

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on March 15, 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 – 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
Chris Greene
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. Sampson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Bid#ITB-007-2021 - Aviation Annual Fuel Contract. The City received four (4) bids for ITB-007-2021. Titan Aviation was the low bidder. Procurement recommends to award contract to Titan Aviation.

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of item “1” identified above. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Fred Handy, NE State Drinking Water Circuit Rider Florida Rural Water Association - Open Forum Discussion - Hydrogen peroxide system used by High Springs for Water Treatment.
Mr. Handy did not provide a presentation. He spoke about the system utilized by High Springs and held an open forum discussion for the members.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Linda Andrews – 366 St Johns St, Lake City – encouraged members to amend City Council Ordinance No. 2003-984 and spoke in favor of being able to have chickens in the city limits.

Glenel Bowden – online call – spoke in opposition to the City providing water to Ft. White.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions

3. 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. Public Comment: Rocky Ford representing the Columbia County Board of County Commission, reported the board voted to put two (2) members on the committee. The two members authorized by the County Commission are Rocky Ford and Tim Murphy. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-025, appointing members to serve on the Utility Advisory Committee to the City Council, as amended. The amendment strikes all members identified in the resolution and appoints the membership as follows: two (2) City Council members, two (2) Columbia County Board of County Commissioners, City Manager, County Manager, Executive Director of Utilities and Columbia County Economic Director. 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	Nay
Mayor Witt	Aye

4. City Council Resolution No. 2021-027 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing members to serve on the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee; repealing all resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No.2021-027, appointing members to serve on the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

5. City Council Resolution No. 2021-039 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the City, by and through the Lake City Police Department, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Children and Families for future criminal investigations. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-039, authorizing the Lake City Police Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Children and Families for future criminal investigations. 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

6. City Council Resolution No. 2021-040 - 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. 2021-040, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. 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

7. City Council Resolution No. 2021-041 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing Task Assignment Number Two to the Continuing Contract with Gmuer Engineering, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, for the replacement and extension of water mains serving the Columbia High School at a cost not-to-exceed \$8,100.00. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-041, authorizing Task Assignment Number Two to the Continuing Contract with Gmuer Engineering, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, for the replacement and extension of water mains serving the Columbia High School at a cost not-to-exceed \$8,100.00. 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. 2021-042 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the acceptance of a grant award in an amount of up to \$322,000.00, from the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, for the

reimbursement of allowable costs associated with the removal of sand and grit from the St. Margaret's Wastewater Treatment Facility. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-042, authorizing the acceptance of a grant award in an amount of up to \$322,000.00, from the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, for the reimbursement of allowable costs associated with the removal of sand and grit from the St. Margaret's Wastewater Treatment Facility. 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

9. City Council Resolution No. 2021-043 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Section 2-32 of the City Code relating to the calling of special meetings; repealing all resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-043, amending Section 2-32 of the City Code relating to the calling of special meetings. 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	Nay
Mayor Witt	Aye

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

10. Discussion and Possible Action - Sale of property located at 915 NW Eadie Street.

Dave Young stated he would like guidance on how to proceed.

Mr. Greene advised for staff to move forward with all excess properties so the public has equal opportunity to bid on them. The first step is to identify the properties and the bid process.

Mr. Helfenberger stated staff would come back at the next meeting with recommendations.

11. Discussion and Possible Action - Experimental Aircraft Association B-17 Tour Host - March 26th - 28th, 2021 (Brad Byrd).

Mr. Byrd reported the involvement of the City would be use of the FBO (Fixed Base Operator), ramp and avgas sales. This association is non-profit.

Mr. Greene made a motion to host the Experimental Aircraft Association B-17 Tour March 26th – 28th, 2021. 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

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Greene resigned as Chairman of the Utility Advisory Committee and requested to be removed from the committee.

Mr. Sampson spoke on SB402 relating to legal notices and feels the City should support that stance with a resolution.

Mr. Helfenberger reported an opinion had been received from outside legal counsel regarding the ownership of Olustee Park. He stated the park is owned by Columbia County. **Mr. Greene made a motion to send a copy of the letter relating to the ownership of Olustee Park to the County. 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

Mr. Helfenberger announced activities for the City of Lake City for the months of April and May.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk