

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on September 4, 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/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 second Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program. Ms. Martha Orthoefer, Senior Planner, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was present to address any comments or questions. Mr. Johnson clarified this is an Economic Development Grant for the acquisition of the Erkinger building located behind the Blanche. No questions or comments were presented therefore Mayor Witt closed the Public Hearing.

Upon conclusion of the Public Hearing Ms. Martha Orthoefer provided a Fair Housing Workshop presentation.

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

A. Canvassing Board - August 15, 2012

Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the August 15, 2012 Canvassing Board minutes as presented. 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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Ward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

At this time Mayor Witt opened a public hearing to allow public comments on the proposed Fire Protection Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2012. No comments presented therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing. City Council Resolution No. 2012-049 will be considered for adoption under "New Business".

At this time Mayor Witt opened the Tentative Hearing of the FY 2012-2013 Budget. Mayor Witt stated the purpose of this public hearing is to accept input from all interested parties relative to the discussion, consideration, and tentative approval of the City's 2012-2013 proposal millage rate and operating budget. We offer the opportunity to all in attendance to speak in regard to the budget and ask that all speakers identify themselves by name and address. At this time, the City Finance Director will provide a summary of the budget process and address those items essential to compliance with the State of Florida Truth in Millage (TRIM) requirements.

City Finance Director Donna Duncan stated the City Council proposes a tentative millage rate of 3.9816 mills and a tentative capital and operating budget of \$51,539,866 for fiscal year 2012-2013. Council action tonight constitutes the "tentative" budget hearing as required by State TRIM criteria and was announced to the General Public by public TRIM notices mailed by the Columbia County Property Appraiser on August 24, 2012. During this hearing, the following agenda will be addressed: The Council will discuss the 2012-2013 millage and operating budget and allow citizen input as appropriate; the Council will direct announcement of the tentative millage rate proposed for adoption and of any increase, decrease, or no change; the City Attorney will read, by title Millage Resolution No. 2012-050; the Council will adopt Millage Resolution No. 2012-050 on first reading; the City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2012-051; the Council will adopt Budget Resolution No. 2012-051 on first reading.

Mayor Witt declared the "Tentative Budget Hearing" open for discussion for public input followed by discussion by the City Council. No public comments were presented therefore Mayor Witt asked the City Finance Director to state for the record the taxing authority; the proposed millage rate to be adopted; the rolled-back millage rate; and any change the tentative millage rate represents to the current year's millage.

City Finance Director Donna Duncan reported the City Council of the City of Lake City, as Taxing Authority proposes a tentative tax on all property located within the City of Lake City, Florida at the rate of 3.9816 mills for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 operating budget. The proposed millage rate is a 4.515% decrease from the 4.1699 rolled-back millage rate as defined

by the Florida Statutes and represents no change over the current year's millage of 3.9816

Mr. Ward reminded members the property values have decreased by 79 million.

Mayor Witt asked the City Attorney to read Millage Resolution No. 2012-050 by title.

City Attorney Herbert Darby read City Council Resolution No. 2012-050 by title.

- A. City Council Resolution No. 2012-0050, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting a millage rate for the levy of ad valorem taxes for the City of Lake City for Fiscal Year 2012-2013; and providing for an effective date. Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-050 adopting a millage rate for the levy of ad valorem taxes for the City of Lake City for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. 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

Mayor Witt asked the City Attorney to read City Council Resolution No. 2012-051 by title.

- B. City Council Resolution No. 2012-051, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013; and providing for an effective date. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-051 adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. 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

Mayor Witt closed the Tentative Hearing.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
None

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL
None

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

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer signed up to address the City Council but asked to defer his comments until the NFBA Resolution is presented. Mayor Witt allowed Mr. Lilker to defer his comments.

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. 2012-2029. City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2029 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2029. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2029 therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

B. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2029 (final reading and enactment), if enacted, will amend and restate section 10.01(b) of Ordinance No. 85-558 as amended, relating to the appointment of the members of the Board of Trustees of the General City Employees Retirement Plan. Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2029 on final reading, amending and restating section 10.01(b) of Ordinance No. 85-558. 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. RESOLUTIONS

1. City Council Resolution No. 2012-046, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a Lease Agreement with North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") to make City owned premises available to NFBA as an in-kind asset. At this time Mayor Witt provided Stew Lilker the opportunity to address the members with his public comments. Mr. Lilker asked the members to set this issue aside until they have had time to review the lease and fine print. Mr. Lilker feels this water tower is an asset that belongs to the City residents. Mr. Lilker also encouraged the members to wait and see if the NFBA is still in business as of January 1, 2013. Mr. Johnson reported the City of Lake

City is one of 22 member counties/cities and each one has a match. The match can be in-kind or monetary. He stated the City Council enacted a Resolution early in the venture and agreed upon an in-kind match. Mr. Johnson stated he believes in the success of the NFBA and that we are gaining 32 million dollars throughout the community. Mr. Johnson stated subleasing space on the tower is a way for the NFBA to generate revenue. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-046, authorizing the Lease Agreement with North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA). Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

2. City Council Resolution No. 2012-047, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a contract with Municipal Code Corporation, to perform utility bill printing and mailing services for a term of three (3) years commencing October 1, 2012 at an annual cost not to exceed \$60,000. **Ms. Moses made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2012-047, authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Municipal Code Corporation. 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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2012-048, if adopted, will re-appoint John Denyko as a regular member to the Lake City Code Enforcement Board for a term of three (3) years commencing October 7, 2012. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2012-048 reappointing John Denyko as a regular member to the Lake City Code Enforcement Board. 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

4. City Council Resolution No. 2012-049, relating to Fire Protection Assessment Annual Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2012. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-049, relating to the Fire Protection Assessment Annual Rate for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2012. 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

5. City Council Resolution No. 2012-052, if adopted, will establish the amount of the annual fire hydrant maintenance inspection fees authorized by City Ordinance No. 2011-2012 to be imposed on fire hydrants located outside the boundaries of the City which are connected to the City's water distribution system and privately-owned fire hydrants within the City that are connected to the City's water distribution system. Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-052, establishing the annual fire hydrant maintenance inspection fees. 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

6. City Council Resolution No. 2012-053, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a Disaster Relief Funding Agreement with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-053 authorizing the City to enter into a Disaster Relief Funding Agreement with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management. 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

7. City Council Resolution No. 2012-054, if adopted, will authorize the City to commit matching leverage funds for the Fiscal Year 2012 Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Commercial Revitalization

Application. Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-054, authorizing the City to commit matching leverage funds for the Fiscal Year 2012 Florida Cities Community Development Block Grant Commercial Revitalization Application. 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

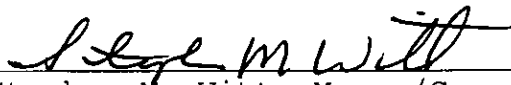
8. City Council Resolution No. 2012-055, 031, if adopted, will authorize the City to file a Fiscal Year 2012 Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Commercial Revitalization Application with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-055, authorizing the City to file a Fiscal Year 2012 Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Commercial Revitalization Application with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. 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

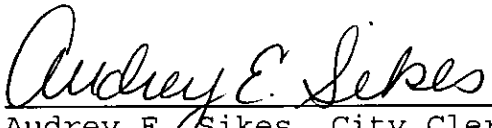
10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION
None

11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
Mayor Witt reported there is a memorandum in the mailboxes regarding Mr. Johnson's evaluation.

12. ADJOURNMENT
All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member



Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk