

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on September 19, 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 - Council Member Jake Hill, Jr.

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 - August 15, 2011

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the August 15, 2011 Regular Session minutes as published. Ms. Moses seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2013 (final 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. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2013 on final reading providing that the City budget for each fiscal year shall be adopted either by ordinance or by resolution. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

At this time Mayor Witt opened the final 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 final 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 final millage rate of 3.9816 and a final capitol and operating budget of \$53,908,713 for fiscal year 2011-2012. Council action tonight constitutes the "final" budget hearing as required by State TRIM criteria and was announced to the General Public by advertisement in the Lake City Reporter, published on September 15, 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 final 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 final reading; the City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2011-070; the Council will adopt budget Resolution No. 2011-070 on final reading.

Mayor Witt declared the "Final 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 to the final 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 final 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 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:

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. Hill made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-069, adopting the millage rate for FY 2011-2012. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	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:

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. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-070, adopting the budget for FY 2011-2012. 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 final budget 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

A. Rudolph Davis, 229 SW Collesum Place, Lake City, Florida 32025, spoke in reference to the September 8, 2011 disturbance call to Cedar Park Apartments.

B. Debra White, 199 NE Fronie Street, Lake City, Florida 32055, spoke in reference to the September 8, 2011 disturbance call to Cedar Park Apartments.

Mayor Witt assured all persons in attendance the matter is being investigated.

Council Member Hill expressed concern with the call. Chief Gilmore stated an official internal investigation would be conducted and policy violations would be dealt with appropriately. Chief Gilmore stated all officers at the scene will be looked at.

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. 2011-2014, City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2015, City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2016, and City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2017. City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2014, City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2015, City Council Ordinance No. 2016, and City Council Ordinance No. 2017 were read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2014, City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2015, City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2016, and City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2017. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2014, City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2015, City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2016, and City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2017 therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

B. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2014 (first reading) if enacted, amends the land use classification from Residential, Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) to Commercial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City. The agent is Florida Pest Control and the property is located at 588 SE Baya Drive. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2014 on first reading amending the land use classification for property agent Florida Pest Control. 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

2. City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2015 (first reading), if enacted, amends the land use classification from Residential, Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) to Commercial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City. The agent is Ronsonet Buick and the property is located at 508 E Duval Street including parcels in the block south and west of site. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2015 on first reading amending the land use classification for property agent Ronsonet Buick. 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 Ordinance No. 2011-2016 (first reading), if enacted, relates to the rezoning of less than ten (10) contiguous acres of land from Residential Office (RO) to Commercial, General(CG) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City. The agent is Florida Pest Control and the property is located at 588 SE Baya Drive. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2016 on first reading relating to the rezoning of land for property agent Florida Pest Control. 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

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2017, (first reading), if enacted, relates to the rezoning of less than ten (10) contiguous acres of land from Residential, Single Family-3 (RSF-3) and Commercial, General (CG) to Commercial, Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City. The agent is Ronsonet Buick and the property is located at 508 E Duval Street including parcels in the block south and west of site. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2011-2017 on first reading relating to the rezoning of land for property agent Ronsonet Buick. 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

C. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2011-077, if adopted, will re-appoint Matthew Erkinger and Lucious George as regular members to the Lake City Code Enforcement Board. **Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-077, re-appointing Matthew Erkinger and Lucious George to the Lake City Code Enforcement Board. 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

2. City Council Resolution No. 2011-078, if adopted, authorizes the City to enter into a Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement with North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and to pay the Planning Council a fixed fee of \$35,000.00 for the Fiscal Year 2012. **Ms. Moses made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2011-078, authorizing the City to enter into a Planning Services Agreement with North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for a fixed fee of**

\$35,000 for FY12. 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. 2011-079, if adopted, authorizes the City to enter into a Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Agreement with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-079, authorizing the City to enter into a Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Agreement with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and 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. Hill	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. Approval to write off 897 non-collectible utility accounts totaling \$203,345.75 and 1 airport account totaling \$679.50 for period ending September 30, 2009. (Donna Duncan)
Mr. Ward made a motion authorizing the City to write off the non-collectible utility account totaling \$203,345.75 and one (1) airport account totaling \$679.50 for the period ending September 30, 2009. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

- B. Water/Sewer Utility Rates (Wendell Johnson)
Mr. Johnson reported in accordance to Section 102.34 of the City Code the City is to increase water and sewer rates by approximately 1.5% on October 1, 2011. Mr. Johnson stated the

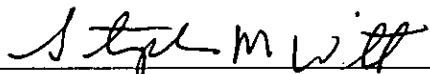
current rates are adequately covering the capitol expenses and debt services and the City is operating at a comfortable level. Mr. Johnson is requesting to suspend the implementation of the increased rates for six (6) months at which time an additional assessment will be conducted (March 2012). **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to suspend implementation of the October 1, 2011 increase as identified by City Code Section 102.34 for six months. The motion provides for re-assessment of capitol expenses and debt service in March 2012. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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


11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

12. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member



Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk