

The City Utility Advisory Committee for the City of Lake City met on January 5, 2022, at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located on 205 North Marion Ave, Lake City, Florida. Members of the public also viewed the meeting on our YouTube Channel.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Executive Director of Utilities – Interim City Manager	Paul Dyal
County Commissioner	Rocky Ford
Columbia Co. Economic Development	Glenn Hunter – Tardy
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. October 27, 2021

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the October 27, 2021 minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE

Public Comment: Jim Zeuber

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discussion and Possible Action - Status of Ongoing Projects

Jamie Bell with Jones Edmunds was unable to attend the meeting to provide an update. This topic will be updated with the regular projects.

3. Discussion and Possible Action - Septage at St. Margarets Wastewater Treatment Facility (Cody Pridgeon, Wastewater Director)
4. Discussion and Possible Action - Alternative Water Supply Study Update

Mr. Dyal reported the offset concerns identified in the December comments of Suwannee River Water Management District should have been completed for resubmittal to the District.

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

Mr. Dyal reported the expansion project was waiting on the Memorandum Of Understanding between the City and County.

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

Mr. Dyal reported the City Council authorized to move forward. Funding for the two engineering projects will come back to Council for authorization soon.

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

Mr. Dyal reported the Master Plan was on hold for the past couple of months, but planning was back up and running and Jones Edmunds is currently compiling information.

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

Jamie Bell was not able to attend the meeting to provide a status of ongoing projects.

Mr. Ford stated he would like to see a City-wide Utility, with the City and County being equal partners.

Mr. Murphy recommended a roundhouse open meeting to work things out between the City and County for Economic demands.

Members concurred to request a Joint City/County meeting on the next City Council agenda, for January 31, 2022 at 5:30PM at the Columbia County School Board Auditorium. Agenda item for the meeting, Discussion and Possible Action – Utilities.

9. Discussion and Possible Action - Consideration of a set meeting date for future meetings.

Members concurred to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Utilities at Quail Heights (Chairman Sampson)

11. Natural Gas - North Florida Mega Industrial Park

Steve Brown reported the Gas Department was moving forward at the site and provided an update.

12. Awarded Grant for SR 47/I-75 Wastewater Improvements: Phase 1 \$1,408,566.00

Mr. Dyal reported the City along with Jamie Bell of Jones Edmunds, submitted the grant applications for the \$1.4 million for the Wastewater Improvements (awarded), \$475,000.00 for the RV Park Extension (awarded), and the \$1 million for the Manhole Rehab & Pip Lining project.

13. Awarded Grant for RV Park Extension \$475,000.00

14. Submitted Sprints/AWS Grant for Manhole Rehab and Pip Lining \$1,000,000.00

Mr. Dyal reported this grant has been applied for, but not awarded yet.

15. Wetlands Extension

Chris Keller, Wetlands Solution, gave a presentation on the Wetlands Extension Project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.

Audrey E. Sikes, MMC City Clerk
Committee Secretary