

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on March 19, 2012 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 - Melinda Moses

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Councilman	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor/Council Member	Jake Hill, Jr.
City Council	Eugene Jefferson
	Melinda Moses
	George R. Ward
City Attorney	Herbert F. Darby
City Manager	Wendell Johnson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Argatha Gilmore
City Clerk	Audrey E. Sikes

At this time Ron Whiteside with Purvis & Gray Company reviewed the annual audit for the FY11 fiscal year. Mr. Whiteside reported on the findings identified by the audit (multiplier/under billing on utility accounts and Pension plan underfunding). **Mr. Ward made a motion to accept the FY11 audit. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

A. Regular Session - March 5, 2012

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the March 5, 2012 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

None

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

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

A. Tony Buzzella, 174 Southwest Brookwood Drive, Lake City. Mr. Buzzella requested Council to approve the closing of Hernando Street from Madison to Highway 90 and the closing of Madison Street at Marion Avenue to Hernando Street. He requested for the closing to take place on Thursday, March 29, 2012 beginning at 5:00 PM and remaining closed through the evening of Saturday, March 31, 2012. Mr. Ward brought up concerns regarding the closing of the parking lot and how last year this festival impacts the Mr. Brannon's Office (Tax Collector). After discussion about making sure at least the drive thru is kept open for Ronnie Brannon's Office the City Council made the following motion: **Mr. Hill made a motion authorizing the closing of Hernando Street from Madison to Highway 90 and the closing of Madison Street at Marion Avenue to Hernando Street. The closure is approved for Thursday, March 29, 2012 beginning at 5:00 PM through the evening of Saturday, March 31, 2012. The motion provides that access to the Tax Collectors Office (Ronnie Brannon) must be left open during business hours on Friday, March 30, 2012 and this portion of the road is only to be closed at the end of the business on Friday, March 30, 2012 after 5:00 PM. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

B. Dayna Miller with Waste Pro provided invitations to the City Council Members, City Manager and City Clerks Office to attend a Safety Bonus Recognition of one of their staff drivers, Bob Cramer. Mr. Cramer is to be awarded a \$10,000 Safety Bonus Check in recognition of three (3) years of continued superior and safe service. The event is to be held on Friday, March 23, 2012 at 3:00 PM at 13331 Southern Precast Drive in Alachua, Florida.

C. Kendrick Maeweather, 394 Northeast Fronie Street, Lake City. Mr. Maeweather is the business owner of Hole in the Wall. He stated his business license had been suspended. Mr. Maeweather requested for the City Council to provide him a hearing to address and hear his issue. **Mr. Hill made a motion to grant Mr. Maeweather the hearing. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

The Hearing will be held on April 2, 2012 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

- D. Jessie Caldwell, Jr. 622 Northwest Long Street, Lake City. Mr. Caldwell spoke in support of Mr. Maeweather.
- E. Growth Management Director Larry Lee addressed the City Council regarding The Hole in the Wall business and Mr. Maeweather.
- F. Roland Tardif, 4078 Southeast Country Club Road, Lake City, Florida 32025. Mr. Tardif offered his services free of charge for those persons in need with Code Enforcement violations/issues. He stated this would be open to anywhere in the City that has a need. Mr. Tardif stated he has his own equipment and will perform the work. Mr. Johnson and Code Enforcement will meet with Mr. Tardif to see about utilizing his gracious offer.

8. OLD 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. 2012-2022. City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2022 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2022. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2022 therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

B. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2022 (final reading), if enacted, will repeal Section 70-1 (a) (b) (c) (d) and (e) of Article 1 of Chapter 70 of the Code which created an employee maternity benefits fund. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2022 on final reading repealing Section 70-1 (a) (b) (c) (d) and (e)**

of Article 1 of Chapter 70 of the Code. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

9. 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. 2012-2023. City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2023 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2023. Duane Thomas offered to answer any questions regarding the request if necessary. No questions were asked by the members therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

B. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

1. City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2023 (first reading) if enacted, relates to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land from Residential, Multiple Family-1 (RMF-1) to Residential Office (RO) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City. This property is owned by Duane E. Thomas and is located at 194 SW Wall Terrace. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2023 on first reading relating to the rezoning of property owned by Duane Thomas. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. Meadors Construction Co., Inc. Final Payment Request, \$103,100.70, Sisters Welcome Road Reclaim Water System (Dave Clanton). Please note this item was presented at the Advisory Utility Committee Meeting on March 19, 2012. Mr. Clanton requested to move forward with final payment. Mr. Ward expressed concerns with engineering software that controls the pumps not working properly. Mr. Ward was assured that Jones

Edmunds has agreed to stand behind the software. **Mr. Ward made a motion authorizing the Final Payment Request in the amount of \$103,100.70 to Meadors Construction Co. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
None

12. ADJOURNMENT
All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member



Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk