

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on September 09, 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 - Mayor/Council Member - Stephen M. Witt

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
City Clerk	Audrey E. Sikes

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

- A. Budget Workshop 8/3/2015
- B. Budget Workshop 8/5/2015
- C. Reg. Session 8/17/2015

**Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2015 Budget Workshop, August 5, 2015 Budget Workshop and the August 17, 2015 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. FIRE ASSESSMENT/BUDGET HEARINGS

At this time Mayor Witt opened a public hearing to accept input regarding the fire assessment.

Gopal Surti, 225 SE Semester Place. Mr. Surti expressed concerns with fire assessment rates and inquired if there would be a cap on the rates.

Upon completing of the comments, Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

A. City Council Resolution No. 2015-046, 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, 2015; approving the rates of assessment; approving the final assessment roll; confirming and supplementing the revised 2015 Apportionment Report. **Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution 2015-046, re-imposing fire protection assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015; approving the rates of assessment; approving the final assessment roll; confirming and supplementing the revised 2015 Apportionment Report. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote.**

Mr. Paulk	Aye
Mr. Ward	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 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 tentative 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 "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 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 tentative 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 first reading.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2015-053.
- The Council will adopt Budget Resolution No. No. 2015-053 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 no 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 proposed millage rate to be adopted, the rolled-back millage rate, and any change the proposed 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 tentative 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 proposed 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.

B. 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. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt the City Council Resolution No. 2015-052, on first reading, adopting a millage rate of 4.0444 for the calendar year 2016 to fund expenses for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

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

C. 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. Jefferson made a motion to adopt the City Council Resolution No. 2015-053, adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

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

At this time Mayor Witt closed the Tentative Hearing of the FY 2016 Budget.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA  
None

7. PRESENTATIONS  
None

8. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL  
None

9. PERSONS WISHING TO APPEAR THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA  
Clarence Nelson, 504 SW Grizzly Way, Lake City, Florida, addressed Council speaking in favor of the current City logo.

Mary Barlow, 216 SE Camp Street, Lake City, Florida, addressed Council speaking in favor of the current City logo.

Bruce Borders, addressed Council speaking in favor of the current City logo.

Stephen Cassidy, 216 SW Ocala Way, Lake City, Florida, addressed Council speaking in favor of the current City logo.

Anthony Dariano, 717 April Lane, Lake City, Florida, addressed Council speaking in favor of the current City logo.

10. OLD BUSINESS  
None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2015-051, if adopted, will authorize the City to purchase from Robert F. McManus and Diane C. McManus a parcel of real property located in the Northern Division of Lake City, pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of Contract for Sale and Purchase effective August 10, 2015 for the purchase price of \$125,000.00. Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-051 authorizing the City to purchase a parcel of property from Robert McManus and Diane McManus a parcel of real property located in the Northern Division of Lake City, pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of Contract for Sale and Purchase effective August 10, 2015 for the purchase price of \$125,000.00. 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. 2015-054, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into Contract Number W1033 with the Florida Department of Corrections for the use of inmate labor in work programs. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2015-054, authorizing the City to enter into Contract Number W1033 with the Florida Department of Corrections for the use of inmate labor in work programs. 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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2015-055, if adopted will authorize the City to approve the city's award and acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through its Police Department, Fiscal Year 2015, Award Number 2015-DJ-BX-0432 in the amount of \$12,978.00 to be used to purchase Covert Electronic Investigative Equipment to enhance undercover investigative operations. Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2015-055, authorizing the City to approve the city's award and acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through its Police Department, Fiscal Year 2015, Award Number 2015-DJ-BX-0432 in the amount of \$12,978.00 to be used to purchase Covert Electronic Investigative Equipment to enhance undercover investigative operations. 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

- D. Discuss Council appointed member for the Police Pension Board (Mayor Witt)

Mayor Witt asked members to begin the process of seeking out an appropriate new member for the Police Pension Board and for this item to be placed back on the agenda.

12. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

None


13. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 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