

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

The City Utility Advisory Committee for the City of Lake City met on October 27, 2021, at 3:00 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 – absent
County Commissioner	Rocky Ford – absent
Interim City Manager	Michael Williams
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. July 21, 2021

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the July 21, 2021 minutes as presented. Mr. Williams 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. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE – None

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discussion and Possible Action - Status of Ongoing Projects

*Jamie Bell with Jones Edmunds was unable to attend.

Director of Natural Gas, Steve Brown, provided a status update of ongoing projects.

Director of Wastewater, Cody Pridgeon, provided an update on the tank cleaning at St. Margarets.

3. Discussion and Possible Action - Status of Projects (Jamie Bell, Jones Edmunds)

Director of Water Treatment, Mike Osborn, reported we are still working with the Suwannee River Water Management District on ground water modeling.

4. Discussion and Possible Action - Master Plan (Jamie Bell, Jones Edmunds)

Steven Brown reported Jones Edmunds was given the information needed to develop the Master Plan.

5. Discussion and Possible Action - Potable Water Route for North Florida Mega Industrial (Jaime Bell, Jones Edmunds)

Interim City Manager Michael Williams reported he has met with the college and discussed the drainage issue as well as the possibility of a moat. This would be implemented through obtaining a River Grant.

6. Discussion and Possible Action - Joint Funding for Utility Expansion Projects - Bell Street Corridor and other projects

Mr. Brown updated the committee on utility expansion projects.

Chairman Sampson reported the City Council voted for engineering funds to aid in this.

County Manager David Kraus reported there was appropriate funding for two projects, and asked if the County could pay the City and have the City hire the work out with the contractors of their choice.

Mr. Sampson stated he would like to see Covid funds being used for infrastructure if the City was unable to obtain grants to offset the costs.

Mr. Williams reported the City would work jointly with Glen Hunter to obtain funding.

7. Discussion and Possible Action - Alternative Water Supply Study Update

Mr. Brown reported this should be ready to go out for bid soon.

8. Discussion and Possible Action - Septage at St. Margarets Wastewater Treatment Facility (Cody Pridgeon, Wastewater Director)

Mr. Pridgeon reported there must be a plan in place by March 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Utilities at Quail Heights (Chairman Sampson)

Mr. Sampson and committee discussed the utilities at Quail Heights. Mr. Sampson inquired what the steps would be to get this underway.

Mr. Kraus reported this would take the acquisition of their private water system and mentioned the importance of the placement of retention ponds on this particular property, and arranging the upgraded system in that area.

Mr. Kraus suggested building a plan to see what courses of action would be available for the system, and to get started on an annexation agreement plan to present to citizens that want City utilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Members concurred to meet in January.

Mr. Hunter invited committee members to the next Economic Board Council meeting, the first Wednesday of November.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.

Audrey E. Sikes, MMC City Clerk
Committee Secretary