

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on October 7, 2013 beginning at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## INVOCATION - Mayor Stephen Witt

## 1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Councilmember	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor/Councilmember	Eugene Jefferson
City Council	Melinda Moses
	Zack Paulk
	George Ward
City Attorney	Herbert F. Darby
City Manager	Wendell Johnson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Argatha Gilmore
Deputy City Clerk	Michele Greene

## 2. PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Witt presented a proclamation in recognition of Mr. Larry Lee's thirty-one years of dedicated service for the City.

At this time, Mr. Johnson introduced Mr. Robert Hathcox as the incoming Director of Growth Management and City Building Official to begin on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 3. MINUTES

A. Regular Session-September 3, 2013

**Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the September 3, 2013 Regular Session Minutes as published. Ms. Moses seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

## 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Paulk seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

## 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Permit application from Lake City Columbia County Chamber of Commerce to hold Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 25, 2013, from

5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. All supporting documents including certificate of insurance have been provided.

- B. Permit application from Lake City Police Department to hold National Night Out on Thursday, October 31, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Note: This year's event has been combined with the annual "Halloween Safety Bash".
- C. Quality Tower Services, Ltd., Contract Change Order dated August 26, 2013, labor and materials for the 300' tower, \$1,664.00

**Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of items A-C. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- A. Ms. Wendy Cousino, 785 Southwest Valley Way

Ms. Cousino provided a packet of pictures to illustrate the issues she has been dealing with at her property. She explained the timeline of events that occurred from when she stated the City conducted work on her property. Ms. Cousino discussed a letter received by the City from Engineer Bret Crews, and her concerns with verbiage in the letter. Ms. Cousino made a request for all documentation to support the statements found in the letter from Mr. Crews relating to the erosion issues. Ms. Cousino also requested to any records supporting the statement in Mr. Crews' letter regarding that the gutter systems were underground. Ms. Cousino asked the City to continue to look into her issues.

7. PERSONS WISHING TO APPEAR THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

- A. Edith Gaddis, 264 NE Voss Road

Ms. Gaddis asked to have answers relating to her questions about having sewer available at NE Voss Road. Mr. Johnson stated that the northeast side of the City did not have sewer available; however, the City was looking into the option. He explained that the process can be time consuming to acquire the necessary easements.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES:

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purposes for hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2013-2040. City Council Ordinance No. 2013-2040 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2013-2040. No one asked to be heard for City Council Ordinance No. 2013-2040 therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

B. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2013-2040 (first reading), if adopted, will amend the City Code to add a new section Number 86-110.5 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent closing, vacating and abandoning of that portion of Hedge Street lying between Block I and J of Melrose Park Subdivision, a subdivision as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 4, public records of Columbia County, Florida and that portion of Colburn Avenue lying West of Lots 15, 16, 17 and 18, Melrose Park Subdivision. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2013-2040 on first reading. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Paulk	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

C. Resolutions

1. City Council Resolution No. 2013-052, if adopted, will approve the City's award and acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through its Police Department, Fiscal Year 2014, Subgrant Number 2014-JAGC-COLU-1-E5-004 in the amount of \$22,509.00 to be used to purchase public information officer equipment, digital cameras, safety equipment and for K-9 safety. **Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2013-052, approving the City's award and acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through its Police Department, Fiscal Year 2014, Subgrant Number 2014-JAGC-COLU-1-E5-004 in the amount of \$22,509.00. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Paulk	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

- D. Discuss Council Appointed Member to serve on the General Employees' Pension Board to replace Jack Muenchen who will not seek re-appointment (Mayor Witt)

Mr. Ward stated he had attended the last General Employees' Pension Boards meeting. He added that Mr. Muenchen has resigned from serving due to his retirement. Mr. Ward added that one of the employee elected members had also resigned. Mayor Witt asked members to bring names of potential board members to the next Council meeting. Mr. Ward suggested having someone with a financial background.

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. Engineering Services RFQ-Water & Wastewater Needs (Wendell Johnson)  
Mr. Ward made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Utility Advisory Committee to re-advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select two to three engineering firms to provide engineering services on major water and wastewater needs. Mr. Paulk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Paulk	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

- B. St. Margarets Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (Wendell Johnson)  
Mr. Ward made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Utility Advisory Committee to withdrawal or withhold the awarding of the bid for the St. Margarets Wastewater Treatment Plant to Brandes Design-Build by extending the base bid until December 31, 2013. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Paulk	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Note: Items "A" and "B" were presented at the Utility Advisory Committee Meeting on October 7, 2013.

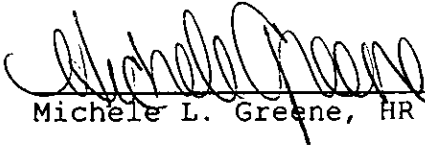
11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Ward asked for staff to continue to look into Ms. Cousino's yard issue.

12. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm on a motion made and duly seconded.

  
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Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Councilmember

  
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Michele L. Greene, HR Director