

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on September 21, 2015, 2015 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 - Council Member George Ward

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Councilman	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor/Council Member	Melinda Moses
City Council	Eugene Jefferson
	Zack Paulk
	George Ward
Acting City Attorney	Bonnie Green
City Manager	Wendell Johnson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Gilmore
Deputy City Clerk	Katy McCrary

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. BUDGET HEARING

At this time Mayor Witt opened a public hearing to accept input from all interested parties relative to the discussion, consideration, and final approval of the City's 2015-2016 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 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 final millage rate of 4.0444 mills and a final capital and operating budget of \$56,920,116 for fiscal year 2015-2016. She stated Council action tonight

constitutes the "final" 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 14, 2015. Ms. Duncan reported during this hearing, the following agenda will be addressed:

- The Council will discuss the 2015-2016 millage and operating budget and allow citizen input as appropriate.
- The Council will direct announcement of the final millage rate proposed for adoption and of any increase, decrease, or no change.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Millage Resolution No. 2015-052.
- The Council will adopt Millage Resolution No. 2015-052 on final reading.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2015-053.
- The Council will adopt Budget Resolution No. No. 2015-053 on final reading.

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

During public comments non one asked to speak. Mayor Witt asked if there were any comments of Council. Hearing none the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

Finance Director Donna Duncan stated the City Council of the City of Lake City, as Taxing Authority, proposes a final tax on all property located within the City of Lake City, Florida, at the rate of 4.0444 mills for the Fiscal year 2015-2016 operating budget. The current year final operating millage rate is a 0% change from the 4.0444 rolled back millage rate as defined by the Florida Statutes and represents a 1.7% increase over the previous year's millage of 3.9751.

- A. City Council Resolution No. 2015-052, if adopted, will adopt a millage rate of 4.0444 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 2016 to fund expenses for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016. Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2015-052, on final reading, adopting a millage rate of 4.0444 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 2016 to fund expenses for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016. Mr. Paulk seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

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

B. City Council Resolution No. 2015-053, if adopted, will adopt the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016. Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt the City Council Resolution No. 2015-053, adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-1016 beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

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

At this time Mayor Witt closed the Final Hearing of the FY 2015-2016 Budget.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Permit application from Columbia High School Student Government Association to hold their Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 16, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. All supporting documents including certificate of insurance have been provided.
- B. Permit application from VFW Post 2206 to hold the Veteran's Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. All supporting documents including certificate of insurance have been provided.
- C. Ratify approval for the Lake City Police Department to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant FY 2015 in the amount of \$54,539.00 to purchase 8 in-car camera/body-worn camera (bwc) systems.
- D. Approval to award ITB-019-2015 for Water Quality Sampling and Lab Testing to Advanced Environmental Laboratories, Inc., the low bidder, for a cost of \$48,627.00.

Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of items A, B, C, and D identified above. Mr. Paulk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

7. PRESENTATIONS

None

8. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

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

None

10. OLD BUSINESS

None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. 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. 2015-2064. City Council Ordinance No. 2015-2064 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2015-2064. No one asked to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2015-2064 therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

1. City Council Ordinance No. 2015-2064 (introduction) relating to the voluntary annexation of the Rountree Kia property located off of Highway 90 West into the boundaries of the City of Lake City. This property is owned by JGM Holdings, LLC. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-2064, relating to the voluntary annexation of the Rountree Kia property located off of Highway 90 West into the boundaries of the City of Lake City. This property is owned by JGM Holdings, LLC. 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

B. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2015-056, if adopted, will appoint members to serve on the various standing advisory committees of the City Council created by Ordinance No. 2011-2011. Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2015-056, appointing members to serve on the various standing advisory committees of the City Council. 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. 2015-057, if adopted will amend the annual Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 3) of the City, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014, adopted by Resolution No. 2014-060. Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2015-057, amending the annual Operating Budget via Budget Amendment No. 3 for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014. 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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2015-058, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into an Advanced Metering Infrastructure Agreement with Sensus USA, Inc. for software upgrade relating to meter reading for the Utility Department at a cost not to exceed \$134,288.95. Mr. Johnson noted that there was an error on the Agenda for this Resolution, the cost not to exceed \$134,287.95. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2015-058, authorizing an Advanced Metering Infrastructure Agreement with Sensus USA at a cost not to exceed \$134,288.95. 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

4. City Council Resolution No. 2015-059, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Columbia County, Florida, relating to the design and installation of a water and sewer line in accordance with City's standards, designed by the County's contracted engineering firm, North Florida Professional Services, Inc., and installed within the County right-of-way by the contractor engaged by the County to construct the extension of NW Real Terrace Road, at the fixed fee for the design and installation of the City Utility Project of \$170,000.00 to be paid to the County. Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2015-059 authorizing the City to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Columbia

County, Florida, relating to the design and installation of a water and sewer line in accordance with City's standards, designed by the County's contracted engineering firm, North Florida Professional Services, Inc., and installed within the County right-of-way by the contractor engaged by the County to construct the extension of NW Real Terrace Road, at the fixed fee for the design and installation of the City Utility Project of \$170,000.00 to be paid to the County. 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. City Council Resolution No. 2015-060, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a Development Agreement between the City of Lake City and Blanche Hotel Redevelopment, LLC ("Owner") and Integrity Development Partners, LLC ("Developer"), relating to the redevelopment of the Blanche Hotel, and authorizing the City to enter into a Commercial Lease with Blanche Hotel Redevelopment, LLC. Note: (The Development Agreement was passed out at the meeting) Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2015-060 authorizing the City to enter into a Development Agreement between the City of Lake City and Blanche Hotel Redevelopment, LLC ("Owner") and Integrity Development Partners, LLC ("Developer"), relating to the redevelopment of the Blanche Hotel, and authorizing the City to enter into a Commercial Lease with Blanche Hotel Redevelopment, LLC. 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

12. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Johnson thanked the Finance Department and City staff for an outstanding job preparing the annual budget.

13. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

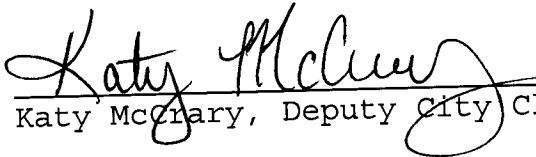
Mr. Paulk praised the City for upkeep of the facility that holds the Pop Warner Football games. Mr. Paulk commended the Lake City Police Department for their outreach efforts during the games.

14. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member



Katy McCreary, Deputy City Clerk