

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on September 6, 2011 beginning at 6:30 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Mayor Witt

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

- A. Muscular Dystrophy Association Firefighter Appreciation Month - September 2011

Mayor Witt presented Chief Carlton Tunsil and Firefighter Gramby Croft with the Muscular Dystrophy Association Proclamation.

- B. Jeremy Barwick for Outstanding Citizenship

Mayor Witt presented the proclamation to Life Scout Jeremy Barwick who will be attempting to collect 600,000 pounds of non-perishable food items in 24-hours (a world record attempt) for his Eagle Scout Project.

3. MINUTES

- A. Budget Workshop - July 26, 2011
 B. Budget Workshop - July 27, 2011
 C. Regular Session - August 1, 2011

Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the July 26, 2011 Budget Workshop Session, July 27, 2011 Budget Workshop Session, and the August 1,

2011 Regular Session minutes as published. Mr. Hill 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. Mr. Ward seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

At this time Mayor Witt opened a public hearing for the purposes of hearing comments on the proposed Fire Assessment Rates for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011. No one asked to be heard therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

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. 2011-2013. City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2013 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2013. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2013 therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

B. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2013 (first reading)
If enacted, will amend Section 2-353 of Article VIII, Chapter 2 of the City Code to provide that the City budget for each fiscal year shall be adopted either by ordinance or by resolution. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2013 on first reading providing that the City budget for each fiscal year shall be adopted either by ordinance or by resolution. 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

At this time Mayor Witt opened a public hearing for the purposes of the FY 2011-2012 Budget. Mayor Witt stated the purpose of this public hearing is to accept input from all interested parties relative to the discussion, consideration, and find approval of the City's 2011-2012 proposed 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 reported the City Council proposes a tentative millage rate of 3.9816 and a tentative capitol and operating budget of \$53,908,713 for fiscal year 2011-2012. 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 12, 2011. During this hearing, the following agenda will be addressed: the Council will discuss the 2011-2012 millage rate and operating budget and allow citizen input as appropriate; the Council will direct announcement of the tentative millage rate proposed for adoption of any increase, decrease, or no change; the City Attorney will read, by title Millage Resolution No. 2011-069; the Council will adopt Millage Resolution No. 2011-069 on first reading; the City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2011-070; the Council will adopt budget Resolution No. 2011-070 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 heard 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, 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 2011-2012 operating budget. The proposed millage rate is a 3.89% reduction from the 4.1366 rolled-back millage rate as defined by the Florida Statutes and represents "no change" over the current year's millage of 3.9816.

Mayor Witt asked Mr. Darby to read Millage Resolution No. 2011-069 by title. Mr. Darby read City Council Resolution No. 2011-069 by title:

- A. City Council Resolution No. 2011-069
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 2011-2012; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-069, adopting the millage rate for FY 2011-2012. 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

Mayor Witt asked Mr. Darby to read Budget Resolution 2011-070 by title.
Mr. Darby read City Council Resolution No. 2011-070 by title:

- B. City Council Resolution No. 2011-070
A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-070, adopting the budget for FY 2011-2012. 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 closed the tentative budget hearing.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Mandese White Construction, Inc., Pay Request No. 11, \$317,608.50 (Airport Project)

Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of item A listed above. Ms. Moses 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

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2011-071, relating to Fire Protection Assessment Annual Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-071, relating to the Fire Protection Assessment Annual Rate for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011. 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. City Council Resolution No. 2011-072, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into Amendment Number Two to Basic Contract for Professional Consulting Services with Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2011-072, authorizing Amendment Number Two to Basic Contract with Jones Edmunds & Associates. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2011-073, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into Task Assignment Number Seven to the Basic Contract with Jones Edmunds relating to the preparation of a groundwater monitoring plan for the City's reclaimed water reuse site and to provide additional construction services needed for completion of the Sister's Welcome Road Construction Project for a lump sum fee of \$13,375.00. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-073, authorizing Task Assignment Number Seven to Basic Contract with Jones Edmunds & Associates. 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

4. City Council Resolution No. 2011-074, if adopted, authorize the City to engage the services of Purvis Gray & Company as its outside Auditor for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2012, September 30, 2013 and September 30, 2014. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-074, authorizing the City to engage the services of Purvis Gray & Company as its outside Auditor for FY 12, FY 13, FY 14. 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

5. City Council Resolution No. 2011-075, if adopted, will approve the City's award and acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the State of Florida, Office of Criminal Justice Grants, Florida Department of Law Enforcement through its Police Department, Award No. 2011-DJ-BX-2138. Per Captain John Blanchard this will purchase ten (10) radios and two (2) ballistic shields. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-075, approving award and acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Award No. 2011-DJ-BX-2138). 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

6. City Council Resolution No. 2011-076, if adopted, supports a citizens assistance program created by Christian Service Center of Columbia County, Inc. designated "Operation Grace". **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-076, supporting a citizens assistance program created by Christian Service Center of Columbia County. 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

7. City Council Resolution No. 2011-067, if adopted, will appoint members to serve on the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee of the City Council created by City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2011. **Mr. Ward made a motion to remove City Council Resolution No. 2011-067 from the table. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-067, appointing members to serve on the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee. 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. Franklin Street Improvement Project (Wendell Johnson)

Mr. Ward made a motion to proceed with the Franklin Street Improvement Project. The motion identified the funding source as proceeds from the Series 2001 Sales Tax Bond revenues in an amount not to exceed 200,000. 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

11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt encouraged support for Jeremy Barwicks Food Drive Project.

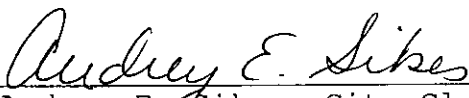
Mayor Witt provided a reminder of the Bar-b-que cook-off to be held on September 16th and 17th, 2011.

12. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member



Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk