

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Special Session, on August 4, 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.

#### 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

City Attorney  
Interim City Manager

Frederick Koberlein, Jr. – attended virtually via Zoom

Paul Dyal

Sergeant-at-Arms

Chief Gerald Butler

City Clerk

Audrey Sikes

Mr. Dyal introduced Demetrius Johnson as the new Interim Assistant City Manager.

#### MINUTES

##### 1. July 18, 2022 Regular Session

**Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the July 18, 2022 regular session minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Pedro Jermaine
- Victoria Whilden
- Rebecca Haight
- Befaitful Coker
- Sylvester Warren

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

2. Permit application from Lake City - Columbia County Chamber of Commerce to hold the Gateway City Craft Beer & Wine Festival on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 7AM until 7:00 PM at Darby Pavilion and Wilson Park. The Lake City Columbia County Chamber of

Commerce is requesting the fee to use Darby Pavilion in the amount of \$100.00 to be waived. All supporting documents including the certificate of insurance have been provided.

3. Approval to award Bid (ITB-022-2022) for purchase of 12" FPVC C900 DR 18 Water Pipe to Consolidated Pipe & Supply, the lowest bidder. The 12" FPVC C900 DR 18 Water Pipe will be used to extend approximately 7,000 linear ft of water main within the subdivision along SW Heathridge Dr., Timberland Ct., Fieldstone Ct., and Woodleaf Ct. with fire hydrants. This is to provide potable water to customers with failing wells.

**Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the items listed above. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

## OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

### Other Items

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on RFP-020-2022 City Attorney  
(Presenter: Procurement Director Karen Nelmes)

Ms. Nelmes reported there was one proposal received for the City Attorney RFP-020-2022. Folds Walker, LLC, & Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, who submitted a joint proposal.

Scott Walker and Todd Kennon addressed members and stated this would be a collaborative effort from the two firms.

Mr. Sampson disclosed he personally used Todd Kennon in the past, and inquired who would be attending the City Council meetings.

The two lead attorneys both Scott Walker and Todd Kennon stated they would attend.

Mr. Jefferson reported the City communicated with Fred Koberlein's office between 1100-1400 hours per year.

Mr. Kennon stated they would allocate the workload between the two firms, by dividing up projects and resources.

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to move forward with the interview process with Folds Walker, LLC, and Robinson, Kennon & Kendron. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

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

Mayor Witt reported he received a timeline and schedule from Colin Baezinger, as well as an email from David Lynch expressing his continued interest in the position. He stated he also discussed the process with Interim City Manager Paul Dyal and asked him if he would be interested in a permanent position.

Mr. Dyal confirmed that he would in fact be interested in the permanent position.

Mr. Hill expressed his confidence in Mr. Dyal, and **made a motion for Mr. Dyal to continue as the permanent City Manager. Mayor Witt seconded the motion.**

Mr. Jefferson spoke in favor of Mr. Dyal and suggested bringing this topic back at the next meeting to give him an opportunity to speak with Mr. Dyal.

Mr. Sampson requested more information moving forward and stated Mr. Dyal needed to be compensated for the job he has done. He added the Baezinger firm would also do a good job and that all avenues should be exhausted.

Mr. Jefferson reported he also received an email from Mr. Lynch, as well as phone calls. He expressed concern with interviewing Mr. Lynch if the headhunter firm was being used, as he did not want to damage the working relationship with Baezinger.

**Mr. Jefferson made a motion to table until the next meeting. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

City Clerk Audrey Sikes confirmed with members what information they would like to see in the next agenda packet for this topic. Mr. Sampson stated he would provide the criteria to her.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

8. City Hall Update (Presenter: Interim City Manager Paul Dyal)

Mr. Dyal reported he was following the procurement procedure, and needed one additional quote for the structural analysis on the current City Hall building.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

9. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2230 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the City Code related to Code Enforcement; providing for supplemental procedures to the Code Enforcement process; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2230 on first reading, amending the City Code related to Code Enforcement, and providing for supplemental procedures to the Code Enforcement process. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Resolutions

10. City Council Resolution No. 2022-076 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting a bid from Florida Fill and Grading, Inc., related to furnishing and installing approximately 186 LF of 15" RCP storm sewer, type "E" inlets, precast manholes, trench drain, sand cement bag ditch paving, asphalt parking lot, sidewalk, and pavement striping, including all demolition, erosion controls and restoration as necessary for performance of the work; providing for the award of a contract; providing for the execution of a contract; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-076, accepting a bid from Florida Fill and Grading, Inc., related to furnishing and installing approximately 186 LF of 15" RCP storm sewer, type "E" inlets, precast manholes, trench drain, sand cement bag ditch paving, asphalt parking lot, sidewalk, and pavement striping, including all demolition, erosion controls and restoration as necessary for performance of the work; providing for the award of a contract, and providing for the execution of a contract. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

11. City Council Resolution No. 2022-077 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, providing for the rescission of City Council Resolution Number 2022-067 relating to a memorandum of agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida, and Columbia County, Florida; providing for the execution of a revised memorandum of agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, North Florida Professional Services, Inc., the Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida, and the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners; providing for the construction of a pier at Lake Montgomery; providing for conflict; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-077, providing for the rescission of City Council Resolution Number 2022-067 relating to a memorandum of agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida, and Columbia County, Florida; providing for the execution of a revised memorandum of agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, North Florida Professional Services, Inc., the Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida, and the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners, and providing for the construction of a pier at Lake Montgomery. Mr. Hill seconded the motion.**

Mr. Sampson confirmed with Chris Wynn, from the Florida Wildlife Conservation, this agreement included specified items such as the gates, cameras and fence, as well as referencing back to the improvement plan.

**A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

12. City Council Resolution No. 2022-078 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, Constituting the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 preliminary Fire Assessment Resolution; providing authority; providing purpose and definitions; relating to the provision of Fire Protection Services, facilities, and programs in the City of Lake City, Florida; confirming previous resolutions, as amended; reimposing Fire Protection Assessments and establishing Fire Protection not-to-exceed assessment rates; directing the preparation of the preliminary assessment roll; authorizing a Public Hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; providing for application of assessment proceeds; providing for conflicts, and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-078, Constituting the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 preliminary Fire Assessment Resolution; providing authority; providing purpose and definitions; relating to the provision of Fire Protection Services, facilities, and programs in the City of Lake City, Florida; confirming previous resolutions, as amended; reimposing Fire Protection Assessments and establishing Fire Protection not-to-exceed assessment rates; directing the preparation of the preliminary assessment roll; authorizing a Public Hearing and directing the provision of notice**

thereof, and providing for application of assessment proceeds. 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

13. City Council Resolution No. 2022-079 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an agreement to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement; providing for an extension of the contract's deadline to August 31,2023; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-079, authorizing the execution of an agreement to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement, and providing for an extension of the contract's deadline to August 31,2023. 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

14. City Council Resolution No. 2022-080 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a release and satisfaction of lien; providing for the release of a Code Enforcement Lien recorded in Official Records Book 1280, Page 2190, of the Public Records of Columbia County, Florida; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-080, authorizing the execution of a release and satisfaction of lien, and providing for the release of a Code Enforcement Lien recorded in Official Records Book 1280, Page 2190, of the Public Records of Columbia County, Florida. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

15. City Council Resolution No. 2022-081 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing an eminent domain action by the City; providing for legal action against property to enhance Sallie Mae Jerry Park; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to attend the tax deed sale for parcel #11481-000 at the time this property comes up, and bid on behalf of the City up to the balance it is at the time of sale. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-081, authorizing an eminent domain action by the City, and providing for legal action against property to enhance Sallie Mae Jerry Park. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Mr. Koberlein confirmed the inferred direction on one lot (identified in City Council Resolution No. 2022-082), of not moving forward with that procedure in an effort for the City to acquire through tax sales deed process.

16. City Council Resolution No. 2022-082 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing an eminent domain action by the City; providing for legal action against property to enhance Sallie Mae Jerry Park; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-082, authorizing an eminent domain action by the City, and providing for legal action against property to enhance Sallie Mae Jerry Park, with a delay in action until after the tax deed sale. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

17. City Council Resolution No. 2022-083 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration; providing for improvements to the Lake City Gateway Airport; providing for the receipt of up to \$2,460,257.00 in allowable costs; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-083, authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration; providing for improvements to the Lake City Gateway Airport, and providing for the**

**receipt of up to \$2,460,257.00 in allowable costs. 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**

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mr. Hill commented on the lease negotiations with HAECO. He announced the annual Community Day being held next to Memorial Stadium on Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 12-4PM and invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Sampson commented on the lease negotiations with HAECO.

Mr. Hill requested permission from Council to block the corner of Hilton, Washington and Matthews for the Community Day event.

**Mr. Jefferson made a motion to block the corner of Hilton, Washington and Matthews for the Community Day event. 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**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.**

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Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, City Clerk