

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in a Special Called Session, on February 26, 2024 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/Council Member Stephen Witt

#### ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member  
City Council

Stephen M. Witt  
Jake Hill, Jr.

Chevella Young  
Ricky Jernigan

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

Clay Martin  
Dee Johnson  
Chief Gerald Butler  
Audrey Sikes

After Mayor Witt read the rules of decorum aloud, Mr. Jernigan inquired about consequences should someone violate the rules. Mayor Witt reported that person could be removed.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

#### PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Sylvester Warren – Mr. Warren was removed from the meeting during his public comments.
- Glenel Bowden
- Stew Lilker
- John Cole
- Eileen Morello

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Action - Applicants for filling the vacancy of Council Member for City Council District 13. (Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt reported there were two applicants, James Carter and Shawn Raggins. Mr. Raggins was not eligible due to residing in District 14, therefore Mr. Carter was the only qualified applicant.

2. City Council Resolution No. 2024-018 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing James Carter as Councilmember of District Thirteen in accordance with the City Charter; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jernigan made a**

**motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2024-018. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

City Clerk Audrey Sikes administered the Oath of Office to City Council District 13 member James Carter.

#### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Carter was welcomed by Council.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Jernigan made a motion to adjourn at 6:26 PM. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

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Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, City Clerk