

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on May 2, 2022 beginning at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida. Members of the public also viewed the meeting on our YouTube Channel.

EVENTS PRIOR TO MEETING – Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting 5:45 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen Witt

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
C. Todd Sampson
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Paul Dyal
Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
Interim City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Building Safety Month – May 2022

Mayor Witt presented the Building Safety Month proclamation to Ann Jones, Robert Angelo, and Marshall Sova of the Growth Management Department.

2. Municipal Clerks Week - May 1 - 7, 2022

Mayor Witt presented the Municipal Clerks Week proclamation to Audrey Sikes, Michelle Cannon, Nikki Starling, and Alexis Ross of the City Clerks Department.

MINUTES

3. April 11, 2022 Special Session
4. April 18, 2022 Regular Session
5. April 26, 2022 Special Session

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the April 11, 2022 Special Session, April 18, 2022 Regular Session, and April 26, 2022 Special Session minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Witt requested to move Items #20 and #21 up on the agenda after the consent agenda. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Ricky Jernigan
- Aaron Tripensee
- Shomari Bowden
- Glenel Bowden

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approval to award Bid (ITB-012-2022) for Purchase of Pipe and Fittings for Disc Filter System Project to Lanier Municipal Supply Co. Inc., the sole bidder for \$101,175.55.
7. Approval to identify \$268,000.00 in ARPA funds as the funding source for City Council Resolution No. 2021-150.

History: Bell Street Wastewater Improvement Project and 5A Water Main Project. Both projects were approved by City Council on October 18, 2021 via City Council Resolution No. 2021-149 and City Council Resolution No. 2021-150. At the time of the October 18, 2021 approval, funding was not identified. On February 22, 2022 a motion was made to approve funding for the engineering of the projects identified in City Council Resolution No. 2021-149 and City Council Resolution No. 2021-150 in the amount of \$403,000.00. The motion identified restricted ARPA funds as the funding source. However, the amount of funds identified in the motion only covered the amount needed for City Council Resolution No. 2021-149. Approval of this consent agenda item, will identify ARPA funding as the funding source for City Council Resolution No. 2021-150 in the amount of \$268,000.00.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Items #6 and 7 identified above. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

21. Discussion and Possible Action - Request to forgive Code Enforcement Liens in the amount of \$93,500.00 that occurred from December 8, 2016 (1,870) days) on Parcel No. 06085-000, 331 NW Gwen Lake Avenue, for Sylvester Warren, new owner. Special Magistrate Order - Case No. 2016-497 (Presenter: Marshall Sova, Code Enforcement Officer)

Mr. Sova presented a request to forgive Code Enforcement Liens in the amount of \$93,550.00. He reported the property needed to be cleaned up and there was a home that needed to be torn down. He stated once the home was removed, the lien could be removed.

Mr. Hill made a motion to remove 100% of the lien and administrative costs on parcel number 06085-000, 331 NW Gwen Lake Avenue for Sylvester Warren, Special Magistrate Order Case No. 2016-497, after the property is cleaned up. The motion

provides six (6) months to complete the work. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

20. Discussion and Possible Action - Request to forgive Code Enforcement Liens in the amount of \$415,950.00, that occurred from August 14, 2014 (2,773 days) on Parcel #11512-006, 862 NW Georgia Avenue, for Aaron Compton, Special Magistrate Order Case No. 14-52400968. (Presenter: Marshall Sova, Code Enforcement Officer)

Mr. Sova presented a request to forgive Code Enforcement Liens in the amount of \$415,950.00. He reported this property had no current code violations.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to remove 100% of the lien and administrative costs on parcel number 11512-006, 862 NW Georgia Ave for Aaron Compton, Special Magistrate Order Case No. 14-52400968. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

PRESENTATIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Other Items

8. Discussion and Possible Action - City Manager Position (Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jerry Leszkiewicz

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

Mayor Witt reported members had received an email from Renee Narloch giving an update on where she has re-advertised the position, and stated members would have to agree to increase the salary offered.

Mr. Hill stated he wants the best qualified person for the job.

Mr. Sampson reported he reviewed past City Manager Wendell Johnson's salary package and stated it was \$155,000.00 in 2016, and by April of 2018 it would be

annualized at \$163,000.00. Annualizing that salary forward to 2022 would have been well within the \$160,000.00 - \$190,000.00 range for a City Manager candidate.

Mr. Sampson provided statistics on other cities he learned about last week at his Institute for Elected Municipal Officials training. He felt the job search had not been handled well.

Mr. Jefferson suggested advertising the salary boundaries if the City were to offer more for the position.

Mr. Sampson suggested asking for funds back from Narloch & Associates and to go a different direction, with a different vendor and start fresh.

Mr. Hill made a motion to advertise the City Manager’s salary range as \$140,000 - \$160,000.00. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

9. Discussion and Possible Action - City Parks Camera (Presenter: Matt Benedetti, Information Technology Director)

Mr. Benedetti reported all four City Parks could be covered with the amount quoted.

Mr. Sampson stated an agreement is needed prior to installation of the cameras at Annie Mattox Park.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to authorize the City Attorney to work with the Annie Mattox Board on an agreement related to the installation of security cameras at Annie Mattox Park. The motion authorizes to move the City Camera Parks Project forward in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. The motion identifies ARPA as the funding source. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

10. Discussion and Possible Action - Composition of Utility Advisory Committee (Presenter: Council Member Todd Sampson)

Reference Materials Provided: City Council Resolution No. 2021-049, Composition of Utility Advisory Committee and City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2178 Composition, Function, Responsibilities of Committees

Mr. Sampson reported on the make up of the Utility Advisory Committee, and stated there still was still a need for non-Council/Staff members.

Members concurred two Council members, two County Commissioners, the Water Director, Gas Director and one other Director shall comprise the Utility Advisory Committee.

Mr. Sampson made a motion authorizing a resolution to be prepared to appoint the members of the Utility Advisory Committee as follows: two Council, two County Commissioners, Water Director, Gas Director, and one other Director. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

- 11. Discussion and Possible Action - Fire Pension Board Appointee
(Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt reminded members there was still a need for a Fire Pension Board Appointee.

- 12. Discussion and Possible Action - Police Officers Pension Board Appointee
(Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt reminded members there was still a need for a Police Officers Pension Board Appointee.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions

- 13. City Council Resolution No. 2022-040 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the City's participation in three settlements resulting from litigation concerning the opioid epidemic; providing for the

execution of the "Allergan Settlement", "CVS Settlement", and "TEVA Settlement", each of which as described by the Florida Attorney General; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-040, authorizing the City's participation in three settlements resulting from litigation concerning the opioid epidemic; providing for the execution of the "Allergan Settlement", "CVS Settlement", and "TEVA Settlement", each of which as described by the Florida Attorney General. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

- 14. City Council Resolution No. 2022-041 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the City, by and through the Lake City Police Department, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide law enforcement services as needed. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-041, authorizing the City, by and through the Lake City Police Department, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide law enforcement services as needed. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

- 15. City Council Resolution No. 2022-042 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting a bid from Holly Electric, Inc., related to electrical services and repairs; providing for the award of an electrical services contract; providing for the execution of the electrical services contract; and providing an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-042, accepting a bid from Holly Electric, Inc., related to electrical services and repairs; providing for the award of an electrical services contract, and providing for the execution of the electrical services contract. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

16. City Council Resolution No. 2022-043 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting a bid from C & C Electric, LLC, related to electrical services and repairs; providing for the award of an electrical services contract; providing for the execution of the electrical services contract; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-043, accepting a bid from C & C Electric, LLC, related to electrical services and repairs; providing for the award of an electrical services contract, and providing for the execution of the electrical services contract. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

17. City Council Resolution No. 2022-044 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting a bid from Base 3, LLC., d/b/a Gibson Electric, related to electrical services and repairs; providing for the award of an electrical services contract; providing for the execution of the electrical services contract; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-044, accepting a bid from Base 3, LLC., d/b/a Gibson Electric, related to electrical services and repairs; providing for the award of an electrical services contract, and providing for the execution of the electrical services contract. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

18. City Council Resolution No. 2022-045 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting a bid from Graham & Sons Electric, Inc., related to electrical services and repairs; providing for the award of an electrical services contract; providing for the execution of the electrical services contract; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-045, accepting a bid from Graham & Sons Electric, Inc., related to electrical services and repairs; providing for the award of an electrical services contract, and providing for the execution of the electrical services contract. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

19. City Council Resolution No. 2022-046 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, rejecting all bids received relating to the Invitation to Bid advertised by the City and concerning the Ichetucknee Quality and Quantity Enhancement Project; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2022-046, rejecting all bids received relating to the Invitation to Bid advertised by the City and concerning the Ichetucknee Quality and Quantity Enhancement Project. 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

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22. Discussion and Possible Action - City Attorney Fred Koberlein to announce the need for an Attorney Client Litigation Session for Consolidate Case Number: 2021-268-CA, Befaihtful Coker v City Council of Lake City, Florida Individually and Collectively, and Stephen Douglas, Intervenor.

Attorney Koberlein requested to schedule an attorney client session for Consolidated Case Number: 2021-268-CA, Befaihtful Coker v City Council of Lake City, Florida Individually and Collectively, and Stephen Douglas, Intervenor after the May 16, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Members concurred.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Hill invited everyone to attend the 2nd annual Unity Day he is hosting on Saturday, May 7th, 2022 from 11-3:00 PM.

Mayor Witt congratulated Fred Koberlein for his upcoming appointment as Third Judicial Circuit Judge.

Mr. Sampson discussed the Emergency Housing Grants applications. Members concurred to review the applications and to consider rules and regulations at the May 16, 2022 meeting.

Ms. Sikes confirmed there would not be any advisory committee meetings until the committee structure was addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk