

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on October 19, 2020 beginning at 6:00 P.M., via Communications Media Technology.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Council Member Jake Hill, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor/Council Member	Melinda Moses
City Council	Chris Greene
	Jake Hill, Jr.
	Eugene Jefferson
City Attorney	Frederick Koberlein, Sr.
City Manager	Joseph Helfenberger
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Argatha Gilmore
City Clerk	Audrey Sikes

PROCLAMATIONS

None

MINUTES

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Presentations

1. Second Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

**At this time, Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for hearing comments on the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to speak regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).**

Glenel Bowden addressed Council speaking in opposition of the application category of Commercial Revitalization and believes the city should be applying in the category of Housing Rehabilitation.

Todd Sampson addressed Council inquiring where funds are being allocated.

Mr. Helfenberger stated the city has already spent \$130,000.00 and the Wilson Park Project must be completed to be eligible for reimbursement. Once reimbursed, funds can be used for other projects such as affordable housing.

**Mayor Witt asked if anyone else wanted to speak regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. No one else asked to be heard regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.**

2. City Council Resolution No. 2020-101 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the implementation of the long-term and short-term objectives of the City of Lake City Community Development Plan; and establishing an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-101 authorizing the implementation of the long-term and short-term objectives of the City of Lake City Community Development Plan; and establishing an effective date. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

3. City Council Resolution No. 2020-102 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the use of fifty thousand dollars and zero cents (\$50,000.00) as leverage for the Small Cities Commercial Revitalization Community Development Block Grant application to be submitted by the City to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for federal fiscal year 2019. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-102 authorizing the use of fifty thousand dollars and zero cents (\$50,000.00) as leverage for the Small Cities Commercial Revitalization Community Development Block Grant application to be submitted by the City to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for federal fiscal year 2019. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

4. City Council Resolution No. 2020-103 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the submission of an application for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for federal fiscal year 2019. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-103 authorizing the submission of an application for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for**

**federal fiscal year 2019. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Glenel Bowden addressed Council regarding Covid-19 Pandemic concerns.

Anthony Newton addressed Council regarding Covid-19 pandemic concerns.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

None

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### ORDINANCES

**At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2164. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2164 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2164. No one asked to be heard therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.**

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2164 - (final reading) an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, repealing ordinance 2016-2081; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2164, on final reading, repealing ordinance 2016-2081. The motion provides an amendment to the ordinance replacing 2016-2018 with 2016-2081. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2166. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2166 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2166. No one asked to be heard therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.**

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2166 - (final reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida; amending City Code Chapter 70, Article V, Firefighters' Retirement, amending section 70-130, compliance with the Internal Revenue

Code; providing for severability; providing for a repealer; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2166, on final reading, amending City Code Chapter 70, Article V, Firefighters' Retirement, amending section 70-130, compliance with the Internal Revenue Code. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

NEW BUSINESS  
ORDINANCES:

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2169 - (first reading) An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida amending the regulation related to the discharge of firearms to allow hunting on annexed tracts of land upon which hunting had been permitted by Columbia County, Florida immediately prior to annexation; providing certain safety regulations; providing for the termination of such hunting upon any zoning reclassification; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2169, on first reading, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida amending the regulation related to the discharge of firearms to allow hunting on annexed tracts of land upon which hunting had been permitted by Columbia County, Florida immediately prior to annexation; providing certain safety regulations; providing for the termination of such hunting upon any zoning reclassification. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

8. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2170 - (first reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida amending the City Code Chapter 70, Article IV, Police Officers Retirement Fund, Section 70-100, related to compliance with the Internal Revenue Code; providing for codification in the code; providing for severability; providing for a repealer; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2170, on first reading, an ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida amending the City Code Chapter 70, Article IV, Police Officers Retirement Fund, Section 70-100, related to compliance with the Internal Revenue Code. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

9. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2171 - (first reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Article II, Section 2-31 of the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida, relating to meetings of the City Council; providing that regular and special meeting locations can be held anywhere in Columbia County, subject to advance notice requirements; providing for severability; providing for codification, repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2171, on first reading, an ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Article II, Section 2-31 of the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida, relating to meetings of the City Council; providing that regular and special meeting locations can be held anywhere in Columbia County, subject to advance notice requirements. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

RESOLUTIONS

10. City Council Resolution No. 2020-114 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the execution of a memorandum of agreement for cost-share assistance with the Suwannee River Water Management District to analyze and plan for future water supply needs of the City of Lake City over a 20 year period and sharing the costs of the planning, up to \$28,000.00. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-144, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the execution of a memorandum of agreement for cost-share assistance with the Suwannee River Water Management District to analyze and plan for future water supply needs of the City of Lake City over a 20 year period and sharing the costs of the planning, up to \$28,000.00. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

11. City Council Resolution No. 2020-108 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number Twelve to the continuing contract with Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc., for the professional consulting services and completion of an alternative water supply feasibility study; and to pay the consultant a not-to-exceed amount of \$56,000.00 for its services. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-108, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake**

City, Florida, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number Twelve to the continuing contract with Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc., for the professional consulting services and completion of an alternative water supply feasibility study; and to pay the consultant a not-to-exceed amount of \$56,000.00 for its services. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

12. City Council Resolution No. 2020-110 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-110, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

13. City Council Resolution No. 2020-111 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing six (6) aerator replacements at the St. Margarets Wastewater Treatment Facility and authorizing the execution of an agreement with SGS Contracting Services, Inc., for a price not-to-exceed \$1,471,700.00. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-111, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing six (6) aerator replacements at the St. Margarets Wastewater Treatment Facility and authorizing the execution of an agreement with SGS Contracting Services, Inc., for a price not-to-exceed \$1,471,700.00. 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. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

14. City Council Resolution No. 2020-113 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a Union Employment Agreement with Local No. 2288 of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-113, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a Union Employment Agreement with Local No. 2288 of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-**

**CIO. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

15. City Council Resolution No. 2020-115 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida accepting a utility easement from Robert and Jane Collins for the purpose of collection and distribution of storm water from the Gwen Lake Estates area. **Mr. Hill made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-115, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida accepting a utility easement from Robert and Jane Collins for the purpose of collection and distribution of storm water from the Gwen Lake Estates area. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

16. City Council Resolution No. 2020-117 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida accepting a utility easement from Jon and Shirley Bell for the purpose of collection and distribution of storm water from the Gwen Lake Estates area. **Mr. Hill made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-117, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida accepting a utility easement from Jon and Shirley Bell for the purpose of collection and distribution of storm water from the Gwen Lake Estates area. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed**

<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

17. City Council Resolution No. 2020-118 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an agreement with TSC- Jacobs North, Inc., for the replacement of the complete wastewater clarifier mechanism and all associated equipment located at the St. Margaret's Wastewater Treatment Facility at a price not-to-exceed \$434,895.00. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-118, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an agreement with TSC- Jacobs North, Inc., for the replacement of the complete wastewater clarifier mechanism and all associated equipment located at the St. Margaret's Wastewater Treatment Facility at a price not-to-exceed \$434,895.00. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

18. City Council Resolution No. 2020-120 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida accepting the bid from, and authorizing the execution of an agreement with, Florida Fill and Grading, Inc. for improvements to the drainage at Gwen Lake for Phases 1 and 2, at a cost not-to-exceed \$420,000.00. **Mr. Hill made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-120, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida accepting the bid from, and authorizing the execution of an agreement with, Florida Fill and Grading, Inc. for improvements to the drainage at Gwen Lake for Phases 1 and 2, at a cost not-to-exceed \$420,000.00. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Moses</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Greene</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

19. Meeting location for future City Council Meetings  
Council concurred to advertise meetings as in person and via communications media technology with a meeting location of Columbia County School Board.
20. Advisory Committee Meetings  
Mayor Witt asked for input on how to proceed with advisory committee meetings. Members would like to see the advisory committees more active this upcoming year.

**DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION**

21. Discussion and Possible Action: Consider approval for the Esri Small Municipal Enterprise Agreement for a duration of three (3) years in the amount of \$27,500.00 per year for access to Esri term license software. As the City continues to grow and utilize the GIS Portal this agreement will provide the necessary licensing needed. The funds for is agreement are budgeted for FY2021. (Joe Helfenberger)
- Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the Esri Small Municipal Enterprise Agreement for a duration of three (3) years in the amount of \$27,500.00 per year for access to Esri term license software. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**



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

22. Discuss Affordable Housing Plan  
Mr. Helfenberger provided an update and stated he would bring forward a resolution with inventory list for affordable housing and an ordinance for first reading at the first meeting in November.

23. Update on EPA Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant  
**Mr. Greene made a motion to authorize a letter from the City in support of the project. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Greene congratulated administration and firefighters for coming to an agreement on the firefighter's union contract.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk