

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on October 17, 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 – Council Member Eugene Jefferson

## ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member  
City Council

Stephen M. Witt  
Jake Hill, Jr.  
Eugene Jefferson  
C. Todd Sampson – absent  
Todd Kennon  
Paul Dyal  
Assistant Chief Andy Miles  
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney  
City Manager  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
City Clerk

PROCLAMATIONS – None

## MINUTES

1. October 3, 2022 Regular Session

**Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the October 3, 2022 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the agenda with combining Items #3 and #12. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

Mr. Dyal welcomed the new Finance Director, Angela Taylor, and thanked previous Finance Director, Donna Duncan, for her service to the City.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Tony Buzzella

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

2. Permit application from Blue Grey Army, Inc. to hold the Olustee Battle Festival starting with the set-up on Thursday, February 16, 2023. The festival will be held on Friday, February 17, 2023 through Saturday, February 18, 2023. All supporting documents,

excluding the certificate of insurance, have been provided. This approval is contingent upon receipt of the certificate of insurance prior to the event.

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

Mr. Kennon reported the insurance policy cannot be issued until 45 days prior to the event. He stated the proposed insurance was to begin on February 17<sup>th</sup> and he suggested having the proposed insurance begin coverage on February 16<sup>th</sup> to cover the set-up time for the event. Additionally, he stated the insurance company and staff will need to look at the issue of a bounce house as the insurance policy does not cover inflatables. This needs to be addressed prior to finalization of the insurance.

## PRESENTATIONS

3. Mavis Georgalis, Chair of the Planning and Zoning Board, Historical Preservation Board and Board of Adjustment to introduce new Chair, Christopher Lydick and Vice Chair James Carter and to update Council on the number of petitions heard this year.

Ms. Georgalis discussed the handout provided in the agenda packet and introduced new Chair Christopher Lydick, and Vice Chair James Carter. She reported her seat, seat #1 would be vacant as of November 1st. Ms. Georgalis stated the Board and Mr. McMahon would like for Mr. McMahon to be reappointed to seat #7.

4. Discussion and Possible Action - Gun Buyback Program (Presenter: Ms. Chevella Young)

Ms. Young presented to members the need for a Community Gun Buy Back and Safety Initiative Training Program, and asked for Council support for an event tentatively scheduled to take place on November 12, 2022.

Mayor Witt stated there is only one City Council Meeting prior to that date, therefore it would need to be on the next agenda. He stated he would get with Mr. Dyal.

5. Discussion and Possible Action - Curtis Burgess requesting donation of \$8,795.00 to the Columbia Youth Football Association for the 2nd Annual Vince Timmons Youth Football Tournament.

Mr. Burgess requested funding for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vince Timmons Youth Football Tournament to be held in November 2022.

Ms. Sikes reported last year (July 12, 2021) when the City Council authorized funding for the event, recurring funding was to be considered during the FY23 budget process, however, this was overlooked. Ms. Sikes provided a potential funding source as promotional events in the Public Assistance Budget.

**Mr. Hill made a motion to donate \$8,795.00 to the Columbia Youth Football Association. The motion identifies the funding source as Public Assistance, promotional events, account number 001.16.574-080.82. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

Ms. Sikes recommended for Mr. Burgess to get with Ms. Bruner during the budget process next year, approximately (July/August) to submit a funding request for the November 2023 event.

## OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances - None

Other Items - None

## NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2232 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the City Code to add a new Section Number 86-110.18 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent vacating of the South 50.00 feet of the North 158.00 feet of Block 15, McFarlane Park Subdivision, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book B, Page 5, of the public records of Columbia County, Florida; providing for conflicts; providing for severability, providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2232, on first reading, amending the City Code to add a new Section Number 86-110.18 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent vacating of the South 50.00 feet of the North 158.00 feet of Block 15, McFarlane Park Subdivision, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book B, Page 5, of the public records of Columbia County, Florida. 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>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Resolutions

7. City Council Resolution No. 2022-111 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the acceptance of a utility easement from

TWAS Properties LLC; providing for the relocation of an existing sewer gravity main and sanitary sewer manhole; and providing for an effective date. (Tidal Wave Auto Spa/TWAS) **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-111, authorizing the acceptance of a utility easement from TWAS Properties LLC, and providing for the relocation of an existing sewer gravity main and sanitary sewer manhole. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

8. City Council Resolution No. 2022-119 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing Task Assignment Number Four to the continuing contract with Gmuer Engineering, LLC; providing for an application for a permit for the maintenance of an existing drainage ditch at Evergreen Drive; providing for a cost not-to exceed \$4,700.00; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-119, authorizing Task Assignment Number Four to the continuing contract with Gmuer Engineering, LLC; providing for an application for a permit for the maintenance of an existing drainage ditch at Evergreen Drive, and providing for a cost not-to exceed \$4,700.00. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

9. City Council Resolution 2022-120 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, declaring certain property owned by the City to be either surplus to its needs and sold at public notice sale, or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 2-183 of the City Code; authorizing the City to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the City. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution 2022-120, declaring certain property owned by the City to be either surplus to its needs and sold at public notice sale, or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 2-183 of the City Code; authorizing the City to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the City. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

10. City Council Resolution No. 2022-121 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the Lake City Police Department to accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$13,222.00; providing for the procurement of equipment for the use and benefit of the Police Department; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-121, authorizing the Lake City Police Department to accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$13,222.00, and providing for the procurement of equipment for the use and benefit of the Police Department. 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>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

11. City Council Resolution 2022-122 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services; providing for the acceptance of a grant award of up to \$500,000.00 in reimbursable costs associated with the construction of a fire station located on the Westside of the City of Lake City, Florida; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution 2022-122, authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services, and providing for the acceptance of a grant award of up to \$500,000.00 in reimbursable costs associated with the construction of a fire station located on the Westside of the City of Lake City, Florida. 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>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### Other Items

12. Discussion and Possible Action - Planning and Zoning Board (Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)

This topic was discussed with Item #3.

#### DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

13. Discussion and Possible Action - Approval of additional three (3) firefighter position through the Safer Grant (Presenter: Chief Wehinger) **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the addition of three (3) entry level firefighter positions through the Safer**

**Grant. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

Ms. Sikes discussed the difficulty in receiving applicants for City Boards and asked if the members would be interested in having staff look into opening up the applicant pool to include City and County residents. Mayor Witt stated he was interested in exploring this option.

Public Comment: Vanessa George and Chris Lydick

ADJOURNMENT

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.**

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Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk