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City of Lake Park Work Session  
August 1, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Agenda

7:00 PM Work Session – Review Personnel Policy

City of Lake Park Regular Meeting  
August 1, 2017  
7:30 PM  
Agenda

Public Hearing – Second reading of Ordinance 115 – Open Records Policy

Minutes July 11, 2017

Financial – July 2017

Citizens' Concerns

Ordinance 115 - Open Records Policy

Tax Mileage Rate

Board of Trustees for Tom's Pond Veterans Memorial Park per ordinance no. 114.

Department Reports

Citizens' Concerns

Admin/Executive Reports

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City of Lake Park Work Session Minutes  
August 1, 2017  
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Mayor and Council met at 7:00 PM to discuss and review the current City of Lake Park Personnel Policy.

No action taken.

Read & approved     *Jabatha Fowler*     Date     *9-5-17*    

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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting Minutes  
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Mayor Schindler called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

Those present were as follows; Mayor Schindler, Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Sauls, Council Members Ronald Carter, Rubinell McDonald, and Jena Sandlin, Clerk Tabatha Fowler, Clerk Consultant Ann Peterson, Fire Chief Brown, Police Chief Breletic, Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson, and citizens.

Mayor Schindler called the Public Hearing to order to have the second reading of Ordinance 115 – Open Records Policy.

Mayor closed the public hearing and opened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:35 PM.

Before beginning the meeting, Council Member Sandlin asked to speak. She went on to say that she wanted to commend Officer David Kinsey for his recent help during the burglary at her church. Sandlin said that Kinsey went beyond the call of duty and was very thorough. She asked Chief Breletic to accept a thank you card for Officer Kinsey.

Mayor asked for some clarification on the July 11 minutes before the Council votes. He questioned statements made regarding the Ordinance 114, who submitted it, what changes were done, and who was involved. Mayor called for action on the July 11, 2017 minutes. Member Sauls made a motion to accept minutes as written, Member Carter second, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor called for review of the July 11, 2017 financials. Member Carter made a motion to accept the financials as presented, Member Sandlin second, all in favor, motion passed.

#### Citizens' Concerns

Julie Schindler, 328 Back Forty Dr. Lake Park, GA 31636. Mrs. Schindler wanted to announce the winners of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Coloring Contest. She passed out the winning artwork for Council to review.

Laura Minchew, Rivera Prada Lake Park, GA 31636. Mrs. Minchew questioned Council about changes made to the Ordinance 114. She questioned the urgency and why the rush to pass the ordinance. Minchew also stated she was bothered by the lack of respect that the Veterans got during the last Regular Council Meeting.

Reba McDonald, 409 South Railroad, Lake Park, GA 31636. Mrs. McDonald stated that Pruitt Health Care would like to bring some of their residents to Tom's Pond for a fishing activity and wanted to know if that would be ok with the city.

Mayor called for Ordinance 115 - Open Records Policy. Member Carter made a motion to adopt Ordinance 115, Member Sauls second, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor called for review of the tax mileage rate. Mayor stated that he still felt as though the council needed to finish the budgeting process before setting the mileage rate. He asked for Council to set some dates and times to meet and tie up any loose ends with the budget before having a Call Meeting to set the mileage rate. Two dates were chosen for budget workshops and they are as follows;

Tuesday August 8, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Tuesday August 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Mayor called for Council to discuss Board of Trustees for Tom's Pond Veterans Memorial Park per Ordinance 114. Council Member Carter asked to make a statement. Member Carter stated he would like to thank Mrs. Fran Wilbers and Mrs. Laura Minchew for the work they have done and keeping things rolling with the Veterans Park, and for the time they spent raising money. They put a lot of hours into the planning and everything with the memorial. Carter went on to say and out of respect for them we need to propose that Mrs. Wilbers submit her name and three others to serve on the board. The names would be submitted to Council for approval, and if anyone on Council knows of any reason why they shouldn't serve then they could speak up at that time. He went on to say that he thought it would be wrong for them as Council members to pick their friends and neighbors and that they need to respect the ones that have worked so hard and getting this to come about. Carter stated that was his feelings on it and that he thought it would be wrong for them to take over and try to run things when they have worked so hard to get it as far as they've gotten it. Mayor asked to clarify his statement, Carter said that Mrs. Wilbers should pick out the ones to serve on it and bring those names to council and if anyone knows of a reason that they should not serve then they could discuss it at that time. If there are no objections then Mayor can call for motion to approve them. Carter said it should be Wilbers and three others. With talking to Wilbers, she is more qualified to pick the ones to serve, that has worked with her through this process, more so than we are. Mayor asked if Member Carter wanted to put that into a motion and he acknowledged yes he will. Mayor called for a second, no response. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Member Sauls stated she was under the impression that they were each supposed to name an appointee at the Council Meeting. Mayor asked for Council appointees; Member Sauls appointed Ronald Causey, whom was not available to attend, Member McDonald appointed David White, whom was in attendance, and Member Sandlin appointed Mary Jane York, whom was not available to attend. Mayor asked Member Carter if he had anyone he would like to appoint. Carter stated he would like to appoint Fran Wilbers, Wilbers whom was in attendance respectfully declined. Member Carter stated he would like to appoint Laura Minchew, Minchew whom was in attendance also said no thank you. Mayor asked if Member Carter had any other appointment ideas and he said none at this time. Mayor advised Carter that he could come back in the September Regular Meeting with another appointee.

Mayor stated he would like to call on each of the appointees and ask for them to give Council an idea of why they would like to serve, what their vision is for the project, and if they have any fund raising ideas. Mayor called for Ronald Causey, not available to attend. David White, came before Council and stated he would like to serve on the board of trustees being a Veteran himself. He said there are a lot of fund raising ideas such as raffles; you could also contact other cities for donations, and also other Veterans groups.

Mayor advised that they appointees would need to establish their board seats and appoint someone to take minutes of their meetings. He said preferably someone not on the board so that they are not trying to multi task while taking the minutes. Mayor further stated that a new account fund would have to be established. White stated that they could model their committee around other city committees. Mayor called for Mary Jane York, not available to attend.

#### Department Reports

Fire Chief David Brown came forward to give the fire department report. That report included information about a structure fire, limited number of available smoke detectors, and the need of new radios before the end of 2018. Brown stated that total cost of radios for his department and the police department would be \$59701.76 and would more than likely need to be financed over a 5 year period. The Mayor asked for Council to table and add the radios to the October's Regular Meeting agenda. (see attached)

Police Chief James Breletic came forward to give the police department report. That report included current investigations, calls, miles traveled patrolling the city, approximate citations issued, and software and computer update needs.

Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson came forward to give the maintenance and water department reports. That report included recent water leaks, need for new tables, chairs, and a front door for civic center. He also stated that the paperwork had been filed with Utility Service Company, Suez, and that they would be in contact with him once they have a date set for the well work.

#### Citizens' Concerns

Laura Minchew, Riviera Prada Lake Park, GA 31636. Minchew wanted to thank Member Carter for his nomination.

Ralph Romero, 305 East St. Lake Park, GA 31636. Romero stated that it had been a while since he attended a Council Meeting, but hoped that he would now be able to attend regularly. He stated he had several points he wanted to cover. Romero needs more financial stability and growth; he said that comes from bringing people and businesses into the city, not just depending on the current citizens. He praised Mr. Carter for his attempt to do the right thing and nominate the people that had spear headed the memorial. Romero stated he heard earlier that the Council would be meeting to discuss the budget and hopes that they will consider raises for the police officers. He asked if it were true that the American flag was being flown at night without lighting and if so were they not aware that it was against the law. The flag should be put up at dawn and taken down at dusk if there is no lighting provided. Romero further asked for Council to consider other ways to prevent the speeding accidents that have been happening on his street. He realizes that police can on do so much and asked if Council had considered contacting the GDOT and possibly posted signage such as "Speeding – O Tolerance".

Julie Schindler, 345 Back Forty Dr. Lake Park, GA 31636. Mrs. Schindler addressed the Council stating she was angry. She went on to say how dare you appoint people from the Church of God again? You are appointing people from the Church of God that have a connection with three people sitting on Council. You can't tell me that these people aren't talking at church meetings and other gatherings. She stated she didn't think it was right and she didn't think it was fair. She said she didn't feel like the same church member should make the majority and be making all the city decisions. Schindler said she didn't see anything wrong

with church members being appointed but they should appoint from different churches to make it fair. One from every church, there are plenty of them here, which would make it fair.

Fran Wilbers, 5517 Old Hwy 41 South Lake Park, GA 31636. Wilbers stated that she would be back at next month's meeting to give a full report. She said that she wanted to touch on the flag not being lite at night. They had the pole, the power box, and were ready to run the power that was being donated for the Tom's Pond Veterans Memorial, until they were stopped over the property dispute. Now the flag is being flown illegally and unacceptable. Wilbers then read the federal regulation regarding flags and their illumination.

Millie Griffin, 614 North Railroad Lake Park, GA 31636. Griffin reported to Council that she had a great respect for Veterans and the service they provide. She then told the Mayor that she was disturbed about how people were running down the Church of God. Griffin went on to say that no one had any business putting down the church or their members. She further made statements of rumors and such she had been told by others around town about the city mayor and who was actually the mayor.

Traci Fountain, 1003 Cotton Ave. Lake Park, GA 31636. Mrs. Fountain asked for clarification on the Veterans Memorial account status. She stated that earlier the Mayor stated that a new account fund would have to be established. Mayor stated that he was advised by the city attorney, depending on Council's decisions and what direction they went with the board of trustees, there could be a situation that current donation money in the account be refunded to those donors and possibly a new fund established. Mayor went on to say that at this point he would have to turn to the attorney for legal advice. Fountain went on to say that she understood the tension and hurt feelings among people involved but she hoped that they could move past that and work together.

Mayor went into Admin/Executive Reports; he stated he wanted to honor the radio station 92.9 for all their help in promoting and advertising the Independence Day Celebration. Mayor asked for Council to consider some ideas of appreciation and come back at the next meeting to discuss.

Chief Breletic urged Council to take care and stop and thank all those employees and volunteers that have worked hard and donated their time in doing these events.

Fran Wilbers came forward and wanted to acknowledge some of the Veterans that attended the previous Regular Council meeting were some of those that were there for the Independence Day Celebration and led the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer during the festivities.

Being no further business, Member Sandlin made a motion to adjourn, Member Sauls second, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Read & approved Jabrina Fowler Date 9-5-17