

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on January 18, 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 live on our YouTube Channel.

EVENTS PRIOR TO MEETING – 4:30 – 5:30 PM Meet and Greet for City Manager Candidate Thomas Thomas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Eugene Jefferson

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.
Paul Dyal
Interim Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

MINTUES

1. December 15, 2021 Special Called
2. December 20, 2021 Regular Session
3. December 20, 2021 Special Called Attorney-Client Session
4. December 22, 2021 Special Called
5. January 3, 2022 Regular Session

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the December 15, 2021 Special Called, December 20, 2021 Regular, December 20, 2021 Special Called Attorney-Client Session, December 22, 2021 Special Called, and January 3, 2022 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Sylvester Warren spoke in favor of City sponsored events being on the City's website community calendar; and asked about security cameras.

Mayor Witt agreed the City's website needed to promote all events and asked Interim City Manager Paul Dyal to look into the cameras.

- Glenel Bowden also spoke in favor of security cameras being installed to assist in controlling gun violence.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None

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. 2021-2211. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2211 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2211. No one asked to speak on City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2211, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2211 - (final 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 adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2211, on final 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. 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. 2021-2213 formerly known as 2022-2213. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2213 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2213. Shawn Holmgren and Sylvester Warren spoke on City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2213. Upon completion of public comments, Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2213 formerly known as 2022-2213 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the City Code to add a new

section numbered 86-110.17 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent closing, vacating, and abandoning of that portion of Laurel Lane lying between Blocks 17 and 18 of McFarlane Park Subdivision, and east of SW James Montgomery Avenue, McFarlane Park Subdivision, a subdivision as per the plat thereof and recorded in Plat Book 423, page 604 of the public records of Columbia County, Florida; finding that the roadway was abandoned by the City; finding that the closing of the roadway will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare; finding that it is in the best interest of the City and for the general welfare of its citizens to close the roadway; providing for a reservation of utility easements; providing for the repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for inclusion into the City Code; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2213, on final reading, amending the City Code to add a new section numbered 86-110.17 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent closing, vacating, and abandoning of that portion of Laurel Lane lying between Blocks 17 and 18 of McFarlane Park Subdivision, and east of SW James Montgomery Avenue, McFarlane Park Subdivision, a subdivision as per the plat thereof and recorded in Plat Book 423, page 604 of the public records of Columbia County, Florida; finding that the roadway was abandoned by the City; finding that the closing of the roadway will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare; finding that it is in the best interest of the City and for the general welfare of its citizens to close the roadway, and providing for a reservation of utility easements. 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

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

On January 7, 2022 Daniel Adel resigned from the Planning and Zoning Board. The Board now has three board member vacancies.

Mayor Witt reminded members that there were still vacant positions on the Fire Pension and Planning and Zoning Boards.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

10. City Council Resolution No. 2021-192 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the composition of the Airport Master Plan Steering Group; providing for terms of appointments; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-192, amending the composition of the Airport Master Plan Steering Group, and providing for terms of appointments. 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

11. City Council Resolution No. 2022-005 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of Amendment Number One to the contract between the City and Wetland Solutions, Inc. for the Ichetucknee Springs Water Quality Improvement Project; providing for the addition of tasks related to the bidding and construction phases associated with the gravity pipeline portion of the project; providing for additional costs not-to-exceed \$51,445.00; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2022-005, authorizing the execution of Amendment Number One to the contract between the City and Wetland Solutions, Inc. for the Ichetucknee Springs Water Quality Improvement Project; providing for the addition of tasks related to the bidding and construction phases associated with the gravity pipeline portion of the project, and providing for additional costs not-to-exceed \$51,445.00. 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

12. City Council Resolution No. 2022-007 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the execution of the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of the Agreement with the Suwannee River Water Management District authorized by City Council Resolution No. 2020-114; providing for an extension of the deadlines for completion of the agreement to February 28, 2022; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2022-007, authorizing the execution of the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of the Agreement with the Suwannee River Water Management District authorized by City Council Resolution No. 2020-114, and providing for an extension of the deadlines for completion of the agreement to February 28, 2022. 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

13. City Council Resolution No. 2022-008 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of Amendment Number One to Agreement SG059 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; providing for the reimbursement of allowable costs associated with the removal of sand and grit from the St. Margarets Wastewater Treatment Facility; providing for an extension of the agreement to April 30, 2023; providing for the acceptance of \$564,144.00 in additional funding; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2022-008, authorizing the execution of Amendment Number One to Agreement SG059 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; providing for the reimbursement of allowable costs associated with the removal of sand and grit from the St. Margarets Wastewater Treatment Facility; providing for an extension of the agreement to April 30, 2023, and providing for the acceptance of \$564,144.00 in additional funding. 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

14. Discussion and Possible Action - Recommendation from January 5, 2022 Utility Advisory Committee to hold a Joint City/County Meeting on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 5:30 PM at the Columbia County School Board Auditorium to discuss the operation of continued joint utility operations. (Council Member Todd Sampson/Utility Advisory Chairman)

Mr. Sampson reminded members of the Joint City/County Meeting on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 5:30 PM at the Columbia County School Board Auditorium to discuss the continued joint utility operations, he stated he would like to see where the City and County could work together.

Mayor Witt stated he wanted to address Item #15 prior to the Joint Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden encouraged Council to do what is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Lake City.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shawn Holmgren spoke in favor of cooperating with the County and not in opposition of making any commitments prior to having a management team.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren spoke in opposition of making any permanent decisions at the Joint City/County Meeting.

15. Discussion and Possible Action - Scheduling a Workshop on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5:00 PM - Financial Update (Interim City Manager Paul Dyal and Finance Director Donna Duncan)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren spoke in favor of acting immediately on discussion items from the workshop.

Members concurred to meet on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 10 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shawn Holmgren spoke in opposition of the audience dictating actions and decisions of the council.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill welcomed Thomas Thomas to Lake City and asked for an update on Gwen Lake. Mr. Dyal reported the City was waiting on a wetlands issue.

Mr. Sampson inquired if the Community Development Block Grant for Richardson Community Center had been funded yet.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk