

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on December 20, 2021 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 live on our YouTube Channel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Jake Hill, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

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

Stephen M. Witt
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
C. Todd Sampson
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Michael Williams – absent
Interim Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

MINUTES

1. Regular Session, December 6, 2021

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the December 6, 2021 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Sylvester Warren addressed Council regarding a public records request.
- Glenel Bowden spoke about gun violence in the community.

Mr. Hill asked Interim Chief Butler to update the public on the incident that occurred over the weekend.

Interim Chief Butler reported he had met with the State Attorney's Office and provided an update on the auto license plate readers and on the sponsorship program.

- Sylvester Warren suggested installing security cameras or gun sensors at Youngs Park and Annie Maddox Park.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None

PRESENTATIONS

2. Certificate of Appreciation for Founders Day Event - (Presenter Dr. Chris Esing)

Dr. Chris Esing presented Council members and charter officers with a Certificate of Appreciation, poster, postcards and commemorative pin for the Founders Day Event.

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. 2021-2210. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2210 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2210. No one asked to be heard therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

3. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2210 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Article 18 of the Code of Ordinances; providing for amendments to Sections 18-82 and 18-83 of the Code of Ordinances; providing for the enforcement of aviation regulations; providing for codification; providing for severability; providing for conflict. and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2210, on final reading, amending Article 18 of the Code of Ordinances; providing for amendments to Sections 18-82 and 18-83 of the Code of Ordinances; providing for the enforcement of aviation regulations, and providing for codification. 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

Other Items

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

Mayor Witt reminded Council that an appointee still needed to be selected for the Fire Pension Board.

5. Memorial Stadium Update (Interim City Manager Mike Williams)

Bill Bishop from North Florida Professional Services updated Council on Memorial Stadium and briefly went over the structural report. He reported the

findings were the result of deferred maintenance and suggested over the next couple of years for Council to allocate funds for sandblasting and painting for ongoing maintenance of the stadium.

Mr. Sampson stated he would like to move forward to phase two and for staff to obtain cost estimates for sandblasting and painting.

6. Discussion and Possible Action - Planning and Zoning Board (Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt referenced the application received from Harlan S. Holmgren on December 14, 2020 and asked members if there were any motions for the Planning and Zoning Board. No motions were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2211 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, adding Article IX to Chapter 26 of the City Code; providing for the prohibition of simulated gambling devices; providing for the identification of simulated gambling establishments as a public nuisance and noxious use; providing for the prohibition of the use of simulated gambling devices for certain circumstances; providing for the creation of an enforcement mechanism for violations; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of conflicts; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2211, on first reading, adding Article IX to Chapter 26 of the City Code; providing for the prohibition of simulated gambling devices; providing for the identification of simulated gambling establishments as a public nuisance and noxious use; providing for the prohibition of the use of simulated gambling devices for certain circumstances, and providing for the creation of an enforcement mechanism for violations. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

Resolutions

8. City Council Resolution No. 2021-188 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an amendment to a lease agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture - Forest Service; providing for the incorporation of Executive Order 14042 and adequate Covid-19 safety protocols; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2021-188, authorizing the**

execution of an amendment to a lease agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture - Forest Service, and providing for the incorporation of Executive Order 14042 and adequate Covid-19 safety protocols. 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

9. City Council Resolution No. 2021-189 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing Task Assignment Number Six to the continuing contract with Mittauer & Associates, Inc., a Florida Corporation; providing for engineering services associated with the replacement of the supervisory control and data acquisition system at the St. Margaret's Waste Water Treatment Facility; providing for a cost not-to-exceed \$67,400.00; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2021-189, authorizing Task Assignment Number Six to the continuing contract with Mittauer & Associates, Inc., a Florida Corporation; providing for engineering services associated with the replacement of the supervisory control and data acquisition system at the St. Margaret's Waste Water Treatment Facility; providing for a cost not-to-exceed \$67,400.00. 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

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

10. Discussion and Possible Action - Reclassification of Information Technology Director Position (Presenter, Interim City Manager Mike Williams)

Utility Director Paul Dyal reported there have not been many qualified individuals who have applied for this position. He stated Information Technology Director Matt Benedetti has already been performing most of these duties, and merging the job descriptions would be cost saving and efficient.

Mr. Benedetti estimated it would take two years to get the City's system the way he would like it.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to remove the Information Technology System Administrator position and to approve the new Information Technology Director

Position as presented. 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

11. Letter of Resignation - Interim City Manager Mike Williams

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden spoke in opposition of the Council's interview process for a new City Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Stew Lilker asked if Mr. Williams was already gone; per the Mayor Mr. Williams was sick. Mr. Lilker confirmed how the candidates would be presented over Zoom, and reiterated a public record request he made for the interview questions.

Mr. Hill made a motion for Mr. Koberlein to prepare a resolution to approve Paul Dyal as Interim City Manager until a permanent City Manager could be hired.

Per City Attorney this would need to be accomplished with a resolution at the next meeting (Wednesday, December 22, 2021).

Mr. Sampson thanked Mr. Williams for his work as Interim City Manager.

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

Mr. Koberlein confirmed the effective date of December 31, 2021 for Mr. Williams' last day.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk