

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Emergency Called Special Session, on July 6, 2021 beginning at 4:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida. The meeting was also held via Communications Media Technology.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen M. Witt

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor/Council Member	Chris Greene - absent
City Council	Jake Hill, Jr.
	Eugene Jefferson
	C. Todd Sampson
City Attorney	Frederick Koberlein, Jr. - absent
Interim City Manager	Ami Mitchell Fields
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Argatha Gilmore
Deputy City Clerk	Michelle Cannon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL – None

NEW BUSINESS

Declare a State of Emergency as a result of Tropical Storm Elsa.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt a resolution to declare a State of Emergency as a result of Tropical Storm Elsa. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Note: Due to the short time frame, the resolution was not ready at the time of the meeting and was prepared by the City Attorney after the meeting. This was assigned City Council Resolution No. 2021-115 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, finding and declaring the existence of an emergency arising from and out of Tropical Storm Elsa.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt confirmed with Interim City Manager Ami Mitchell Fields that just City Hall is closed tomorrow. Mrs. Fields also confirmed sandbags would be available to the public at the Public Works building.

Utilities Director Paul Dyal addressed Council and stated the Utility Department will remain at work, and will be in tomorrow, July 7, 2021 at 5:00 AM. He confirmed Public Works will be fully staffed.

Mayor Witt asked Mr. Dyal if he had a projection of when the storm would hit Lake City. Mr. Dyal reported the storm would make landfall as a hurricane, and it was expected that Lake City would receive two to four inches of rain.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 4:04 P.M. on a motion made and duly seconded.

Michelle Cannon, Deputy City Clerk

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member