

**UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 31, 2021**

The City Utility Advisory Committee for the City of Lake City met on March 31, 2021, at 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located on 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

MEMBERS

Paul Dyal – Executive Director of Utilities
Rocky Ford – County Commissioner
Joseph Helfenberger – City Manager
Glenn Hunter – Columbia County Economic Development Director
Eugene Jefferson - City Council Member
David Kraus – County Manager
Tim Murphy – County Commissioner
Todd Sampson – City Council Member, Chairman

Support Staff

Fred Koberlein – City Attorney
Audrey Sikes – City Clerk, Committee Secretary

Call to Order

Mr. Sampson called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Roll Call

Mr. Sampson asked City Clerk Audrey Sikes to call roll. Attendance is indicated above.

1. Minutes – January 14, 2021
Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the January 14, 2021 minutes as presented. Mr. Dyal seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.

Approval of Agenda

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

Persons Wishing to Address Committee – None

New Business

2. Master Planning
Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend to City Council, authorization to move forward with Jones Edmunds for Master Planning at an estimated cost of \$500,000. The motion identified potential funding source as \$300,000 from the Rural Infrastructure Grant with the remaining \$200,000 being equally split between the City and the County. Mr. Dyal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Murphy	Aye
Mr. Dyal	Aye
Mr. Ford	Aye
Mr. Helfenberger	Aye
Mr. Hunter	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Kraus	Aye
Chairman Sampson	Aye

3. Water Main Extension to North Florida Mega Industrial Park Study – Joe Helfenberger

Mr. Helfenberger reported these materials have already been preordered. Mr. Dyal stated the required amendment is forth coming.

4. Fort White Water Improvement

Mr. Helfenberger reported the City Council voted not to submit a bid. He stated the Council authorized offering technical assistance to the County. Mr. Kraus reported the Board would discuss at the April 1, 2021 meeting to determine if the County will submit a sealed bid.

5. Natural Gas Improvement Planning

Natural Gas Director Steve Brown provided an overview of the project.

6. Wastewater Plant at North Florida Mega Industrial Park

Mr. Helfenberger inquired if the County would reconsider a new contract with the City. Mr. Murphy recommended for Mr. Chad Williams, Mr. Dyal, Mr. Kraus and Mr. Helfenberger to discuss and prepare a proposal for consideration.

7. Status of Projects

Mr. Helfenberger and City staff provided updates on the Bell Road and St. Margarets Projects.

Future Agenda Items

- Lead and Copper Rules Presentation
- Notices UCMR Testing

Next Meeting Date

Members will be notified of the next meeting date and time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM.

Audrey E. Sikes, Committee Secretary