

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Workshop, on September 17, 2018 beginning at 5:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

## PRESENT:

Mayor/Councilman  
City Council

Stephen M. Witt  
Jake Hill, Jr.  
Eugene Jefferson  
Melinda Moses

City Attorney  
City Manager  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
City Clerk

George Ward  
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.  
Joseph Helfenberger  
Chief Argatha Gilmore  
Audrey E. Sikes

1. CALL TO ORDER  
Mayor Witt called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL  
Attendance is indicated above.
3. City Hall Structural Assessment Discussion  
Jason Burkett, Structural Engineer, participated in the meeting via conference call.

Mr. Burkett stated there are two main issues with the building. The first issue is the exterior West and South walls. The bricks are loose due to weathering. There also is no support over windows. The second issue is the internal structure of the building. All walls in original condition were load bearing creating load issues.

There is no major concern with normal occupancy. However, the building would need to be evacuated if there are sustained winds of 50 miles per hour.

The condition of the bricks needs to be addressed immediately. There are two options. One option is to temporarily shore up the brick on the outside. The second option is to secure bricks to the building using brick ties.

Mr. Burkett recommended pro-active monitoring of the building for any changes.

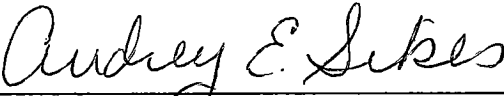
Mr. Helfenberger stated he is exploring the options for City Hall. These options include getting refined costs for temporary and permanent fixes for the building or obtaining a new building.

Mayor Witt stated it would be wise to secure the bricks and would like estimates for long term options.

4. Adjournment

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM 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