

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on May 07, 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 - Mayor Stephen Witt

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Councilmember	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor/Councilmember	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
Deputy City Clerk	Michele Greene

2. PROCLAMATIONS

A. National Police Week- May 13-19, 2012
Mayor Witt presented a proclamation in honor of National Police Week to Chief Gilmore and the Lake City Police Department.

3. MINUTES

- A. Special Called Regular Session- April 2, 2012
- B. Regular Session- April 2, 2012
- C. Regular Session- April 16, 2012

Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the Special Called Regular Session- April 2, 2012, Regular Session- April 2, 2012, and Regular Session- April 16, 2012 minutes as published. Mr. Hill seconded this 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 this motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Bentley Systems, Inc., Invoice Number 47454326, \$9,145.00

Note: This was an urgent purchase of GIS Software needed for DOT's Highway 90 Widening Project and will be funded from the Utilities Contingency.

Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of item A. Mr. Hill seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

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

A. Frank Singletary with the Columbia County Supervisor of Elections Office provided Council with a draft map that was presented to the Columbia County Board of Commissioners on Thursday, May 3, 2012. Mr. Singletary stated this unfinished proposal outlines suggested new polling locations for the upcoming 2012 elections. Mr. Singletary added any suggestions, inputs, or concerns from the community needed to be put in writing and submitted the Columbia County Supervisor of Elections Office by Wednesday, May 9, 2012.

B. Glenel Bowden, 1156 Northeast Bascom Norris Drive, Lake City, Florida 32055

Mr. Bowden spoke against the proposed plan of the Columbia County Supervisor of Elections Office that would have all the City precincts voting at one location; the Supervisor of Election's Office. Mr. Bowden felt this plan would cause an unfair burden for voters in the north part of the City who rely on others to get to polling places as well as walk to those locations. He added this would not encourage voting, but discourage people from voting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2012-018, if adopted, will find that Mesa Products, Inc., has submitted the best and lowest responsive bid for the installation of cathodic protection deep anode identified in and required by Invitation to Bid ITB 014-2012; and authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mesa Products, Inc., to perform all of the work required by and in accordance with the bid documents for a lump sum payment of \$34,030.53. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-018, finding Mesa Products, Inc., the lowest and responsive bid for the installation of cathodic protection deep anode as identified in and required by ITB 014-2012 and authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mesa Products, Inc. to perform all of the work required by and in accordance with the bid documents for a lump sum payment of \$34,030.53. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

2. City Council Resolution No. 2012-019, if adopted, will find that the bid of Elite Construction of Ocala, is the best and lowest responsive bid for work identified in and required by bid documents ITB-015-2012, consisting of 400 feet of directional drilling of a gas line, and will authorize the City to enter into a contract with Elite to perform all of the work required by and in accordance with the bid documents at a cost of \$5,600.00 with an add/deduct alternate of \$12.00 per linear foot in the event there is more or less than 400 feet. Mr. Sheldon stated this line would be located on west US90 and would serve as a back up line. Mr. Sheldon added this was a step to being able to furnish more volume of gas to customers in that area. Mr. Ward stated he was glad to see the additional line going that directions. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-019, finding Elite Construction of Ocala the best and lowest responsive bid for work identified in and required by bid documents ITB-015-2012, and authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Elite Construction of Ocala to perform all of the work required by and in accordance with the bid documents at a cost of \$5,600.00 with an add/deduct alternate of \$12.00 per linear foot in the event there is more or less than 400 feet. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was passed.**

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

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. Requesting approval to authorize the City Attorney to move forward with foreclosure proceedings on Parcel No. 00-00-00-12040-000 located at 497 NE Hernando Avenue (Larry Lee)

Mr. Ward made a motion authorizing the City Attorney to move forward with foreclosure action against parcel number 00-00-00-12040-00 as recommended by action of the Lake City Code Enforcement Board on March 11, 2012. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

- B. Passero Associates, LLC, Final Invoice Number 2436, \$1,222.29, Airport Terminal Building (Nick Harwell)

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve final payment in the amount of \$1,222.29 for invoice number 2436 to Passero Associates, LLC for Airport Engineering Consulting Services associated with the construction of the new Lake City Gateway Airport Terminal. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS


Members discussed the need to address their concerns regarding the Columbia County Supervisor of Elections proposed polling location changes for city constituents. Members discussed the following items of concern that the change could have an impact on voter turnout:

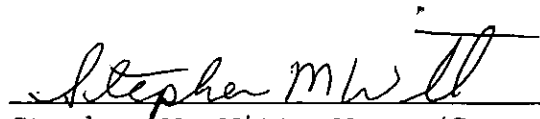
- convenience to the voters (ability to get to the location)
- traffic congestion
- voting in your neighborhood
- fear of low voter turnout
- want to increase voter turnout, not restrict voter turnout
- the need for two polling location per City district due to how spread out the districts are
- concern of the time change in the fall will have for those who may have to walk to the polling location if it is not within their neighborhood.

Mr. Ward made a motion to charge Mr. Johnson with writing a letter to the Supervisor of Elections Office to be delivered by Wednesday, May 9, 2012, voicing the City Council's unanimous opposition to the proposed change of polling location to one location for all city precincts. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

12. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm on a motion made and duly seconded.


Michele L. Greene, Deputy City Clerk


Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Councilman