

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on September 4, 2018 beginning at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Performed at Canvassing Board meeting at 5:45 PM.

INVOCATION - Performed at Canvassing Board meeting at 5:45 PM.

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor/Council Member	Jake Hill, Jr.
City Council	Eugene Jefferson
	Melinda Moses-absent
	George Ward
City Attorney	Frederick Koberlein, Sr.
City Manager	Joseph Helfenberger
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Argatha Gilmore
City Clerk	Audrey Sikes

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

- A. Regular Session-June 4, 2018
- B. Special Called-June 6, 2018
- C. Regular Session-June 18, 2018

Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the June 4, 2018 Regular Session, June 6, 2018 Special Called and the June 18, 2018 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Jefferson 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, 2018. City Council Resolution No. 2018-076 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Resolution No. 2018-

076. The following individuals addressed City Council regarding City Council Resolution No. 2018-076:

1. Glenel Bowden, 1156 NE Bascom Norris Dr., Lake City, FL, questioned Council regarding the determination of the fire assessment. Mr. Helfenberger stated 3 new firefighters were added this year and all City budgets have been reduced.
2. Barbara Lemley, Lake City, FL, addressed Council regarding her property within the City. Ms. Lemley thanked Mr. Helfenberger for not agreeing to pay for more utilities to IDP for the Blanche.

With no other individuals wishing to be heard regarding City Council Resolution 2018-076, Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

A. City Council Resolution No. 2018-076, if adopted, relates to the provision of Fire Protection Services, Facilities and Programs in the City of Lake City, Florida; reimposing Fire Protection Assessments against assessed property located within the City of Lake City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018; approving the Rates of Assessment; approving the Final Assessment Roll; confirming and supplementing the 2018 Preliminary Rate Resolution No. 2018-058; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2018-076, relating to the provision of Fire Protection Services, Facilities and Programs in the City of Lake City, Florida; reimposing Fire Protection Assessments against assessed property located within the City of Lake City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018; approving the Rates of Assessment; approving the Final Assessment Roll; confirming and supplementing the 2018 Preliminary Rate Resolution No. 2018-058; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	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 2018-2019 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 4.9000 mills and a final capital and operating budget of \$55,760,562 for fiscal year 2018-2019. 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 13, 2018. Ms. Duncan reported during this hearing, the following agenda will be addressed:

- The Council will discuss the 2018-2019 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. 2018-069.
- The Council will adopt Millage Resolution No. 2018-069 on final reading.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2018-070.
- The Council will adopt Budget Resolution No. 2018-070 on final reading.

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

1. Glenel Bowden, 1156 NE Bascom Norris Dr., Lake City, FL, addressed Council regarding infrastructure needed north of the railroad tracks.
2. Stew Lilker, Ft. White, addressed Council regarding chamber microphones and the city's budget versus the county's budget.

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 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 4.9000 mills for the fiscal year 2018-2019 operating budget. The current year proposed operating millage rate is a 3.38% increase from the 4.7399 rolled-back millage rate as defined by Florida Statutes and represents no change from the previous year's millage rate of 4.9000 mills.

B. City Council Resolution No. 2018-069, if adopted, will adopt a millage rate for the levy of ad valorem taxes for the City of Lake City for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and provide an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2018-069, adopting a millage rate for the levy of ad valorem taxes for the City of Lake City for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and provide an effective date. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

C. City Council Resolution No. 2018-070, if adopted, will adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and provide an effective date. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2018-070, adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and providing an effective date. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

At this time Mayor Witt closed the Tentative Hearing of the FY 2018-2019 Budget.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, Inc. 2018 Annual Membership Fee in the amount of \$115.00 for Council Member Jake Hill.

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of item "A" identified above. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously of a voice vote.

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. Roland Luster, Airport Manager, Update on Airport Construction Projects

Mr. Luster presented a PowerPoint presentation to Council. Mr. Helfenberger stated the City's goal is to make the Airport self-sufficient.

8. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

A. Jeff Hill, 908 SE Country Club Rd, Lake City, FL, questioned Council over the authorization to hire a Jacksonville lawyer.

- B. Barbara Lemley, Lake City, FL, addressed Council regarding the status of the trees at the airport that Florida Gateway College did not want removed.

Mr. Helfenberger stated he is meeting with Florida Gateway College next week.

- C. Sylvester Warren, 832 NE Richardson Terrace, Lake City, FL, addressed Council regarding District 10.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. City Council Resolution No. 2018-073, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into Task Assignment Number Six to its basic contract with Tetra Tech, Inc., for professional consulting services related to a Risk Management Option II Closure; and to pay Tetra Tech for its services for Task Assignment Number Six a not-to-exceed amount of \$19,601.00. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2018-073, authorizing the City to enter into Task Assignment Number Six to its basic contract with Tetra Tech, Inc., for professional consulting services related to a Risk Management Option II Closure; and to pay Tetra Tech for its services for Task Assignment Number Six a not-to-exceed amount of \$19,601.00. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

11. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. Update on the Kicklighter 3.0 MGD Water Reclamation Facility Project. (Cody Pridgeon)

Mr. Pridgeon provided an update on the history of the plant. Mr. Helfenberger explained the elevation issue is being investigated and will bring an update back to Council.

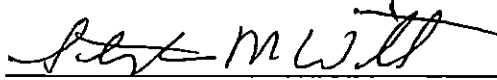
12. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Helfenberger reported the following: the organizational chart has been updated; he spoke at Rotary regarding his vision for the

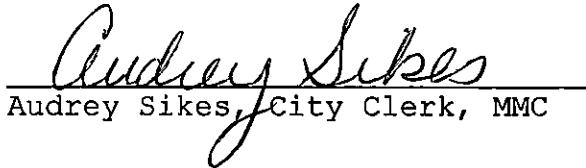
City; plans to maximize grant opportunities and hire a grant writer;
FRDAP grant possibilities for pickleball courts.

13. ADJOURNMENT

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. on
a motion made and duly seconded.**



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member



Audrey Sikes, City Clerk, MMC