

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on March 7, 2022 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 on our YouTube Channel.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen Witt

#### ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member  
City Council

Stephen M. Witt  
Jake Hill, Jr.  
Eugene Jefferson  
C. Todd Sampson  
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.  
Paul Dyal  
Interim Chief Gerald Butler  
Audrey Sikes

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

Mayor Witt covered meeting decorum expected at the City Council Meeting.

#### PROCLAMATIONS

1. Water Conservation Month - April 2022

Mayor Witt presented the April 2022 proclamation to Water Plant Director Mike Osborne.

#### MINUTES

2. February 22, 2022 Regular Session

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the February 22, 2022 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to move Item #8 prior to Item #4 on the agenda. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

#### PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Sylvester Warren
- Vanessa George
- Glenel Bowden

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

3. On February 22, 2022 City Council voted to appoint Sean McMahon and Ann McKellum to the Planning and Zoning Board, the Board of Adjustments and the Historical Board. City Council Resolution No. 2022-026 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing Sean McMahon and Ann McKellum to serve as members on the Planning and Zoning Board, the Board of Adjustments, and the Historical Board; and providing an effective date.

**Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Item #3 identified above. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

PRESENTATIONS – None

## OLD BUSINESS

8. Discussion and Possible Action - Annie Mattox Recreation Center, Inc. license agreement regarding funding request for Annie Mattox Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson stated there must be a background check for volunteering and board members; he would like to see a Sunshine provision expanded to see fully noticed and open meetings; a perpetual easement for lights and cameras to be maintained; a requirement to make the park public; and signage that is consistent with all other parks.

Mr. Hill agreed with Mr. Sampson on the requirement of a background check and stated he supported Annie Mattox.

Mr. Jefferson inquired about the County's license agreement and asked how the City's agreement would fit in with it.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

City Attorney Fred Koberlein confirmed what the Council would like to see in the agreement: inclusion of background checks; notices of board meetings; maintenance of the lighting for ten years, and camera maintenance for the duration of time the City owns them.

Members concurred to move forward as described and to come back with a resolution.

## 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. 2022-2215. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2215 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard**

regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2215. No one asked to speak on City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2215, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2215 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the official zoning atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 21-08, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Commercial Intensive (CI) to Commercial, Highway Interchange (CHI) 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. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2215, amending the official zoning atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 21-08, by the property owner of said acreage, and providing for rezoning from Commercial Intensive (CI) to Commercial, Highway Interchange (CHI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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| <b>Mr. Sampson</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Hill</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Jefferson</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Witt</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |

#### Other Items

5. Action Item - Dr. Christopher M. Esing - Requesting permission to erect a historic marker in Olustee Park. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to move forward with the installation of a historical marker in May of 2022 in Olustee Park. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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| <b>Mr. Jefferson</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Sampson</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Hill</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Witt</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |

6. Discussion and Possible Action - Demolition of Building (old pool house) at Memorial Stadium

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Dyal reported he does not have any costs at this time, but is expecting them this week. **Mr. Hill made a motion to demolish the old pool house building at Memorial Stadium. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

- 7. Discussion and Possible Action - City Manager Position - Renee Narloch will participate via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

Ms. Narloch updated members on the process of recruiting additional candidates and stated by the next Council meeting she should be prepared to make a recommendation of candidates. She suggested video interviews to be held as soon as possible after the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Mr. Hill restated he was not in favor of candidates who were interviewing for other positions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Stew Lilker

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

Mr. Jefferson concurred with Mr. Bowden, stating if the candidates were in negotiations, the City should be aware of that.

- 9. Discussion and Possible Action - Fire Pension Board Appointee (Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt reminded members there was still a need for a Fire Pension Board Appointee.

- 10. Discussion and Possible Action - Police Officers Pension Board Appointee (Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt reminded members there was still a need for a Police Officers Pension Board appointee.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Ordinances

- 11. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2216 (first reading) - An ordinance of Lake City, Florida, correcting a scrivener's error in the legal description of certain property that was located in Columbia County, Florida, which was reasonable compact, and contiguous to the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida, that was voluntarily annexed into the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida, by Ordinance No. 2021-2207, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 21-03; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (Southwest Georgia Oil Corporation) **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2216, correcting a scrivener's**

error in the legal description of certain property that was located in Columbia County, Florida, which was reasonable compact, and contiguous to the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida, that was voluntarily annexed into the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida, by Ordinance No. 2021-2207, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 21-03. 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 |

Resolutions

12. City Council Resolution No. 2022-024 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed; providing for the conveyance of real property to the Lake City-Columbia County Humane Society, Inc.; providing for the reservation of a perpetual easement for city utilities; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2022-024, authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed; providing for the conveyance of real property to the Lake City-Columbia County Humane Society, Inc., and providing for the reservation of a perpetual easement for city utilities. 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 |

13. City Council Resolution No. 2022-025 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number One to the Continuing Contract with North Florida Professional Services, Inc., a Florida Corporation; providing for engineering services related to the permitting and construction of an amphitheater at Wilson Park; providing for the payment for the professional services at a cost not to exceed \$21,500.00; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2022-025, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number One to the Continuing Contract with North Florida Professional Services, Inc., a Florida Corporation; providing for engineering services related to the permitting and construction of an amphitheater at Wilson Park, and providing for the payment for the professional services at a cost not to exceed \$21,500.00. 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 |

Other Items

14. Discussion and Possible Action - City to sponsor Northeast Florida League Dinner Meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2022. (Council Member Jake Hill)

**Mr. Hill made a motion to host the Northeast Florida League Dinner Meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2022. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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| <b>Mr. Hill</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Sampson</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Jefferson</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Witt</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

15. Discussion and Possible Action - Police Officer Trainee Job Description (Interim Police Chief Gerald Butler)

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the Police Officer Trainee Job Description as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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| <b>Mr. Sampson</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Jefferson</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Hill</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Witt</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill apologized for being tardy to the last Council meeting and expressed his concern with citizens bringing firearms to the meetings.

Mr. Sampson and Mr. Jefferson both concurred and suggested this matter be looked into further.

Mr. Sampson stated he would like the board to take Ordinance 2021-2183 back up, and suggested increasing the fees to \$100 - \$175, plus the administration fee. He reported the City did employ a magistrate that could enforce this Ordinance.

Mr. Sampson also suggested having all benches removed from the City Business Corridor, and inquired about the process for speed humps being installed/removed from neighborhoods.

ADJOURNMENT

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.**

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Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk