

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on September 7, 2016 beginning at 5:30 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	Zack Paulk
City Council	Eugene Jefferson
	Melinda Moses
	George Ward
Acting City Attorney	Bonnie Green
City Manager	Wendell Johnson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Gilmore
City Clerk	Audrey Sikes

2. PROCLAMATIONS

A. Hunger Action Month-September 2016

Mayor Witt presented Ms. Suzanne Edwards with a proclamation declaring September as Hunger Action Month.

B. Lake City Fire Department Local #2288 Muscular Dystrophy Association "Fill the Boot Days"-September 10-16, 2016

Mayor Witt read into record a proclamation declaring September 10-16, 2016 as Lake City Fire Department Local #2288 Muscular Dystrophy Association "Fill the Boot Days".

3. MINUTES

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. FIRE ASSESSMENT/BUDGET HEARINGS

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, 2016. City Council Resolution No. 2016-048 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Resolution No. 2016-048. No one asked to be heard regarding City Council Resolution 2016-048, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

A. City Council Resolution No. 2016-048, if adopted, will reimpose fire protection assessments with updated assessment rates against assessed property located within the City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016; approve the rates of assessment; approve the final assessment roll; confirm and supplement the preliminary rate resolution; provide for severability; and provide for an effective date. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-048 reimposing fire protection assessments with updated assessment rates against assessed property located within the City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016; approve the rates of assessment; approve the final assessment roll; confirm and supplement the preliminary rate resolution; provide for severability; and provide for an effective date. 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 2016-2017 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 4.9000 mills and a final capital and operating budget of \$50,705,911 for fiscal year 2016-2017. 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 15, 2016. Ms. Duncan reported during this hearing, the following agenda will be addressed:

- The Council will discuss the 2016-2017 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. 2016-058.
- The Council will adopt Millage Resolution No. 2016-058 on first reading.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2016-059.
- The Council will adopt Budget Resolution No. No. 2016-059 on first reading.

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

Barbara Lemley, 393 NW Fairway Dr. Lake City, Florida, questioned whether city employees received an increase in the new budget year. Mr. Johnson stated there were some compensations added in the new budget year consisting of evaluation based bonuses, the city covering employee health insurance increases, and an annual sick leave time compensation option.

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 4.9000 mills for the Fiscal year 2016-2017 operating budget. The current year proposed operating millage rate is a 21.09% change from the 4.04654 rolled back millage rate as defined by the Florida Statutes and represents a 21.2% increase over the previous year's millage of 4.0444 mills.

B. City Council Resolution No. 2016-058 (first reading), if adopted will adopt a millage rate of 4.9000 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 2017 to fund expenses for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017; and provide for an effective date. **Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-058 on first reading, adopting a millage rate of 4.9000 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 2017 to fund expenses for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017; and provide for an effective date. 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

C. City Council Resolution No. 2016-059 (first reading), if adopted, will adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and provide for an effective date. Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-059 adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-

2017; and provide for an effective date. 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

At this time Mayor Witt closed the Tentative Hearing of the FY 2017 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
None

10. OLD BUSINESS
None

11. NEW BUSINESS

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purposes of hearing comments on City Council Resolution No. 2016-060. City Council Resolution No. 2016-060 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Resolution No. 2016-060. No one asked to be heard regarding City Council Resolution 2016-060, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2016-060, if adopted, will authorize the City to purchase from CEE-Bas, Incorporated, a Florida Corporation, a parcel of real property located at 590 SW Arlington Boulevard, Lake City, pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of Contract for Sale and Purchase dated August 1, 2016, between CEE-Bas, Incorporated, as Seller, and City, as Buyer for the purchase price of \$625,000.00. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-060, authorizing the City to purchase from CEE-Bas, Incorporated, a Florida Corporation, a parcel of real property located at 590 SW Arlington Boulevard, Lake City, pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of Contract for Sale and Purchase dated August 1, 2016, between CEE-Bas,

Incorporated, as Seller, and City, as Buyer for the purchase price of \$625,000.00. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

2. City Council Resolution No. 2016-053, if adopted, will amend the Annual Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 2) of the City, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015, adopted by Resolution No. 2015-053. Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-053, amending the Annual Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 2) of the City, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015, adopted by Resolution No. 2015-053. Mr. Paulk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2016-054, if adopted, will re-appoint David Brewer and Russell Plummer as Resident Members to the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Firefighters Pension Trust Fund. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-054, re-appointing David Brewer and Russell Plummer as Resident Members to the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Firefighters Pension Trust Fund. 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. 2016-055, if adopted, will approve the City's award and acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through its Police Department, Fiscal Year 2016, Award Number 2016-DJ-BX-0935 in the amount of \$13,765.00 to be used to purchase a Polaris Ranger Crew 570 EXP (or comparable vehicle). Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-055, approving the City's award and acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through its Police Department, Fiscal Year 2016, Award Number 2016-DJ-BX-0935 in the amount of \$13, 765.00 to be used

to purchase a Polaris Ranger Crew 570 EXP (or comparable vehicle). Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

5. City Council Resolution No. 2016-056, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into an amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, authorized by City Council Resolution No. 2015-030. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-056, authorizing the City to enter into an amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, authorized by City Council Resolution No. 2015-030. 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

6. City Council Resolution No. 2016-057, if adopted, finds that Utility Technicians, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid to renovate Lift Station 160 required by Invitation to Bid ITB-023-2016, and will authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Utility Technicians, Inc. to perform all of the work required by and in accordance with the bid documents for a lump sum payment of \$9,912.00. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-057, finding that Utility Technicians, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid to renovate Lift Station 160 required by Invitation to Bid ITB-023-2016, and will authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Utility Technicians, Inc. to perform all of the work required by and in accordance with the bid documents for a lump sum payment of \$9,912.00. 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

7. City Council Resolution No. 2016-061, if adopted, will approve Amendment Number Fourteen to agreement with First Federal Bank of Florida to increase the amount of the Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit issued to Florida Gas Utility from \$164,000.00 to \$165,000.00 and approve the execution by the Mayor and City Clerk. **Mr. Paulk made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-061, approving Amendment Number Fourteen to agreement with First Federal Bank of Florida to increase the amount of the Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit issued to Florida Gas Utility from \$164,000.00 to \$165,000.00 and approve the execution by the Mayor and City Clerk. 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

8. City Council Resolution No. 2016-062, ratifies execution of the resolution by Mayor Witt declaring the existence of an emergency arising from and out of Tropical Storm Hermine. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-062, ratifying execution of the resolution by Mayor Witt declaring the existence of an emergency arising from and out of Tropical Storm Hermine. 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

9. City Council Resolution No. 2016-063, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a contract with Burkhalter Wrecking, Inc. a Florida Corporation, for the demolition of a brick structure located on property parcel number 00-00-00-11356-000 owned by the City, the demolition of which shall be performed pursuant to and in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions contained in City Invitation to Bid ITB-024-2016 for a lump sum payment of \$41,180.00. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-063, authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Burkhalter Wrecking, Inc. a Florida Corporation, for the demolition of a brick structure located on property parcel number 00-00-00-11356-000 owned by the City, the demolition of which shall be performed pursuant to and in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions contained in City Invitation to Bid**

ITB-024-2016 for a lump sum payment of \$41,180.00. 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. City Council Resolution No. 2016-064, if adopted, will declare certain personal property owned by the City to be either surplus to its needs and sold at public noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 2-183 of the City Code, and authorizing the City to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the City. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-064, declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be either surplus to its needs and sold at public noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 2-183 of the City Code, and authorizing the City to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the City. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

11. City Council Resolution No. 2016-066, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a Grant Agreement with and accept a grant offer from FAA for 90% of the allowable costs incurred in the rehabilitation of Taxiway "B" at the Airport. Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016-066, authorizing the City to enter into a Grant Agreement with and accept a grant offer from FAA for 90% of the allowable costs incurred in the rehabilitation of Taxiway "B" at the Airport. 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

12. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Johnson thanked all staff members that worked during Tropical Storm Hermine.

13. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt reminded members the next meeting would be held on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

14. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M. on a motion made and duly seconded.



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member



Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk