

7:30 pm

REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2009

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Lake Park was called to order on March 10, 2009, 7:30 pm by Mayor Sandlin with flag salute and prayer. Those present, Mayor Sandlin, members Carter, Mulkey, Schindler and Spradley, City Attorney, City Clerk and interested citizens.

Member Carter moved to dispense with the reading of the February 3, 2009 minutes and approve as written, motion second by member Schindler, all approved. Financial Statement reviewed and accepted.

Under Citizens Concerns, Mr. Michael Minnick, representing several property owners in the Fox Crossing S/D approached Council requesting an unused city street, running west to east, approx. 1,000+ feet be officially closed and street given to adjoining property owners (see attached). Council will take into consideration, no action taken.

Mr. Ben Futch, developer of Fox Crossing, Back Forty, and East Broadway S/D said he would support homeowner's in their request to close street in Fox Crossing area. He (Futch) also wanted to address Council about a remark supposedly made by member Schinder during the Town Hall meeting that referred to a developer as not being concerned with children's safety. Member Schindler denied making this statement, no further discussion or action was taken.

Mr. Robert Tebdo, representing Da Rajun Cajun read statement (see attached) asking

Council to consider allowing Sunday alcohol sales within the city limits. Council took no action at this point in the meeting. Mrs. Rubinell McDonald requested Council consider adding more street lights on Cotton Ave., in the vicinity of Dollar General. Mr. George Kelecheck came before Council to report that his property at 215 Harris Trail, is now in compliance with R-10 zoning. He thanked Council for bringing this matter to his attention. Mr. J. E. Fender asked Council to investigate the condition of trees on S. Railroad Ave. right of way, they are diseased and could pose a hazard if they fell. He (Fender) also asked Council to deed him the portion of the alley adjacent to his property which was closed in 1988.

Ms. Sherry Davidson, representing the So. Ga. RDC was given the floor to propose changes in the City's zoning text/land use, zoning text amendment to add R-22, single family residential, minimum lot size of 22,000 sq. ft. (see attached), and for Council to consider amending the current zoning map to reflect the new zoning of R-22 on the south end of Tom's Pond, as proposed on sample map (on file with city clerk), no action taken at this time.

Member Schindler moved Ms. Cathy Brown be appointed as the Council's representative on the newly formed Ethics Commission. Mr. Jeff Patterson has already been appointed to serve as the representative for Mayor/Council. Motion second by member Mulkey, all approved. Mayor Sandlin stated his appointment for Mayor's representative would be Ms. Becky Dalzotto, however, no action taken on this appointment, matter tabled per Mayor Sandlin.

Lowndes County Board of Elections will be making a recommendation to the Justice Department to combine precinct polling places of the Lake Park Civic Center and So. Lowndes Recreation Center. After some discussion, member Schindler moved the City not agree with recommendation, and continue with both polling places, motion second by member Spradley, all in favor.

Member Schindler reminded Council of the increased traffic on Main St. due to the opening of the Home Depot distribution Center. His concern is for the residents of Quitman Housing apartments walking/riding bikes/handicap scooters into the City on the shoulder of Main St.

Member Schindler move the City obtain quotes on a 6' wide sidewalk, from Lane Dr. to S. Railroad Ave., which would be handicap accessible. Sidewalk to be located on the west side of Main St. Motion second by member Mulkey, all approved.

The bid for a driveway into Dollar General from Cotton Ave. was reviewed (see attached.) Member Carter moved City accept bid of \$1,500.00 from Lowndes Land Clearing, motion second by member Spradley, all approved.

Corp. Pettus had presented Council with quotes to replace the 2002 Chev Tahoe police vehicle last month. Members agreed to continue using the Tahoe, but if any major repairs are needed, will require authorization from Mayor/Council before repairs are made.

Under police equipment, officers are in need of new body armor. Corp. Pettus told

Council he had obtained a quote of \$515.00 each for an approved/accepted vest.

Member Schindler moved the City purchase three (3) vests, and require every officer to wear the vest while on duty. Motion second by member Carter, all approved. Quotes had been obtained to replace the Chief's computer, (see attached). Council decided to meet in a workshop to discuss purchase of a new computer. After some discussion Corp. Pettus asked Mayor for one of the lap tops given the City to download cameras immediately, Mayor agreed.

Quotes to purchase new turnout gear and hoses were presented by Corp. Pettus and Mr. David Brown (see attached). Total costs for gear and hoses, approx. \$40,000.00 Grant applications for fire equipment will open in April 2009, Council members were receptive to submitting applications, as long as there were no costs to the City.

Member Schindler reported the grant application submission time had closed on an energy grant, he had proposed City apply for.

Mayor Sandlin asked Council to consider the request of Rajun Cajun , allowing Sunday alcohol sales. Member Mulkey moved to deny request, motion second by member Spradley. When question called members Carter, Mulkey and Spradley for, member Schindler opposed, motion carries.

Under Administrative, Executive and Standing reports, member Mulkey will check with Georgia Power about street light placement on Cotton Ave. No action taken on offer from City of Valdosta to put recycling bins within city limits. Quote for mosquito spraying from Flythe Land Management (see attached) was discussed with member

Schindler moving the City agree to these terms, but on a month to month basis (30 day notice). Motion second by member Mulkey, all approved. Request from First Baptist Church of Lake Park asking Council to consider closing alley in Block 56 was studied. With no input from the adjoining property owners, no action taken at this time. Also in the request from First Baptist, they are asking Council to consider to make a text amendment (s) to the current sign ordinance to allow LED type signs within the city.

Council wants more input from the RDC regarding sign ordinance, decided to discuss more during a work session. Date for work session, Thursday March 26th, 7:00 pm
Agenda: police equipment, sign ordinance text amendment (s).

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Read & approved _____

Date _____