

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on September 3, 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/Councilman	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor/Council Member	George Ward
City Council	Eugene Jefferson
	Melinda Moses
	Zack Paulk
City Attorney	Herbert F. Darby
City Manager	Wendell Johnson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Argatha Gilmore
City Clerk	Audrey E. Sikes

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

- A. Budget Workshop Session-August 5, 2013
- B. Regular Session-August 5, 2013
- C. Budget Workshop Session-August 6, 2013
- D. Regular Session-August 19, 2013

Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the August 5, 2013 Budget Workshop Session, August 5, 2013 Regular Session, August 6, 2013 Budget Workshop Session and August 19, 2013 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

At this time Mayor Witt opened a public hearing to accept input from all interested parties relative to the discussion, consideration, and tentative approval of the City's 2013-2014 proposed millage rate and operating budget. Mayor Witt stated the City was offering the

opportunity to all in attendance to speak in regard to the budget and asked for all speakers to identify themselves by name and address. Mayor Witt stated the City Finance Director would provide a summary of the budget process and addressed those items essential to compliance with the State of Florida Truth In Millage (TRIM) requirements.

Finance Director Donna Duncan reported the City Council proposes a tentative millage rate of 3.9816 mills and a tentative capital and operating budget of \$48,740,673 for fiscal year 2013-2014. She stated Council action tonight constitutes the "tentative" budget hearing as required by State TRIM criteria and was announced to the General Public by public TRIM notices mailed by the Columbia County Property Appraiser on August 12, 2013. Ms. Duncan reported during this hearing, the following agenda will be addressed:

- The Council will discuss the 2013-2014 millage and operating budget and allow citizen input as appropriate.
- The Council will direct announcement of the tentative millage rate proposed for adoption and of any increase, decrease, or no change.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Millage Resolution No. 2013-043
- The Council will adopt Millage Resolution No. 2013-043 on first reading.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2013-044
- The Council will adopt Budget Resolution No. No. 2013-044 on first reading.

Mayor Witt declared the Tentative Budget Hearing open for discussion for public input followed by discussion by the City Council.

During public comments the following persons spoke:

1. Louis Munoz, 316 SW Maria Marie Glen. Mr. Munoz provided statistics. Mr. Munoz stated he is not in favor of consolidation.
2. Stew Lilker, 247 SW Lander Court. Mr. Lilker inquired about subsidized properties via the fire assessment.

Upon completion of public comments Mayor Witt asked if there were any comments of Council. Hearing none the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayor Witt asked the City Finance Director to state for the record the taxing authority, the proposed millage rate to be adopted, the rolled-back millage rate, and any change the tentative millage rate represents to the current year's millage.

City Finance Director Donna Duncan stated the City Council of the City of Lake City, as Taxing Authority, proposes a tentative tax on all property located within the City of Lake City, Florida, at the rate of 3.9816 mills for the Fiscal year 2013-2014 operating budget. The proposed millage rate

is a 0.78 % decrease from the 4.0127 rolled-back millage rate as defined by the Florida Statutes and represents no change over the current year's millage of 3.9816.

Mayor Witt asked the City Attorney to read Millage Resolution No. 2013-043 by title.

City Attorney Herbert Darby read City Council Resolution No. 2013-043 by title, "City Council Resolution No. 2013-043, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting a millage rate for the levy of ad valorem taxes for the City of Lake City for Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and providing for an effective date." **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2013-043, adopting a millage rate for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014. 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

Mayor Witt asked the City Attorney to read Budget Resolution No. 2013-044 by title.

City Attorney Herbert Darby read City Council Resolution No. 2013-044 by title, "City Council Resolution No. 2013-044, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and providing for an effective date." **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2013-044, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
None

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL
None

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

A. Louis Munoz briefly spoke again regarding concerns with consolidation of fire services.

B. Sandra Smith signed up to speak but declined when called upon.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Combined Communication Center/Fire Dispatch

Upon completion of discussion, the Council did not feel it was necessary to contract fire services to Columbia County. **Mr. Ward made a motion authorizing Mr. Johnson to draft a letter to the County expressing the position of the Council. The letter is to include verbiage reflecting the City would like to keep City/County dispatch communications and automatic aid as is while improvement to the systems continue. The motion also provides for a letter to be submitted stating the City has no interest in contracting fire services. Mr. Paulk seconded the motion. A roll vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

B. ORDINANCES:

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purposes of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2013-2039. City Council Ordinance No. 2013-2039 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2013-2039. Louis Munoz briefly spoke on City Council Ordinance No. 2013-2039. Upon completion of comments by Mr. Munoz, Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

C. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. City Council Ordinance No. 2013-2039 (first reading), if enacted, relates to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land from Residential, Single Family-3 (RSF-3) to Commercial, General (CG) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City. This property is a vacant lot consisting of .247 acres located at the corner of NW Main and NW Early Street and is owned by Ozell Graham. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2013-2039, relating to the rezoning of property owned by Ozell Graham. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

D. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2013-041, if adopted, will declare certain property owned by the City to be surplus to its needs; and authorize the City to sell such property at a public auction pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 2-183 of the City Code. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2013-041, declaring certain property owned by the City as surplus and authorizing the sale of such property in accordance with City Code. 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

2. City Council Resolution No. 2013-042, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council to render technical assistance and amendment assistance services to the City relating to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations for the City for Fiscal Year 2014 and to be paid a fixed fee amount of \$35,000.00. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2013-042, authorizing agreement with North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2013-046, if adopted, will approve the City's award and acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") through its Police Department, Fiscal Year 2013, Project Number 2013-DJ-BX-1088 in the amount of \$12,436.00 to be used to purchase covert electronic investigative equipment. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2013-046, authorizing the award and acceptance of the**

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (2013-DJ-BX-1088). Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

4. City Council Resolution No. 2013-047, if adopted, reimposes fire protection assessments against assessed property located within the City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013; approving the rates of assessment; approving the assessment roll; confirming and amending the preliminary rate resolution. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2013-047 reimposing fire assessment for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

5. City Council Resolution No. 2013-048, if adopted, finds that Union Lasteel Metal Buildings, Inc., has submitted the best and lowest responsive bid for the construction and installation of a pavilion located upon Wilson Park consisting of a new metal building 60' x 100' to be constructed and installed in accordance with the plans, specification, and requirements of Invitation to Bid, ITB 017-2013, as amended to include changes in the specifications recommended and approved by the Lake City Community Redevelopment Agency; and authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Union to perform all of the work required by and in accordance with the bid documents and CRA amendments for a lump sum payment of \$187,492.00. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2013-048, authorizing the City enter into a contract with Union Lasteel Metal Buildings, Inc. 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

6. City Council Resolution No. 2013-049, if adopted, will declare a parcel of land owned by the city to be surplus, and authorize the City to enter into a contract for sale and purchase with Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. authorizing the City to sell and convey such surplus property to the church for the sum of \$19,699.00. **Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2013-049 declaring a parcel of land owned by the City to be surplus and authorizing a contract for sale and purchase with Olivet Missionary Baptist Church. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

- E. Discussion of Advisory Committee Appointment/Re-appointments
(Mayor Witt)

Mayor Witt stated he would like to leave the committee appointment structure as is. All members concurred. Mr. Darby will prepare the appropriate enabling resolution.

Mayor Witt reported that it is Mr. Jefferson's turn to serve in the capacity as Vice Mayor. Mr. Jefferson will serve as Vice Mayor from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. Approval to write off 881 non-collectible utility accounts totaling \$221,337.84 and 2 non-collectible airport accounts totaling \$805.48 for period ending September 30, 2011. This is 1.392% (percent) of the amount billed for utility accounts and .056% (percent) for airport accounts for that period (Donna Duncan) **Mr. Ward made a motion authorizing the write off of 881 non-collectible utility accounts totaling \$221,337.84 and 2 non-collectible airport accounts totaling \$805.48 for the FY ending September 30, 2011. Mr. Paulk seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the motion passed.**

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

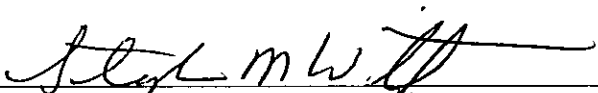
11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt thanked persons in audience for attending the meeting.

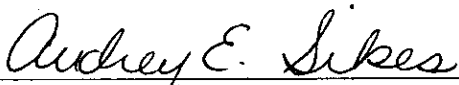
Mr. Johnson reminded the final hearing for the budget would be held on September 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM

12. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member



Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk