

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on November 21, 2022 beginning at 6:00 PM, at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium located at 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, FL 32055. Members of the public also viewed the meeting on our YouTube Channel.

EVENTS PRIOR TO MEETING - 5:00 PM Reception to recognize outgoing City Council District 10 Member Eugene Jefferson and to introduce to the community new City Council District 10 Member, Chevella Young and new City Council District 14 Member, Ricky Jernigan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Council Member Jake Hill, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
C. Todd Sampson
Todd Kennon
Paul Dyal
Chief Gerard Butler
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

RECOGNITION OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Mayor Witt recognized Community Program Manager, Terri Phillips for receiving the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award.

APPRECIATION AWARD AND PROCLAMATION

Mayor Witt presented Mr. Jefferson with an appreciation award as well as a proclamation in recognition of his years of service with the City of Lake City.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Sylvester Warren
- Anthony Hubbert

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

City Clerk Audrey Sikes swore in new City Council District 10 Member, Chevella Young and new City Council District 14 Member, Ricky Jernigan.

MINUTES

1. November 7, 2022 Regular Session

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the November 7, 2022 regular session minutes as presented. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Authorize request from the Fire Department to hire Firehouse Grants at a cost of \$4,500 to write the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for replacement of aging air packs.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the item listed above. Ms. Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Other Items

- 3. Discussion and Possible Action: Update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds (City Manager Paul Dyal and Finance Director Angela Taylor)

Mr. Dyal updated members on projects the American Rescue Plan Act had funded thus far:

Bell Street Wastewater Improvements	\$403,000.00
Price Creek 24" Water Main	\$268,000.00
Security Cameras-All Parks	\$100,000.00
Senior Home Repair Program	\$250,000.00
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Fire Furniture & Equipment for New Station	\$122,000.00

Mr. Dyal reported there was \$4,793,544.00 leftover of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds earmarked.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

- 4. Discussion and Possible Action: Consider third allocation of \$250,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to County for Senior Home Repair Program (Council Member Todd Sampson)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Davion Jones; Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson is open to consideration of allocating additional funds for the Senior Home Repair Program upon completion of the \$750,000.00 program awards.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve adding an additional \$250,000.00 to the Senior Home Repair Program. The motion identifies the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) as the funding source. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Mr. Sampson Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Ms. Young Aye
Mr. Jernigan Aye
Mayor Witt Aye**

- 5. Discussion and Possible Action: Update on tax deed sale for parcel #11481-000 for Sallie Mae Jerry Park improvements. (Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)
Note: This eminent domain process was approved by Council on 8/4/2022.

Mayor Witt confirmed with City Attorney Todd Kennon that Mr. Sampson would only need to follow the payment procedure with City Staff when purchasing the property.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Kennon reported his office was almost ready to file suit on the remaining smaller piece of property.

Mr. Hill inquired as to the new sign ordered for the park.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions

- 6. City Council Resolution No. 2022-127 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Columbia County, Florida related to the Emergency Home Repair Program for eligible citizens; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-127, authorizing the execution of amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Columbia County, Florida related to the Emergency Home Repair Program for eligible citizens. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

**Mr. Sampson Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Ms. Young Aye
Mr. Jernigan Aye
Mayor Witt Aye**

7. City Council Resolution No. 2022-128 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing an amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation, providing for lightning protection for all lights on the airfield at Lake City Gateway Airport; providing for severability; providing for conflict; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-128, authorizing an amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation, providing for lightning protection for all lights on the airfield at Lake City Gateway Airport. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

8. City Council Resolution No. 2022-129 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, providing for the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lake City, Florida and the Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, Inc., Lake City Fraternal Order of Police Lodge Number 187; providing for severability; providing for conflict; and providing for an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson and Mr. Hill reported they were not in support of a raise that was not budgeted.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-129, providing for the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lake City, Florida and the Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, Inc., Lake City Fraternal Order of Police Lodge Number 187. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed on a 3-2 vote.

Mr. Sampson	Nay
Mr. Hill	Nay
Ms. Young	Nay
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

9. City Council Resolution No. 2022-130 - 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 Veteran's Affairs to provide Law Enforcement services as needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-130, authorizing the City, by and through the Lake City Police Department, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Veteran's Affairs to provide Law Enforcement services as needed. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Other Items – None

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt and Mr. Hill welcomed Mr. Jernigan and Ms. Young.

Mr. Sampson requested the City Manager position be on the next agenda for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk