
MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE CITY
City Council Workshop
May 18, 2026
6:00 PM at City Hall

This meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055. Members of the public may also view the meeting on our YouTube channel. YouTube channel information is located at the end of this agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Mayor Noah Walker

Roll Call

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Noah Walker
Chevella Young
Ricky Jernigan
James Carter
Tammy Harris
Clay Martin
Don Rosenthal
Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

Item for Discussion

1. City Animal Control

Mayor Walker announced no action could be taken at a workshop, that members were there to listen.

Lake City Humane Society Board Director, Elizabeth Halloran provided an overview of the organization.

Council Member Jernigan requested Ms. Halloran introduce the Board and verify availability of board members so that constituents could meet them.

Mayor Walker confirmed with Ms. Halloran the organization wanted to stay in the business of animal control and animal care.

Council Member Harris inquired as to how the board was appointed. An application goes to the board for voting; it is a volunteer board.

Council Member Jernigan spoke about the friction between citizens and the board.

Council Member Carter reported it was important to make clear who Ms. Halloran works for, which is the Lake City Humane Society's board.

Glen Hunter, representative of the Lake City Humane Society's Board, encouraged the City to work with them while they are expanding.

Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson provided background on the contract between the City and the Humane Society.

Police Chief Butler reviewed his memorandum of concern, provided current updates on the areas identified on the memo, and provided his recommendations.

Council Member Young inquired about additional funding to meet the new demands/recommendations from the City.

Council Member Harris inquired about Prison Programs versus background checks.

City Manager Rosenthal suggested breaking the service into three parts: animal control, animal welfare, and animal housing. He reported staff would look into getting the best price possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- John Kari
- Roy Armstrong
- Holly Smith
- Blaine Freeman
- Kimberly Jackson
- Laura Bess
- Tammy Foster
- Rick Beeda
- Kyle Green
- Laura Rister

Attorney Martin discussed the procurement process and recommended a Request for Proposal process instead of going out to bid for services.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 6:22 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk