

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on January 18, 2011 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 - Eugene Jefferson

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

A. Regular Session-December 20, 2010

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the December 20, 2010 Regular Session minutes as published. Mr. Ward seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hill seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Lilker asked members to consider asking the County to reschedule to 911 Executive Committee Meeting in accordance with

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Jones Edmunds, Invoice No. 0308559, \$1,754.00
(St. Margaret WWTF 2010 Permit Renewal)
- B. Approval to reject all bids for ITB-004-2011 opened
December 7, 2010 for installation of 12" Force Main on
SW Commerce Blvd. from LS #160 on Commerce Blvd. to
existing 12" Force Main
- C. Approval to reject Bid No. ITB-002-2011 for Directional
Drill on SW Sweet Breeze Drive
- D. IBI Group, Inc., Invoice No. 240834, \$5,627.20
(Lake City CRA Redevelopment Master Plan)
- E. Mandese White Construction, Inc., Pay Request No. 3,
\$222,917.92 (Airport Project)

Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items A - E listed above. Mr. Jefferson 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

- 1. Anthony Newton, 536 Northeast Granger Mill Road, Lake City, Florida 32025. Mr. Newton requested the City Council to approve a new date and time for the Martin Luther King Day Parade due to the rain out that occurred on January 17, 2011. Mr. Newton requested January 22, 2011 as the new date however due to the short turn around for repairing floats, coordinating streets to be blocked and agency staffing it was adjusted to February 5, 2011. **Ms. Moses made a motion to approve Saturday, February 5, 2011 as the adjusted date for the Martin Luther King Day parade. This approval is subject to receipt of new insurance liability certificate and approval by all respective law enforcement agencies. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

- 2. Stew Lilker - 247 SW Lander Court, Ft. White, Florida
Mr. Lilker asked members to consider asking the County to reschedule to 911 Executive Committee Meeting in accordance with

Sunshine Laws and for the City to not meet with them until they follow these guidelines. Mayor Witt stated this would be discussed tomorrow at the 911 Executive Committee Meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS
NONE

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. 2011-2006. City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2006 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2006. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2006 therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

B. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2006 (first reading) this proposed ordinance amends and restates Section 102-161 through Section 102-169 of Article V, Chapter 102 of the City Code relating to rates and charges for natural gas. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2006, on first reading, amending and restating Section 102-61 through Section 102-169 of Article V, Chapter 102 of the City Code relating to rates and charges for natural gas. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

C. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2011-001, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a service agreement with Everbridge, Inc. relating to Everbridge providing City with access to service utilizing the software, applications and services that comprise the Everbridge Mass Communication System for delivery of messages to multiple members via multiple communication paths and for processing responses thereto at an annual charge of \$13,034.00. Mr. Johnson stated the original bid was for \$10,000.00 and the reason

for the increase is due to the notification process that will exceed beyond the City limits. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-001, authorizing the City to enter into a service Agreement with Everbridge, Inc. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

- D. Public Disclosure of Conflict of Interest relating to Fiscal year 2007 Community Development Block Grant DCA Contract No. O8DB-T3-03-22-02-H10 Housing (Wendell Johnson)

Martha Orthoefer with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council reported ten (10) houses had been completed and there are still funds remaining. The City has received an extension and is in the process of performing title searches on additional applications. She explained the Public Disclosure of Conflict of Interest form to the members. No members were related therefore no Conflict of Interest forms were necessary.

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. Approve Staff Recommendation to contract with Online Utility Exchange Debt Collection Agency (Nick Harwell)
Per the January 10, 2011 Report to Council, the amount of uncollected debt has risen over the past several budget years and to date remains at \$666,241.32 over 90 days. In its City Council meeting on September 20, 2010 the City of Lake City approved the write off of 539 non-collectible accounts totaling \$106,491.80 for the period ending September 30, 2007 and 740 non-collectible account totaling \$150,299.43 for the period ending September 30, 2008. The total amounts of uncollected debt write off for FY 2009-2010 was \$256,791.23. Online Utility Exchange is a Soul Source provider to Sungard (THE) for this type of service and recently concluded BETA testing for the city of Leesburg Florida which utilizes the same software system as the City of Lake City. Among the features of Online Utility Exchange they also offer additional services which would be beneficial to the City of Lake City which are but not limited to: background checks, credit scores, people search, and DMV vehicle search. Staff is recommending to contract with Online Utility Exchange Debt Collection Agency at a rate of 35% of the collected debt. Mr. Darby stated he had carefully reviewed both agreements and suggests approval subject to staff and legal

review. Mr. Darby stated right now Online Utility Exchange would decide when lawsuits would be filed. This provision could be costly to the City. **Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the staff recommendation to contract with Online Utility Exchange Debt Collection Agency at a rate of 35% of collected debt. The motion is subject to staff and legal review of the agreements. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

B. Fire Union Contract (Wendell Johnson)

Mr. Johnson discussed the January 7, 2011 memorandum sent to Dwight Boozer, President of the Local 2288. Mr. Johnson stated the purpose of the memorandum is to discuss the existing outdated 2006 contract/agreement. Mr. Johnson stated he feels it is in the best interest of everyone if the expired contract is declared no longer valid.

Dwight Boozer, Local 2288 President stated he agrees with Mr. Johnson and that a ratified contract is long overdue.

Mr. Johnson stated the City is committed to move in a cooperative manner to obtain a revised Union Contract and that the City is waiting on a draft from the Fire Union. Mr. Boozer stated there is a proposal on the table and that PERC has to approve the changes in classification. Mr. Boozer stated the Fire Department does not want to be without a contract and that he understands the process. Mr. Johnson assured Mr. Boozer that members would have the same benefit and policy entitlements as outlined in the Personnel Policy Manual. **Mr. Ward made a motion authorizing the City to provide notice to the Fire Union that the contract/agreement as written today is no longer recognized by the City of Lake City. The motion authorizes staff to begin negotiation to enter into a new contract. 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

C. Classification Action-Airport Assistant General Manager Position (Wendell Johnson)

Per the January 7, 2011 Report to Council, the on-going construction of Lake City's new \$3 million general aviation terminal opens the door of opportunity for enhanced marketing of airport products and services. The new terminal resource combined with future plans for an adjoining inland port qualified the need for an aggressive and highly proactive marketing initiative. Additionally, update airport operation and management polices are greatly needed. It is proposed that city Customer Service Director Nick Harwell will be appointed to the position. Mr. Harwell will provide needed expertise to assist the General Manager toward improved operational control and airport service delivery. With Mr. Harwell's experience as City Strategic Marketing Manager and Customer Service Director, he is ideally suited to accept the proposed responsibilities of this position with focus on airport funds accounting, operational policy development, and preparation of an Airport Strategic Marketing Plan. Mr. Johnson feels this new position will improve the potential of the airport and that Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Harwell will be complimentary. **Ms. Moses made a motion to accept the following: authorize a new classified position with the class title "Airport Assistant General Manager" reporting to the Airport General Manager, authorize position pay grade 15/range \$40,628.00 - \$62,973.00, authorize the Airport Fund" as the funding source in the amount of \$46,298 for the remainder of FY 2011. 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

D. Announcement of Gas Rate Adjustment (Dave Clanton)

Executive Director of Utilities Dave Clanton reported:

December 2010	\$0.4800 per therm
January 2011	\$0.4800 per therm

11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt reminded members there is a 911 Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 00, 2011 at the Emergency Operation Center (E.O.C.) at 3:30 PM.

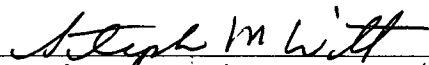
Members were reminded of the February 16, 2011 Social Media Liability Seminar to be held at the Water Treatment Plant. **Mr. Ward made a motion authorizing a one day seminar on How to Avoid Hidden Public Record Dangers of Social Media, Text Messages and E-Mail to be provided by Attorney Mark Fiedelholz in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. The funding source was identified as contingency. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

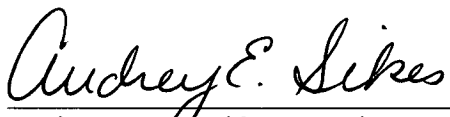
Members were reminded of the Florida Arbor Day Event to be held on Friday, January 21, 2011 at 11:00 AM honoring Margaret and Harry Wuest.

12. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member



Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk