the replacement of the existing grit system at the St. Margarets Wastewater Treatment Facility, extending the project completion date and additional thirty (3) days, at an additional cost not-to-exceed \$268,700. 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

9. City Council Resolution No. 2021-014 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an agreement with Southern Sewer Equipment Sales, for the City's leasing of one Vac-Con vacuum truck with a freightliner chassis at a maximum five-year lease price of \$402,610. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-014, authorizing the execution of an agreement with Southern Sewer Equipment Sales, for the City's leasing of one Vac-Con vacuum truck with a freightliner chassis at a maximum five-year lease price of \$402,610. 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

10. City Council Resolution No. 2021-018 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting a code of core values for civility and ethics; providing for repeal of previous policies; and establishing an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-018, a code of core values for civility, ethics and providing for repeal of previously policies. 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

11. City Council Resolution No. 2021-019 - 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. 2021-019, 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

12. City Council Resolution No. 2021-023 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing members to serve on the Beautification Advisory Committee; repealing all resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-23, appointing members to serve on the Beautification Advisory Committee and repealing all resolutions in conflict. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

13. City Council Resolution No. 2021-024 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing an application for the staffing for adequate fire and emergency response (SAFER) Grant; approving a contract with Firehouse Grants LLC, to provide grant writing services at a base cost of \$6,500. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-024, authorizing an application for the staffing for adequate fire and emergency response (SAFER) Grant; approving a contract with Firehouse Grants LLC, to provide grant writing services at a base cost of \$6,500. 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

14. City Council Resolution No. 2021-025 - 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. – **Removed from the agenda via motion on approval of agenda.**
15. City Council Resolution No. 2021-028 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the Lake City Police Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Learning for Life, a foreign non-profit corporation, which operates and maintains the program known as Exploring Youth Protection Training. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-028, authorizing the Lake City Police Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Learning for Life, a foreign non-profit corporation, which operates and maintains the program known as Exploring Youth Protection**

Training. 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

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Sampson provided an update on the County meeting regarding regional utilities

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk