

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on July 16, 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 - Council Member 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 Mayor Witt opened the first Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program. North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Senior Planner Martha Orthoefer provided a Powerpoint presentation and offered to answer any questions and/or comments from the members and/or the public. Stew Lilker of 247 SW Lander Court, Fort White, Florida asked a questions relating to the amount of funds provided to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council annually for services rendered to the City of Lake City.

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

None

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

Mr. John Mayo, President, Columbia County NAACP Branch - Mr. Mayo stated he was in favor of asking for resignations from Chief Argatha Gilmore and City Manager Wendell Johnson.

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

Marshall Brown, 1363 NW Queen, Lake City, Florida 32055 signed up to address the City Council regarding citizens concerns but declined to speak when called.

- A. Pastor R.L. Gundy, 2036 Silver Street, Jacksonville, Florida (Southern Christian Leadership Council) asked for the resignations for Police Chief Argatha Gilmore and City Manager Wendell Johnson.
- B. Blondell Johnson, 1711 Kimberly Drive, Lake City, Florida 32025 asked for the members to do the right thing as it relates to Police Chief Argatha Gilmore.
- C. Clyde Douglass, 244 NE Patterson Street, Lake City, Florida called for the resignation of City Manager Wendell Johnson and Chief Argatha Gilmore.
- D. Bea Coker, 636 SE Baya Drive, Lake City, Florida discussed diversity training and called for the resignation of City Manager Wendell Johnson and Chief Argatha Gilmore.
- E. Dale Landry, 1940 Nanticoke Circle, Tallahassee, Florida (here on behalf of NAACP Florida President Adora Obi Nweze) asked for the members to direct the City Manager to call for the resignation of Chief Argatha Gilmore and stated if she refuses to resign then the City Manager should fire her. Mr. Landry stated if the City Manager fails then the members he should be terminated. Mr. Landry stated the NAACP will be back here during Black History Month next year.
- F. Lawrence Fox, 144 SE Gruce Glen, Lake City, Florida discussed hiring practices and feels Chief Argatha Gilmore should return phone calls.
- G. Elizabeth Allum, 168 N Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida thanked City staff for a great job during the recent storm (Tropical Storm Debby). Ms. Allum spoke in favor of City Manager Wendell Johnson and Chief Gilmore.
- H. Ron Colson, 1212 Tung Hill Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32317 (Sons of Confederate Veterans, Mechanized Calvary) spoke in favor of Chief Gilmore.

- I. Gerald Ford, 225 NW Main Blvd, Lake City, Florida spoke in favor of Chief Gilmore.
- J. HK Edgerton, 71 Buffalo Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28806 (President, Southern Heritage 411) spoke in favor of Chief Gilmore.
- K. Officer Craig Strickland, 225 NW Main Blvd. Lake City, Florida 32055 spoke in favor of Chief Gilmore.
- L. Audre Washington, 219 NW Heritage Drive, Lake City, Florida 32055 spoke in favor of Chief Gilmore.
- M. Ronald Williams II, Bishop New Beginnings Restoration Church, 426 Commerce Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32025, spoke in favor of Chief Gilmore.
- N. Glenel Bowden, 1156 NE Bascom Norris, Lake City, Florida 32055 spoke in favor of Chief Gilmore and City Manager Wendell Johnson.
- O. Dr. Lorenzo Dixon, 145 Orange Avenue, Lake City, Florida spoke in favor of Chief Gilmore and City Manager Wendell Johnson.

Upon completion of the public comments regarding this issue Chief Argatha Gilmore addressed the members and the public with a Powerpoint Presentation. (A copy of this presentation is on file with the City Clerks Office):

Upon completion of Chief Gilmore's presentation, **Mr. Ward made a motion for a vote of confidence for Chief Argatha Gilmore and City Manager Wendell Johnson. 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

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. 2012-2024. City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2024 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2024. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2024 therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

B. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2024 (final reading), Amending and restating Section 2-354, Article VIII of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Lake City; providing for the City Manager and City Finance Director to be authorized and empowered during any fiscal year to transfer and reallocate funds within any department budget as authorized by the provisions of the City Code and Florida Statutes; other than for capitol expenditures and salary accounts. **Ms. Moses made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2024 as amended on final reading, relating to Section 2-354 of Chapter 2 of the City Code. 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. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

1. City Council Resolution No. 2012-027, if adopted, will authorize the City to approve Change Order No. 1 to contract with Cal-Tech Testing, Inc., relating to the plugging and abandonment of twelve (12) production wells and two (2) test wells, which change order is to pay for an additional 102.02 yards of grout at an additional cost of \$41,942.46. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-027 authorizing Change Order No. 1 to contract with Cal Tech Testing, Inc. 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

2. City Council Resolution No. 2012-028, if adopted, will approve Amendment Number Ten to agreement with First Federal Bank of Florida to decrease the amount of the Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit issued to Florida Gas Utility (FGU) from \$217,000.00 to \$153,000.00. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No.**

2012-028 approving Amendment Number Ten to agreement with First Federal Bank of Florida to decrease the Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit. 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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2012-029, if adopted, calls for an election to be held August 14, 2012, for the election of a Mayor-Council Member at Large, the election of a Council Member from District Twelve and the election of a Council Member from District Thirteen. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-029 calling for an election to be held August 14, 2012. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

4. City Council Resolution No. 2012-030, if adopted will authorize the City to grant to P. I. Holdings No. 3, Inc., a disclaimer to any interest the City may have in and to that portion of land lying Northerly of the North line of said Lot 8 in Marion Place Office Park Subdivision, upon which encroachments may be located to resolve a title issue to Lot 8. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-030 authorizing the City to grant to P.I. Holdings No. 3 a disclaimer relating to a title issue. 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. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

5. City Council Resolution No. 2012-031, if adopted, will authorize the City, for and on behalf of the City Police Department, to make application for funding assistance from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in the amount of \$22,222.00 to purchase equipment. **Mr. Jefferson made a**

motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-031 authorizing the City to make application for funding assistance from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. 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. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

6. **City Council Resolution No. 2012-032, if adopted, will declare a 2001 Chevrolet 15 passenger van owned by the City to be surplus to its needs; and authorizing the City to donate said vehicle to The Ichetucknee Partnership, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation. Ms. Moses made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2012-032 declaring a 2001 Chevrolet 15 passenger van surplus and authorizing donation of the vehicle to the Ichetucknee Partnership. 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. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. **Staff recommendation to approve proposed FY 13 millage rate and TRIM schedule for FY 13 (Wendell Johnson) Mr. Johnson reported this is for planning purposes. Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the proposed millage rate of 4.1699 (rolled back rate) for the TRIM notice. The motion also provides authorization for September 4, 2012 to serve as the 1st TRIM hearing. 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. **Proposed dates for Council Budget Workshops (Wendell Johnson) Members concurred to hold the budget workshops on July 26, 2012 and August 1, 2012 at 6:00 PM. August 7, 2012 will be utilized if needed.**

C. Recommendation for Negotiation for Group Health Insurance Provider (Gene Bullard) Mr. Bullard provided a brief overview of the staff recommendation. Staff is recommending authorization to move forward with negotiation for health insurance with FMIT (Florida Municipal Insurance Trust). **Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent to Negotiate with Florida Municipal Insurance Trust for group health insurance. 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. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Hill discussed concerns with the crime in his neighborhood and the Lake of Police presence.

Mr. Johnson expressed great appreciation for the vote of confidence the members provided for himself and Chief Gilmore. Mr. Johnson reminded members his evaluation is due on August 6, 2012.

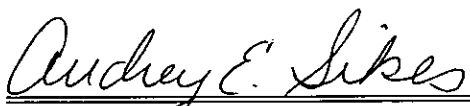
Council Member Hill discussed an incident with Mr. Johnson regarding the City Emergency Operation Center and his request to ride with Public Works Director Thomas Henry for the purposes of viewing storm related damage. Mr. Hill expressed concern about not being permitted to ride with Mr. Henry as requested. Mr. Hill discussed taking this to the next level and that he was going to be asking for Mr. Johnsons resignation.

Ms. Sikes reminded that she would be out of town June 25, 2012 to August 1, 2012 and that Deputy City Clerk Michele Greene would be clerking the budget meetings. Ms. Sikes asked members to let her know if there were any questions regarding the City Council and/or the City Clerk budget submissions prior to her departure.

Mr. Ward stated he will be out of town August 6, 2012 to August 13, 2012.

12. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.



Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member