

The City Utility Advisory Committee for the City of Lake City met on April 21, 2021, at 2:00 PM in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located on 205 North Marion Ave, Lake City, Florida.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Executive Director of Utilities	Paul Dyal
County Commissioner	Rocky Ford - absent
City Manager	Joseph Helfenberger
Columbia Co. Economic Development	Glenn Hunter
City Council Member	Eugene Jefferson
County Manager	David Kraus
County Commissioner	Tim Murphy
City Council Member – Chairman	Todd Sampson
City Attorney	Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
City Clerk – Committee Secretary	Audrey Sikes

MINUTES

1. March 31, 2021

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the March 31, 2021 minutes as presented. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Kraus made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE – None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion and Possible Action: Materials/Pipe for Projects are increasing in price and decreasing in availability.

Mr. Dyal provided an update on material prices. He stated costs are increasing every day and vendors anticipate long project delays.

Mr. Scott reported quotes are only valid for short periods of time and to expect a lot of delays.

3. Discussion and Possible Action: Wastewater Treatment at North Florida Mega Industrial Park.

Mr. Kraus stated the Suwannee River Water Management District was ready to move forward with the application. He anticipates the application going to the Department of Environmental Protection in August.

Mr. Helfenberger stated he and Mr. Kraus would address the financials with the city and county attorneys.

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Joint Funding for Utility Expansion Projects – Bell Street Corridor and other Projects.

Jaimie Bell, Jones Edmunds, was available to answer questions for the members. She stated, per the report from last year, the total recommended cost with contingency is \$4.42 million. However, she anticipates the total is now closer to \$6 million due to the increase in material cost. Ms. Bell reported this would be a 2 - 3-year project and grant options are still being explored.

Mr. Hunter will estimate flows on what is needed and report back. Ms. Bell will work up the revised numbers.

Mr. Hunter asked Ms. Bell to research the last 10 projects and provide a report at the next meeting.

Mr. Murphy recommended obtaining a preliminary number to have for the upcoming budget process.

Members discussed the potential growth opportunity for a small plant on the north side.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Potable Water Route for North Florida Mega Industrial Park.

Ms. Bell provided an update on the route and recommends a 24" line. The draft will be provided to the City on May 7, 2021 and can be presented any time after that date.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Sewer for North Florida Mega Industrial Park.

Mr. Dyal provided an update on the system for the North Florida Mega Industrial Park.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule.

Mr. Osborn reported this is currently not regulated but will be very soon. He discussed the importance of safety precautions to protect the water system.

8. Discussion and Possible Action: Lead and Copper Rule Revision.

Mr. Osborn reported this is a new rule and will be very costly. He reviewed the grant funding options available to the City and stated the City needs to get started on this project very soon. Mr. Osborn expressed the need for a new administrative assistant to handle all the paperwork and 2 new service technicians to handle the increased workload.

Ms. Bell briefly spoke about the American Rescue Plan and potential funding that may be allocated per county to include water infrastructure.

9. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of Projects.

Mr. Helfenberger updated the Committee on the status of current projects.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting on a motion duly made and seconded.

Audrey E. Sikes, Committee Secretary