

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on November 16, 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 – Council Member Eugene Jefferson

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
C. Todd Sampson
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Joseph Helfenberger
Chief Argatha Gilmore
Audrey Sikes

Mayor Witt presented outgoing City Council District 13 member Melinda Moses with an appreciation award and proclamation in recognition of her service on the City Council.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

At this time the Swearing in Ceremony was held for Mayor-Council Member at large, City Council District 12, and City Council District 13.

City Clerk Audrey Sikes administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Stephen M. Witt, Council Member Jake Hill, Jr., and Council Member Christopher Todd Sampson.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

MINUTES

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Kim Denmark – 2nd Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Ms. Denmark was unable to attend the meeting. No presentation given.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

2. The City held an Evaluation Committee Meeting on 11/12/2020 for RFQ001-2021 Owners Representative for the Design-Build Projects of the Westside Fire Station No. 2 and the new City Hall Complex. Passero Associates, LLC is the top-ranked firm. The committee is requesting the Council's consent to begin negotiations with Passero Associates, LLC.

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of item "2" listed above. Mr. Greene seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Glenel Bowden congratulated Mayor Witt, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Sampson on their elections. He also spoke briefly about a new organization, JEC.

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. 2020-2162. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2162 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2162. No one asked to be heard therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

3. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2162 (final reading), if adopted, amends the future land use classification from County Agriculture-3 (less than or equal to 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres) and County Light Industrial to City Industrial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. This property is owned by D & B Timber and Land Trust and is located on the north side of NW Bell Street. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2162, on final reading, amending the future land use classification from County Agriculture-3 (less than or equal to 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres) and County Light Industrial to City Industrial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. This property is owned by D & B Timber and Land Trust and is located on the north side of NW Bell Street. 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

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. 2020-2163. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2163 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2163. No one asked to be heard therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2163 - (final reading) if adopted, relates to the rezoning of ten or more contiguous acres of land from County Agricultural-3 (A3) and County Industrial, Light and Warehousing (ILW) to City Industrial, Light and Warehousing (ILW) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; proving severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. this property is owned by D & B Timber and Land Trust and is located on the north side of NW Bell Street. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2163, on final reading, relating to the rezoning of ten or more contiguous acres of land from County Agricultural-3 (A3) and County Industrial, Light and Warehousing (ILW) to City Industrial, Light and Warehousing (ILW) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. This property is owned by D & B Timber and Land Trust and is located on the north side of NW Bell Street. 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

NEW BUSINESS ORDINANCES

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2167 (first reading and transmittal public hearing), if adopted will amend Ordinance No. 91-688, as amended, relating to an amendment to the text of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, Pursuant to application, CPS 20-06, 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 changing the floor area ratio from less than or equal to 0.50 to less than or equal to 1.0 within the Industrial Land Use classification; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2167, on first reading, 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, CPS 20-06, 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 changing the floor area ratio from less than or equal to 0.50 to less than or equal to 1.0 within the Industrial Land Use 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

RESOLUTIONS

6. City Council Resolution No. 2020-128 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the annual operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution 2020-128, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the annual operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019. 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 Resolution No. 2020-129 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the addition of the current Assistant City Manager as an authorized signator of all checks, vouchers, transfers or disbursements on all bank accounts of the City of Lake City, Florida. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-129, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the addition of the current Assistant City Manager as an authorized signator of all checks, vouchers, transfers or disbursements on all bank accounts of the City of Lake City, Florida. 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

8. City Council Resolution No. 2020-130 - 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. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-130, 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.**

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

9. City Council Resolution No. 2020-134 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing Task Assignment Number Two to the continuing contract with Mittauer & Associates, Inc., a Florida Corporation, for preparation of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit City Council Regular Session

Agenda November 16, 2020 application renewal for St. Margarets Waste Water Treatment Facility at a total cost not-to-exceed \$15,764.00. Attorney Koberlein informed members there is a typo in the title of the Resolution and it should reflect \$15,764.00, not \$15,724.00. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-134, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing Task Assignment Number Two to the continuing contract with Mittauer & Associates, Inc., a Florida Corporation, for preparation of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit City Council Regular Session Agenda November 16, 2020 application renewal for St. Margarets Waste Water Treatment Facility at a total cost not-to-exceed \$15,764.00. 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

OTHER ITEMS

10. City Clerk Contract (Mayor Witt) -On November 3, 2020 the voters passed City Charter Amendment Number Three, Section 306 - Duties of the City Clerk. This amendment states the City Clerk shall have a written contract. A motion is needed to begin the negotiation process for a contract for the City Clerk.

Public Comment: Glenel Bowden addressed Council regarding the need for the negotiations to be held in the Sunshine.

Public Comment: Stew Lilker addressed Council regarding the City Clerk having her own attorney for negotiations.

Mr. Greene would like negotiations to take place, with the finalized contract brought back for Council approval.

Members concurred for Ms. Sikes to bring her own contract forward to Council.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

11. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of feasibility study for water route to serve the North Florida Mega Industrial Park (Joe Helfenberger)

Mr. Greene made a motion to approve a feasibility study for water route to serve the North Florida Mega Industrial Park. Mr. Sampson 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

Public Comment: Stew Lilker suggested for the Council to send a representative to the county meetings.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill and the Mayor welcomed Mr. Sampson.

Mr. Sampson stated he would like to serve on the Utility Committee and Airport Committee.

Mr. Sampson asked for an update on the Cares Funds for first responders. Mr. Helfenberger reported he sent a request with detailed records to the county. Mr. Kraus stated it would go before the auditor to see if it was eligible.

Mr. Sampson also asked if he could receive the packet on Wednesday, before the meeting.

Mr. Greene and Mr. Jefferson congratulated Mr. Hill on reelection and welcomed Mr. Sampson.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk