

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on September 2, 2014 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 M. Witt

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Councilman	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor/Council Member	Eugene Jefferson
City Council	Melinda Moses
	Zack Paulk
	George Ward
City Attorney	Herbert F. Darby
City Manager	Wendell Johnson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Assistant Chief Gerald Butler
City Clerk	Audrey E. Sikes

2. PROCLAMATIONS

A. Muscular Dystrophy Association-60 Years Strong  
Fill the Boot Days-September 9-12, 2014  
Mayor Witt presented Ms. Dusty Davis from the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Lake City Fire Department with the Fill the Boot Days Proclamation.

Trey Beauchamp expressed gratitude for the Proclamation.

Sonny VanSkyhawk spoke in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Associations fund raising efforts.

3. MINUTES

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. Paulk 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 closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purposes of hearing comments on the Proposed Fire Protection Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard on the Proposed Fire Protection Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014.

Nelo Williams-249 NE Patterson Ave, Lake City, Florida stated that the Proposed Fire Protection Assessment Rates would create a burden for low income residents.

Lucious George-395 NE Fronie Street, Lake City, Florida asked for clarification on the Fire Protection Assessment Rates.

City Manager Wendell Johnson explained the Fire Protection Assessment Fees fund our Fire Department.

After all comments were heard Mayor Witt closed the Public hearing.

A. City Council Resolution No. 2014-063, if adopted, will re-impose fire protection assessments with updated assessment rates against assessed property located within the City of Lake City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014; approving the rates of assessment; approving the final assessment roll; confirming and supplementing the preliminary rate resolution.

**Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No.2014-063 Relating to Fire Protection Assessment Rates for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 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

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 2014-2015 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 3.9751 mills and a tentative capital and operating budget of \$63,446,535 for fiscal year 2014-2015. 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 11, 2014. Ms. Duncan reported during this hearing, the following agenda will be addressed:

- The Council will discuss the 2014-2015 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. 2014-059.
- The Council will adopt Millage Resolution No. 2014-059 on first reading.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2014-060.
- The Council will adopt Budget Resolution No. No. 2014-060 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. Stew Lilker, 247 Southwest Lander Court, Fort White. Mr. Lilker inquired about a few line items in the budget (Clerk/Sunshine manuals, Safety Risk Management/Retirement Contribution and Lifestyle Enrichment Center contribution).

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 3.9751 mills for the Fiscal year 2014-2015 operating budget. The proposed millage rate is the rolled-back millage rate as defined by the Florida Statutes and represents a .16% decrease over the current year's millage of 3.9816.

- B. City Council Resolution No. 2014-059, if adopted, adopts a millage rate of 3.9751 for each \$1,000.00 of assessed value on all real property and tangible personal property located within the City of Lake City for the levy of ad valorem taxes for the calendar year 2015 to fund expenses for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 20, 2015. Mayor Witt asked the City Attorney to read Millage Resolution No. 2014-059 by title. City Attorney Herbert Darby read City Council Resolution No. 2014-059 by title, "City Council Resolution No. 2014-059, 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 2014-2015; and providing for an effective date." **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2014-059, adopting a millage rate of 3.9751 as the millage rate for the**

calendar year 2015 to fund expenses for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015. 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

- C. City Council Resolution No. 2014-060, if adopted, adopts the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 beginning October 1 2014 and ending September 30, 2015. Mayor Witt asked the City Attorney to read Budget Resolution No. 2014-060 by title. City Attorney Herbert Darby read City Council Resolution No. 2014-060 by title, "City Council Resolution No. 2014-060, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015; and providing for an effective date." **Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2013-044, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

**At this time Mayor Witt closed the Tentative Hearing of the FY 2014-2015 Budget.**

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval to award Bid ITB-028-2014 for Pipe, Pipe Fittings & Materials for the Bascom Norris Water Main Project to Fortiline Waterworks for a total of \$129,130.44.

**Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of item "A" above. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

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

Scott Stewart-387 Southwest Prism Loop, Lake City, Florida, spoke in support of the waiving of impact fees for new businesses.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2014-064, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into an updated Flexible Benefit Plan with United Healthcare Benefit services designed to comply with the Affordable Care Act ("ACA"). **Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2014-064 authorizing the City to enter into an updated Flexible Benefit Plan with United Healthcare Benefit services designed to comply with the Affordable Care Act ("ACA"). Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

2. City Council Resolution No. 2014-065, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into an Amended and Restated Contract with Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. granting Waste Pro the exclusive right for a term of five (5) years beginning October 1, 2014 to collect and dispose of garbage, yard waste, recyclable items, and other materials from residences and commercial businesses in the City of Lake City, and to provide other services as specified in said contract, which amended contract amends and restates the prior contract with Waste Pro dated October 1, 2012, previously approved by City Council Resolution No. 2012-045. **Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2014-065 authorizing the City to enter into an Amended and Restated Contract with Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2014-066, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into Amendment Number 1 to Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation authorized by City Council Resolution No. 2014-032. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2014-066 authorizing the City to enter into Amendment Number 1 to Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

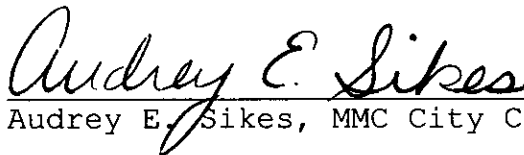
Mr. Jefferson Aye  
Ms. Moses Aye  
Mr. Ward Aye  
Mr. Paulk Aye  
Mayor Witt Aye

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION  
None

11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Mayor Witt thanked citizens for attending tonight's City Council Meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT  
**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.**

  
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Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

  
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Audrey E. Sikes, MMC City Clerk