

<b>MEETING DATE</b>
12-19-22

# CITY OF LAKE CITY

## Report to Council

<b>COUNCIL AGENDA</b>	
<b>SECTION</b>	
<b>ITEM NO.</b>	

**SUBJECT: Request for Retirement and Adoption of Police K9 Gyllian**

**DEPT / OFFICE: Lake City Police Department**

<b>Originator:</b> Chief Gerald Butler <span style="float: right; color: blue; font-family: cursive;">GWB</span>		
<b>City Manager</b> Paul Dyal	<b>Department Director</b> Chief Gerald Butler	<b>Date</b> 11-29-22
<b>Recommended Action:</b> Retirement and adoption of police K9 Gyllian		
<b>Summary Explanation &amp; Background:</b> <p>K9 Gyllian has been in service with the Lake City Police Department for several years. Officer Chauncey Mays was her previous handler.</p> <p>Dr. Andrew Buergo of Addison Animal Hospital has been treating Gyllian for a medical condition for approximately 5 months. After trying to treat the condition, including surgery, Dr. Buergo’s opinion is that it would be in Gyllian’s best interest to retire from duty.</p> <p>Officer Mays requests permission to adopt Gyllian from the City of Lake City. In doing so, Officer Mays accepts all responsibilities and liability for Gyllian’s housing, care, veterinary needs, and food. The City of Lake City would relinquish any and all liability starting the date of Gyllian’s retirement.</p>		
<b>Alternatives:</b>		
<b>Source of Funds:</b>		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> None		
<b>Exhibits Attached:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter from Officer Chauncey Mays to Chief Butler requesting to retire and adopt K9 Gyllian.</li> <li>2. Memo 22-097 from Chief Butler to Officer Mays acknowledging his request</li> <li>3. Letter received 11-28-22 from Addison Animal Hospital recommending Gyllian be retired due to medical condition not responding to treatment.</li> </ol>		



*Gerald Butler*  
Chief of Police

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**MEMORANDUM 22-097**

TO: Officer Chauncey Mays  
FROM: Chief Gerald Butler *bluo*  
RE: K9 Gyllian – Retirement and Adoption  
DATE: November 29, 2022

I am in receipt of your request to adopt K9 Gyllian upon her retirement from service. As you are aware, the adoption process requires City Council approval. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2022. We are working to get the request on the Council’s agenda for that meeting.

In the interim, I would like to request you continue to care for, feed, and house Gyllian until such time as City Council formally approves the adoption. K9 Gyllian must not be used in any shape, or form, to conduct any type of police service or police K9 activity. You will be notified as soon as a final decision is made by the City Council

If you are in agreement with continuing to provide care for Gyllian, please respond in writing by Friday, December 9, 2022.

I would like to thank you for your service and dedication to the citizens of the City of Lake City and the Lake City Police Department. I believe Gyllian’s retirement years will be spent in good hands in a loving home.

Cc: Assistant Chief Andy Miles  
Lt. Garrett Register  
Sgt. Jason Byrd  
Administrative File



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## Tuell, Susan

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**From:** Milligan, Robert  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2022 11:07 AM  
**To:** Tuell, Susan  
**Subject:** Fwd: K9 Gyll Request

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Mays, Chauncey" <MaysC@lcfla.com>  
**Date:** November 29, 2022 at 11:05:15 AM EST  
**To:** "Milligan, Robert" <MilliganR@lcfla.com>  
**Subject:** K9 Gyll Request

To: Chief Butler via Chain of Command

In reference to K9 Gyll, I am requesting to receive her after she is retired from duty. I was her handler from January of 2021, until May 2022. I am still active as a reserve officer with the agency.

**Addison Animal Hospital**  
Dr. Andrew T. Buergo, DVM  
222 SW CR 252 B Lake City, FL 32024  
Phone: (386) 752-7200 Fax: (386) 961-8802

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To: Whom it may concern

My name is Andrew T. Buergo and I have the veterinarian overseeing Gyllian's care. She was diagnosed with an infected and ruptured anal gland approximately 5 months ago. The condition worsened after the second course of antibiotics and she was taken to surgery for debridement. After several rounds of antibiotics and multiple surgeries to repair the tissue, her wound has not improved. She has also developed a limp on her front limb that has not improved with medication and rest. Due to the nature of her work, I believe it would be in her best interest to medically retire from duty.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

  
Andrew T. Buergo, DVM

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