

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on July 5, 2022 beginning at 6:00 PM, 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, Sr.
Paul Dyal
Assistant Chief Andrew Miles
Audrey Sikes

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

PROCLAMATIONS – None

MINUTES

1. June 21, 2022 Regular Session

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the June 21, 2022 regular session minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Witt added Chris Wynn with the Florida Wildlife Commission as a presentation. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Sylvester Warren
- Befateful Coker
- Shawn Holmgren

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

2. Farm to Table Event - Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 6:30 PM, Darby Pavilion. Staff is requesting \$3,000 in matching funds for this Joint City/County Community Event spotlighting our local agriculture community and our local culinary chefs.

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

PRESENTATIONS

3. Discussion and Possible Action - Dr. Christopher Esing - Requesting approval to remove and replace the existing World War 1 Memorial with donated funds.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the request by Dr. Chris Esing to move and replace the existing World War I Memorial. The motion provides authorization to remove the existing memorial and to place it at Desoto Park in front of the trench mortar. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

4. Discussion and Possible Action - Dale Williams, Executive Director, Lake Shore Hospital Authority - Provide an update on the Lake Shore Hospital Campus and discuss the lots deeded by the Lake Shore Hospital Authority to the City of Lake City for a new City Hall.

Dale Williams provided members with an update on the Lake Shore Hospital Campus. He reported there were three requests for proposals of use for the hospital: A Veterans Affairs Transitional housing facility with medical care – relating to Veterans; a Meridian Behavioral Health Care Intake Facility; and an interest from Florida Gateway College.

Mr. Williams asked for guidance on the 12 lots that were previously donated to the City by the Lake Shore Hospital Authority, and stated the hospital would have a use for the lots if the City determines they are not needed.

Members discussed the lots and concurred to determine whether or not the lots would be needed by the City.

5. Chris Wynn – Lake Montgomery Project

Mr. Wynn presented and reviewed the PowerPoint handouts provided to members, as well as a revised agreement between the City, County, and the Florida Wildlife Commission.

Members concurred to put the agreement on the next agenda for approval.

Mr. Hill spoke in favor of the Lake Montgomery Project, as well as the Gwen Lake Project.

OLD BUSINESS

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. 2022-2225. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2225 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2225. No one asked to speak on City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2225, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2225 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 22-04, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for changing the Future Land Use classification from Commercial to Residential, Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) 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 approve City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2225 on final reading, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 22-04, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and providing for changing the Future Land Use classification from Commercial to Residential, Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) 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.**

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

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. 2022-2227. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2227 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2227. No one asked to speak on City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2227, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2227 (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 22-03, by the

property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from commercial, General (CG) to Residential, Multiple Family-1 (RMF-1) 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. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2227 on final reading, 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 22-03, by the property owner of said acreage, and providing for rezoning from commercial, General (CG) to Residential, Multiple Family-1 (RMF-1) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

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. 2022-2228. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2228 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2228. No one asked to speak on City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2228, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

- 8. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2228 (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 22-04, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Residential, Single Family-1 (RSF-1) to Residential, Multiple Family-1 (RMF-1) 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 approve City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2228 on final reading, 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 22-04, by the property owner of said acreage, and providing for rezoning from Residential, Single Family-1 (RSF-1) to Residential, Multiple Family-1 (RMF-1) of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

Resolutions

9. Motion is needed to remove City Council Resolution No. 2022-068 from the table.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to remove City Council Resolution No. 2022-068 from the table. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Council Resolution No. 2022-068 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a contract with Colin Baenziger & Associates; providing for executive recruitment services related to the employment of a City Manager; declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2-181 of the City Code; authorizing an agreement price not-to-exceed \$29,500.00; providing for conflict; and providing for an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-068, authorizing the execution of a contract with Colin Baenziger & Associates; providing for executive recruitment services related to the employment of a City Manager; declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2-181 of the City Code, and authorizing an agreement price not-to-exceed \$29,500.00. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

Other Items

10. Discussion and Possible Action - Consider Interviewing David Lynch and Robert Wilford (Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mr. Hill spoke in favor of interviewing Mr. Lynch and Mr. Wilford.

Mayor Witt expressed concern for interviewing Mr. Lynch and Mr. Wilford if they aren't going to be considered for the position.

Mr. Jefferson stated he had no objections to interviewing both potential candidates to see if they would be considered going forward.

Mr. Sampson spoke in favor of waiting to see the results provided by the Baenziger firm, and suggested then moving forward with Mr. Lynch and Mr. Wilford.

Members concurred to have all persons interested in the City Manager position to go through the Colin Baenziger & Associates firm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren; Shawn Holmgren

- 11. Discussion and Possible Action: City Hall Update (Interim City Manager Paul Dyal)

Mr. Dyal reported Tetra Tech would be willing to send their original engineer for \$10,000.00 to redo the City Hall structural analysis, and provide an updated report.

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to move forward with Tetra Tech performing a new structural analysis of City Hall. The motion identifies the \$10,000 funding source as contingency or general fund. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

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

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

- 13. Discussion and Possible Action - Fire Pension Board Appointee (Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

- 14. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2229 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Chapter 2, Article 2, of the City Code of Ordinances; providing for amendments to the rules of City Council Meetings; providing for training of appointees to special standing committees; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of conflicts; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2229 on first reading, amending Chapter 2, Article 2, of the City Code of Ordinances; providing for amendments to the rules of City Council Meetings, and providing for training of appointees to**

special standing committees. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

Resolutions

15. City Council Resolution No. 2022-069 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the sale of 2004 vactor truck to the City of High Springs; providing for the purchase price of \$8,000.00; providing for the removal of the asset from the City's fixed assets; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-069, authorizing the sale of 2004 vactor truck to the City of High Springs; providing for the purchase price of \$8,000.00, and providing for the removal of the asset from the City's fixed assets. 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

16. City Council Resolution No. 2022-070 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida calling for an election to be held August 23, 2022; providing for the election of a Council Member from District Ten; providing for the election of a Council Member from District Fourteen; providing for the City Clerk to coordinate arrangements for said election with the Columbia County Supervisor of Elections; and directing the Clerk to publish notice of the election. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-070, calling for an election to be held August 23, 2022; providing for the election of a Council Member from District Ten; providing for the election of a Council Member from District Fourteen; providing for the City Clerk to coordinate arrangements for said election with the Columbia County Supervisor of Elections; and directing the Clerk to publish notice of the election. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

17. City Council Resolution No. 2022-071 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with Suwannee River Water Management District; providing for an extension of the contract's deadline for deliverable to August 15, 2022; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-071, authorizing the execution of the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with Suwannee River Water Management District, and providing for an extension of the contract's deadline for deliverable to August 15, 2022. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Procurement Director Karen Nelmes reports the City Attorney Evaluation Committee Meeting will be on July 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM as a Special Called City Council Meeting.

Mr. Dyal reported the only vacancies at the moment within the City were the City Manager and Assistant City Manager positions. He stated the City was running well and has outstanding staff.

Mr. Sampson noted he has fewer calls of complaints.

Ms. Sikes verified, she is to contact the two candidates who reached out to the City regarding the City Manager position, and to submit their information to the Colin Baenziger Firm.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill reported, he will be hosting a Community Day on Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM, next to Memorial Stadium. He stated school supplies would be given out.

Mr. Sampson asked for an update on the cameras at Annie Mattox Park.

Mr. Hill complimented Mr. Dyal on his filling in as Interim City Manager.

Mr. Sampson asked for an update on the Gwen Lake Project to be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk