

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on November 15, 2021 beginning at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida. Members of the public also viewed the meeting live on our YouTube Channel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Councilmember Todd Sampson

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

City Attorney
Interim City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

Stephen M. Witt – tardy
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
C. Todd Sampson
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Michael Williams – absent
Assistant Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

MINUTES

1. October 26, 2021 Special Session
2. November 1, 2021 Regular Session
3. November 8, 2021 Special Session

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the October 26, 2021 Special Session, November 1, 2021 Regular Session, and November 8, 2021 Special Session minutes as presented. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Glenel Bowden spoke on his past and requested the LED sign for Annie Mattox Park to be on the agenda.
- Shawn Holmgren spoke in opposition of the LED sign being on the agenda and suggested revisiting the financial commitments of the City.
- Sylvester Warren spoke in favor of the sign for Sally Mae Jerry Park and in support of unification for all of downtown.
- Vanessa George encouraged members to keep speakers on point and to agenda topics.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. City Council Resolution No. 2021-160 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Columbia County, Florida; providing for the engagement of the County's building official on an interim basis to act as the City's building official; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren asked for clarification on how the public was to interact with Growth Management.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shawn Holmgren asked if the County's building official would be able to verify permits and insurance on contractors.

City Attorney Fred Koberlein Jr. stated item #4 does not address Code Enforcement, as it only pertains to the Building Official.

PRESENTATIONS

5. 3rd Annual Thanksgiving "Unity in the Community" Dinner (Kim Denmark)
Ms. Denmark was not in attendance.
6. Lake City Columbia County Humane Society, Inc. - Request for the City to remove the provisions on page 2 of the Deed requiring the land shall be used for the sole purpose of providing animal shelter facilities and services for the citizens of Lake City and Columbia County, Florida by a not for profit entity. (Attorney Marlin Feagle)

Mr. Feagle represented the interests of the Humane Society and provided a brief background. He reported the Humane Society desires to expand their facility, but can not borrow funds due to the reverter clause. Mr. Feagle asked for the reverter clause to be released and to provide the Humane Society a new quit claim deed.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to release the reverter clause and to craft a new quit claim deed. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

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. 2021-2209. City Council

Ordinance No. 2021-2209 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2209. No one asked to be heard therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2209 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida; amending the code of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing for amendments to Chapter 70, Article V ("Firefighters' Retirement"); providing for codification; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2209, amending the code of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing for amendments to Chapter 70, Article V ("Firefighters' Retirement"), and providing for codification. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

OTHER ITEMS

8. Discussion and Possible Action - Fire Pension Board Appointee (Mayor Witt)
Mayor Witt reminded members an appointment for the Fire Pension Board is needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions

9. City Council Resolution No. 2021-166 - 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, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren inquired why the budget was being amended.

Finance Director Donna Duncan responded the City was required, within 60 days, to make any necessary amendments.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shawn Holmgren stated financial commitments already made need to be funded.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2021-166, amending the annual operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

10. City Council Resolution No. 2021-170 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing members to the Planning and Zoning Board, and the Board of Adjustments, and the Historical Board in accordance with Ordinance 2201-2201; providing for various terms of office; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2021-170 as revised, appointing members to the Planning and Zoning Board, and the Board of Adjustments, and the Historical Board in accordance with Ordinance 2201-2201, and providing for various terms of office. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

11. City Council Resolution No. 2021-171 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida ratifying the execution of Task Assignment Number Twenty to the Continuing Contract with North Florida Professional Services, Inc., a Florida Corporation; providing for engineering services relating to the Price Creek Water Treatment Plant Access Road; providing for the payment for the professional services at a not to exceed cost of \$3,900.00; providing for conflict; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2021-171, ratifying the execution of Task Assignment Number Twenty to the Continuing Contract with North Florida Professional Services, Inc., a Florida Corporation; providing for engineering services relating to the Price Creek Water Treatment Plant Access Road; providing for the payment for the professional services at a not to exceed cost of \$3,900.00. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

12. City Council Resolution No. 2021-172 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the personnel manual for City employees; providing for the amendment of Section 9.09 titled "Holidays" providing for the addition of the Juneteenth Holiday; providing for severability; providing for conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2021-172, amending the personnel manual for City employees; providing for the amendment of Section 9.09 titled "Holidays" providing for the addition of the Juneteenth Holiday. Mr. Hill seconded the motion.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren spoke in support of the addition of the Juneteenth Holiday.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

13. City Council Resolution No. 2021-173 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Local No. 2288 of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO; providing for the amendment of Article 14 titled "Wages and Classifications; providing for severability; providing for conflict; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2021-173, authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Local No. 2288 of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, and providing for the amendment of Article 14 titled "Wages and Classifications. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

14. Status of Investment Accounts we have with the Florida League of Cities (Finance Director Donna Duncan)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shawn Holmgren asked to confirm with Donna Duncan that all pay scales were reverted back to the prior year's pay scale, referencing Mr. Greene's motion, before he resigned, that any retroactive raises were frozen.

Donna Duncan presented to Council the status of Investment Accounts as a requirement of the investment policy. She reported Jim Gollahon, an investment advisor, had retired and the Council needed to be considering a replacement.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to authorize the Interim City Manager to look into what the process is, to see if he can search for a financial advisor, or get with procurement for options. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren asked Council for an update on the ARPA funds.

Mayor Witt expressed suggested a workshop by the 1st of the year to address all issues on finance. Council concurred to hold a meeting the 1st week in December.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Hill stated he will do his due diligence regarding Waste Pro complaints. He reported he had met with Frank Kramer relating to the concerns he expressed at the last meeting.

Mr. Sampson read an email from Interim City Manager Michael Williams with an update on the new City Hall.

Mr. Koberlein reminded council of the litigation session meeting that is needed for two pending cases. The meeting is necessary for the members to render advice and to discuss strategy. The meeting will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk

Note: Mayor Witt appointed Council Member Todd Sampson to Chair the meeting in his absence. Upon Mayor Witt's arrival at the meeting, he resumed chairing the remainder of the meeting.