

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on August 17, 2020 beginning at 6:00 P.M., via Communications Media Technology.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Vice Mayor/Council Member Melinda Moses

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor/Council Member	Melinda Moses
City Council	Chris Greene
	Jake Hill, Jr.
	Eugene Jefferson
City Attorney	Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
City Manager	Joseph Helfenberger
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Argatha Gilmore
City Clerk	Audrey Sikes

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

None

In absence of minutes for the August 10, 2020 Special Meeting, City Clerk Audrey Sikes asked for a memorandum to be included in the agenda packet documenting council action taken at the meeting. Official minutes from the meeting will be presented at the September meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Ms. Lauren Yeatter, AICP, Senior Planner, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, presented a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for up to \$1,500,000.

Upon completion of the presentation, Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing to receive comments on the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

(FDEO) Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to speak regarding the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or if anyone wished to address the City Council for public comments.

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- A. Bruce Borders addressed council regarding ownership of Olustee Park as it relates to the location of the monument.
- B. Glenel Bowden asked the City Clerk and City Attorney if the Zoom recordings were available via a public records request. Ms. Sikes responded the recordings are available to the public.
- C. Sylvester Warren addressed council regarding defunding the Lake City Police Department or at a minimum reprioritizing the Police Departments budget.
- D. Lauren Yeatter requested direction from the council for the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council to work with City Staff to put together the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application.

Mayor Witt asked if anyone else wanted to speak regarding the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). No additional persons requested to speak regarding the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); therefore, Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval to accept donation in the amount of \$11,718.35 from the Rotary Club of Lake City to the City of Lake City. This donation is to purchase playground equipment for the Rotary Playground located near the Darby Pavilion in Wilson Park.
- B. Approval for the Police Department to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant FY2020 in the amount of \$11,466.11. The funds will be used to purchase protective gear and entry tools for the safety of the officers in their tactical enforcement and apprehension.
- C. Approval for the Police Department to apply for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant FY2020 in the amount of \$14,125.28. The funds will be used to purchase outer carriers (vests) with pockets that would allow equipment to be moved from the officer's gun belt.

Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of items "A", "B", and "C" identified above. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance No. 2020-2162 (first reading), if adopted, amends the 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 first reading, amending the 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. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

2. Ordinance No. 2020-2163 (first reading), if adopted, relates to the rezoning of ten or more contiguous acres of land from County Agricultural-3 (A-3) 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; 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. Greene made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2163, on first reading, relating to the rezoning of ten or more contiguous acres of land from County Agricultural-3 (A-3) 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. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Greene	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

3. Ordinance No. 2020-2164 (first reading), if adopted, will repeal Ordinance No. 2016-2081; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2164, on first reading, repealing Ordinance No. 2016-2081. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

B. RESOLUTIONS:

At this time, Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for comments from the public regarding City Council Resolution No. 2020-071, the Sale of Surplus Property Brandon Brent Water System. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding the Sale of Surplus Property Brandon Brent Water System. No one asked to be heard regarding the Sale of Surplus Property Brandon Brent Water System, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

1. City Council Resolution No. 2020-071, if adopted, will authorize the sale of the Brandon Brent Water System, a City owned utility, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 180.301, Florida Statutes and Section 2-183 of the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida, to Florida Utility Services 1, LLC, at a price of \$70,800.00. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-071, authorizing the sale of the Brandon Brent Water System, a City owned utility, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 180.301, Florida Statutes and Section 2-183 of the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida, to Florida Utility Services 1, LLC, at a price of \$70,800.00. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Greene	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

2. City Council Resolution No. 2020-061, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a Partial Settlement Agreement relating to the redevelopment of the property located in Block 14 of the Central Division of the City, A/K/A "The Blanche" with Blanche Hotel Redevelopment, LLC, and Integrity Development Partners, LLC, and Blanche Master Tenant, LLC, and IDP Blanche Manager, LLC, and Blanche Financial Corporation, Inc. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-061, authorizing the City to enter into a Partial Settlement Agreement relating to the redevelopment of the property located in Block 14 of the Central Division of the City, A/K/A "The Blanche" with Blanche Hotel Redevelopment, LLC, and Integrity Development Partners, LLC, and Blanche Master Tenant, LLC, and IDP Blanche Manager, LLC, and Blanche Financial Corporation, Inc. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Hill asked what kind of agreement this resolution is presenting.

Mr. Helfenberger responded this is a settlement to settle the delay in completing the project.

Mr. Greene	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Nay
Mayor Witt	Aye

3. City Council Resolution No. 2020-072, if adopted, will ratify the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-072, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

4. City Council Resolution No. 2020-075, if adopted, will accept the Bid (ITB-020-2020) from ABA-CON, Inc. for the purchase and installation of one (1) twenty thousand (20,000) gallon Jet-A-Fuel System and authorizes the City to execute an Agreement with the contractor.

Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-075, accepting the Bid (ITB-020-2020) from ABA-CON, Inc. for the purchase and installation of one (1) twenty thousand (20,000) gallon Jet-A-Fuel System and authorizes the City to execute an Agreement with the contractor.

Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Greene	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

C. Discussion and Possible Action: Rotary Club Christmas Parade tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2020 (Mayor Witt)

Mr. Greene stated he would support to hold a Christmas Parade.

Ms. Moses stated Rotary is looking at other alternatives.

Mayor Witt asked Mr. Helfenberger to reach out to Rotary and report back to Council.

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Helfenberger reported he is negotiating with a couple of parties on the relocation of the monument. He will have something back to Council as soon as possible.

Mr. Helfenberger stated he is strongly urging citizens to social distance and wear a mask.

Mr. Greene inquired if ownership of Olustee Park has been determined. Mr. Helfenberger stated a survey is needed for a final determination on the park ownership or monument. He will send the County a formal letter regarding a quick claim deed for the property. Mr. Greene asked for an update on Federal Benchmark options. Mr. Helfenberger stated it would take about two months to move and he would obtain quotes on relocating the geometric marker.

Mr. Greene stated he would prefer to wait on the certificate of occupancy for the Blanche until the liens are cleared up. Attorney Koberlein stated the certificate of occupancy will not be issued until liens are lifted from property.

Mr. Jefferson inquired if Olustee Battlefield was one of the possibilities for relocation of the monument.

Ms. Lauren Yeatter addressed Council and asked for direction on moving forward with the Community Development Block Grant application. **Mr. Greene made a motion to authorize the North Central Florida Planning Council staff to work with City staff to develop a Community Development Block Grant application. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion.**

Mr. Greene	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Mayor Witt asked Ms. Yeatter when the second public hearing will be set. Ms. Yeatter responded the second public hearing is tentatively set for September 21st.

12. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk