

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on December 5, 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.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen Witt

## ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member  
City Council

Stephen M. Witt  
Jake Hill, Jr.  
C. Todd Sampson  
Chevella Young  
Ricky Jernigan  
Todd Kennon  
Paul Dyal  
Chief Gerard Butler  
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney  
City Manager  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
City Clerk

PROCLAMATIONS – None

## MINUTES

1. November 21, 2022 Regular Session

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the November 21, 2022 regular session minutes. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Nick Patel
- Stew Lilker
- Sylvester Warren
- Tim Murphy

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval to apply for the LCQ FY2023 FAA AAIP grant preapplication in the amount of \$165,000 for the South Airfield Drainage Study to survey/identify, assess, model and make recommendations of existing and proposed drainage improvements along the

south side of the airport. FAA Share is (90%) \$148,500, State (8%) \$13,200 and local match is (2%) \$3,300.00.

3. Approval of job descriptions for new positions approved during the FY 23 budget process and approval of revisions of certain current job descriptions to align with the new reporting chain.

**Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of items two and three listed above. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

PRESENTATIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Other Items

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Proposal from Tetra Tech in the amount of \$10,000.00 for re-assessment of City Hall (City Manager Paul Dyal)

Mr. Dyal suggested Tetra Tech perform an assessment to update the previous assessment from 2018, and to hold a workshop after the first of the year, to discuss and explore options for City Hall.

Attorney Kennon confirmed it would be a good idea to renew the July 5, 2022 motion with the new council members.

**Mr. Hill made a motion for Tetra Tech to perform their re-assessment of a structural analysis of City Hall. The motion identifies the \$10,000.00 funding source as contingency or general fund. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions

5. City Council Resolution No. 2022-132 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the City, by and through the Lake City Police Department to accept quote from Axon Enterprises, Inc. for purchase of tasers and associated equipment and to authorize the execution of any contracts with Axon Enterprises, Inc. related to the purchase of tasers and associated equipment; providing for cost not to exceed \$154,380.38; and providing for an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Chief Butler elaborated on the associated equipment would be regarding the purchase from Axon Enterprises, Inc.

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-132, authorizing the City, by and through the Lake City Police Department to accept quote from Axon Enterprises, Inc. for purchase of tasers and associated equipment and to authorize the execution of any contracts with Axon Enterprises, Inc. related to the purchase of tasers and associated equipment, and providing for cost not to exceed \$154,380.38. 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. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### Other Items

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Council to elect Vice-Mayor to serve January 2023 to December 2023 (Mayor Stephen Witt)

**Mr. Hill made a motion to elect and appoint Mr. Sampson as Vice-Mayor to serve January 2023 to December 2023. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Letter from Board of County Commissioners dated November 21, 2022 regarding City's intent for the future of Richardson Community Center (City Manager Paul Dyal)

Mr. Dyal reported the City received a letter from the County requesting an update on the intent and future use of Richardson Community Center. He suggested this item could be a potential workshop topic if it needed further discussion.

Mr. Hill reported the lease with the County for the community center was a 20-year term, starting January 1, 2008, and stated the County was doing a great job with the center. His only concern is the lack of restrooms for the park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden; Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson stated he would vote to transfer the community center to the County as soon as possible after the grant was finished. He suggested to have the City Attorney look into deeding the property to them and changing the existing grant to name the County as the administrator.

Both Ms. Young and Mr. Jernigan stated they did not want to disrupt an active agreement.

Members concurred to honor the existing agreement with the County.

8. Discussion and Possible Action: City Manager Position and Contract (Mayor Stephen Witt and Council)

Mayor Witt reported speaking with City Attorney Todd Kennon about negotiations with Mr. Dyal and suggested having a Council member work with Mr. Kennon on those negotiations.

Mr. Hill agreed and recommended Mr. Dyal and Mr. Kennon negotiate a contract to bring back before Council for consideration.

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to appoint Council Member Hill to serve as the Council liaison to work with City Attorney Kennon in the negotiation of a contract with City Manager Paul Dyal.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden; Vanessa George; Sylvester Warren; Stew Lilker

**Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

## COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt announced upcoming dates of interest for the public: Saturday, December 4, 2022 Tree Lighting and Evening Farmers Market in Olustee Park from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM; Friday, December 9, 2022 Movie Night featuring The Polar Express and Food Truck Rally at the Darby with food trucks opening at 5:00 PM and movie starting at 7:00 PM; Saturday, December 10, 2022 Christmas in Columbia Holiday Market from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM and the Rotary Christmas Parade at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.**

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Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk