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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting  
June 6, 2017  
7:30 PM

### Agenda

Public Hearing: Ordinance #114 Lake Park Veterans Park

Text Amendment 2017-05-02

Minutes – May 2 Regular Meeting, May 18 Town Hall Meeting, May 30 Budget Workshop

Financial – May 2017

Citizens' Concerns

Art Show Winners

Text Amendment

Ordinance 114 - Lake Park Veterans Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Appointments to Veteran's Park Board

Resolution, Cemetery Flower Policy

Department reports

Dead trees at Fire Station

Increasing Crime Lab and Technology fees on citations

City Marshall Duties

Updating Personnel Policy – set meeting date to review

Water/Well proposal – SPLOST VII

Increase grant revenue and expense – \$3000 (Genesis Rescue Strut & Safety Signs)

July Meeting date

Welcome packet for new citizens

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### Minutes

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, and citizens.

Mayor Schindler called the Public Hearing to order to discuss the Ordinance #114 Lake Park Veterans Park and the Text Amendment 2017-05-02. He advised that no action was taken by the Greater Lowndes County Planning Commission; the item was tabled for further information, on the text amendment. Mayor called on Keith Sandlin to come forward and give a report of the meeting.

Mayor asked if anyone had anything to share in reference to the Ordinance #114 Lake Park Veterans Park.

Fran Wilbers, 5514 Old Hwy 41 South, apologized for being out of town during the town hall meeting. She first stated that the name on the Ordinance 114 was incorrect. The actual name of the memorial is Tom's Pond Veteran's Memorial Lake Park Georgia. That was the name posted during ground breaking and the name used in all media coverage. She further stated that she would give a report on the project during citizens' concerns.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:41 PM.

Minutes – May 2 Regular Meeting, May 18 Town Hall Meeting, May 30 Budget Workshop Member Carter made a motion to accept minutes, Member Sandlin second, all in favor, motion passed.

Financial – May 2017 Member Carter made a motion to accept the financials as presented, Member Sauls second, all in favor, motion passed.

#### Citizens' Concerns

Fran Wilbers, 5517 Old Hwy 41 South, gave an update on Veteran's Memorial project, plans, financials, plans, and donations.

Julie Schindler, 328 Back Forty Lake Park, gave a brief update on Independence Day Celebration idea of an Apple Pie Cook Off will be held 1:00-2:00 on July 1 and the judging will take place at 4:00 PM.

Julie Wilbers, 360 Back Forty Lake Park, gave additional updates on the Independence Day Celebration, Raffle tickets, and vendors. Mrs. Wilbers also praised Mayor and Council for their budget planning and preparation and encouraged them to find a way to award pay raises. She gave a breakdown of salaries for Lake Park Police Officers verses a H2A worker “seasonal worker” showing that a seasonal or VISA worker makes at least \$1.00 more per hour than our officers and pay out very little if any taxes.

Mayor called for agenda item of Art Show Winners. Dr. Julie Schindler and Mayor Schindler awarded the prize winning artist; adult division, Susan Bean and youth division Ansley Hill.

Text Amendment 2017-05-02 – tabled to July 11, 2017.

Mayor called for Council to consider Ordinance 114 Lake Park Veterans Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Fran Wilbers came forward once more to discuss the Ordinance and question if there was a need for it. Wilbers was concerned with a spending limit of \$500 without prior Council approval. Council debated and discussed other topics of concern with the current wording of the Ordinance. It was noted that nothing was mentioned about excess money that is left once project is completed, lighting for the memorial, billing for the lighting, and name on the account for the utility, maintenance shortfalls possibly during construction of project, and insurance and liability for the memorial. Member Carter made a motion to table until a work session could be held on July 11, 2017 at 5:30 PM to make necessary changes and iron out the differences. Member McDonald second the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Appointments to Veteran’s Park Board – tabled to July 11 2017.

Mayor called for review of the updated Cemetery Flower Policy that had an addition to cover flags at the cemetery. – Member Sauls made a motion to accept the flower policy as revised, Member Sandlin second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor called on Council to discuss the item of increasing Crime Lab and Technology fees on citations. Member Sauls made a motion to increase the crime lab fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and the technology fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00, Member McDonald second, all in favor, motion passed.

#### Department reports

Dead trees at Fire Station – moved to bottom of agenda to await bid confirmation

Bob Wilbers, Lowndes County Transportation Committee representative, gave an update on the GDOT project for the exits on Hwy 75. Expected land acquisition to be done by 2018, and construction should begin in 2020.

Police Chief Breletic came forward to give the police department report which included; need for software update, looking into Dell software, Independence Day Celebration radio announcements, raffle tickets, and a need to increase officer salaries.

Fire Chief David Brown came forward to give the fire department report, see attached.

City Marshall Duties – tabled by Council Member Sandlin

Mayor called on Council to review the Water/Well proposal submitted from Utility Service Company, (Suez) – Mayor stated he contacted Lovell Engineers and was advised that the scope of work to be done would be considered engineering work. Member Sandlin made a motion to get an itemized list of work to be done and contact other city that has had similar services provided by Suez (Utility Service) and see how they covered the expense. The motion was second by Member Carter, all in favor, motion passed.

Increase grant revenue and expense – (Genesis Rescue Strut & Safety Signs) Member Sandlin made a motion to increase the grant revenue and the grant expense by \$2,873, Member McDonald second the motion, all in favor motion passed.

July Meeting date – July Regular Council Meeting will be July 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Welcome packet for new citizens- not action taken

Citizens' Concerns

Charles Davis, 5523 Old Hwy 41 S, stated that owns property in city and interested in annexing more into city. Before he does so, he question Council about allegations of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and even Jeff Patterson being fired or any plans of replacing those employees.

Admin/Executive Reports

Dead trees at Fire Station – tabled until July 11, 2017.

Mayor acknowledged another inquiry from Georgia Safe Sidewalks

Mayor opened sealed bid from Culpepper Paving, LLC about resurfacing Sheavette Rd.

Being no further business Member Sandlin made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 PM, second by Member McDonald, all in favor, motion passed.

Read & approved

*Tabatha Fowler*

Date

7-11-17

