

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on August 15, 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.

EVENTS PRIOR TO MEETING – 5:00 PM Special Called City Council Meeting – Interview for City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Council Member Todd Sampson

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member  
City Council

Stephen M. Witt  
Jake Hill, Jr.  
Eugene Jefferson  
C. Todd Sampson  
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.  
Paul Dyal  
Chief Gerald Butler  
Audrey Sikes

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

MINUTES

- 1. August 4, 2022 Special Called Regular Session

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the August 4, 2022 Special Called regular session minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the agenda with the alteration of Item #5, to include a discussion of an interview process before a motion is made to remove the item from the table. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Kelton Ficklin
- Jerry Leszkiewicz
- Jeff Hill
- Chase Moses

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval to award Bid (ITB-023-2022) for purchase of 8" FPVC C900 DR 18 Water Pipe to Fortiline Inc., the lowest bidder. The 8" FPVC C900 DR 18 Water Pipe will be used to extend approximately 2000 linear ft of water main down CR 252. This line will assist with a 2-way feed for Columbia High School in addition to allowing future hook ups for subdivisions and apartments on CR 252.

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

## PRESENTATIONS

3. Discussion and Possible Action - Shannon Williams, Marketing Manager Grant Coordinator, North Florida Professional Services, Inc. regarding FRDAP Grant for a R/C racetrack at Richardson Community Center.

Mr. Dyal reported he met with North Florida Professional Services the week prior, and they proposed the City apply for a FRDAP Grant for the R/C racetrack at Richardson Community Center. He requested Council's support to move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Koberlein reminded members of the conveyance of the property to the county upon completion of the CDBG project. If the CDBG project is completed prior to the completion of the FRDAP Grant project, an extension would be needed for the transfer of the property.

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve pursuing a FRDAP Grant for a R/C racetrack at Richardson Community Center. The motion provides authorization, if needed, for the City to obtain an extension for the transfer of the property as it relates to the CDBG grant. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

4. Discussion and Possible Action - Keith Williams, President Lake City Humane Society and Attorney Marlin Feagle relating to the contracting of services with the City of Lake City.

Mr. Williams introduced Richard Rossi, who provided members with a financial update.

The Lake City Humane Society requested an increase in their contract with the City to cover personnel costs, as well as the cost for animals being turned over each month.

Mr. Feagle explained the contract was almost identical to their contract with County, with the exception of the numbers and a September 1, 2022 effective date for two years.

Mr. Sampson stated he would like to have time to review the contract, and members concurred to discuss this topic at the next meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 5. Discussion and Possible Action – City Manager Position

- Paul Dyal (Current Interim City Manager)
- Christopher Esing
- David Lynch
- Don Rosenthal

PUBLIC COMMENT: Stew Lilker and Vanessa George

Mr. Sampson stated it is important to discuss the interview process, and to move forward with interviewing the four candidates and deciding from there.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson spoke in favor of hiring a City Manager through Collin Baezinger.

Mr. Hill spoke in support of Mr. Paul Dyal, if he would like the position.

Mr. Jefferson stated members needed to decide if the City or the headhunter company was going to handle the process.

Mayor Witt spoke in support of Mr. Paul Dyal, and stated if not Mr. Dyal, then the City needed to move forward with Collin Baezinger.

**Mr. Hill made a motion to remove the discussion from the table. Mayor Witt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Nay</b>

**Mr. Hill made a motion to hire Mr. Dyal as the City Manager. Mayor Witt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Mr. Koberlein reminded Mayor Witt contract negotiations would need to be discussed.

- 6. Discussion and Possible Action - Salary of Interim City Manager Paul Dyal (Presenter: Todd Sampson)

Mr. Sampson stated this would be covered in the Budget Workshop being held August 16, 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinances

- 7. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2231 - (first 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 to less than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 22-05, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Commercial, General (CG) to Commercial Central Business District (C-CBD) 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. 2022-2231 on first reading, amending the official zoning atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning to less than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 22-05, by the property owner of said acreage, and providing for rezoning from Commercial, General (CG) to Commercial Central Business District (C-CBD) of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Resolutions

- 8. City Council Resolution No. 2022-084 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving a replat filed by Gateway Development, LLC, for a minor subdivision of real property within the City; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing an effective date. (Chestnut Springs) **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-084, approving a replat filed by Gateway Development, LLC, for a minor**

**subdivision of real property within the City. 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. 2022-085 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving a replat filed by Gateway Development, LLC, for a minor subdivision of real property within the City; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for an effective date. (Washington Springs) **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-085, approving a replat filed by Gateway Development, LLC, for a minor subdivision of real property within the City. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

10. City Council Resolution No. 2022-086 - A resolution of the City Council of Lake City, Florida, approving a replat filed by Martha Carter for a minor subdivision of real property within the City; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing an effective date. (Hickory Hills) **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-086, approving a replat filed by Martha Carter for a minor subdivision of real property within the City. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

11. City Council Resolution No. 2022-087 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting a utility easement from GSMS Developers, Inc.; providing for the extension of a water and sewer main; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-087, accepting a utility easement from GSMS Developers, Inc. and providing for the extension of a water and sewer main. 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**

12. City Council Resolution No. 2022-088 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting a utility easement from Gary Sorensen; providing for the extension of a water and sewer main; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-088, accepting a utility easement from Gary Sorensen, and providing for the extension of a water and sewer main. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

13. City Council Resolution No. 2022-89 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting a utility easement from Sorensen & Smith LLC; providing for the extension of a water and sewer main; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-089, accepting a utility easement from Sorensen & Smith LLC, and providing for the extension of a water and sewer main. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

14. City Council Resolution No. 2022-091 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a continuing contract with Passero Associates, LLC.; providing for engineering and consulting services; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-091, authorizing the execution of a continuing contract with Passero Associates, LLC., and providing for engineering and consulting services. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

15. City Council Resolution No. 2022-092 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation; providing for an amendment to the reimbursement for maintenance and operation schedule; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council**

**Resolution No. 2022-092, authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, and providing for an amendment to the reimbursement for maintenance and operation schedule. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

16. City Council Resolution No. 2022-093 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the Lake City Police Department to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$13,222.00; providing for the procurement of equipment for the use and benefit of the Police Department; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-093, authorizing the Lake City Police Department to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$13,222.00, and providing for the procurement of equipment for the use and benefit of the Police Department. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

17. City Council Resolution No. 2022-094 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the addition of Demetrius Johnson, as Interim Assistant City Manager, as an authorized signor of all checks, vouchers, transfers, or disbursements on all bank accounts of the City of Lake City, Florida; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-094, authorizing the addition of Demetrius Johnson, as Interim Assistant City Manager, as an authorized signor of all checks, vouchers, transfers, or disbursements on all bank accounts of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

18. Discussion and Possible Action: Requesting approval to use CARES Act funds in the amount of \$272,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing equipment and furnishings for the New Fire Station 2. (Presenter: Fire Chief Joshua Wehinger)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Chief Wehinger reported the Fire Department is now fully staffed due to salary increases, and requested \$122,000.00 to purchase equipment and furnishings for the New Fire Station 2.

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the funds needed from the ARPA funds in the amount of \$122,000.00. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill thanked everyone for coming out for his Community Day Event and stated it was a huge success.

ADJOURNMENT

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.**

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Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, City Clerk