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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting
May 1, 2018
7:30 PM

Agenda

*Public Hearing – Ordinance 118 Tom's Pond Boating

Minutes April 3 Regular Meeting, and April 23 Work Session

Financial – April

Citizens' Concerns

Real Estate Surveys

Department Reports

Lawrence Street/Railroad Ave Drainage

Tom's Pond Ordinance *1st reading done in public hearing-no vote at this time

Citizens' Concerns

Admin/Executive Reports

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Mayor Schindler welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation at 7:30 PM.

Those present were as follows; Mayor Schindler, Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Carter, Council Members Tom Barr, Debbie Sauls, and Carl Taylor, Clerk Tabatha Fowler, Deputy Clerk Connie Martinez, Fire Chief David Brown, Police Chief James Breletic, Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson, and citizens.

Mayor called the Public Hearing to order for the first reading of Ordinance 118, Tom's Pond Boating. He read the ordinance aloud and then opened the floor for anyone who would like to speak in opposition or in favor of Ordinance 118.

Keith Sandlin, 901 Cotton Ave, came forward to state he didn't have a problem with the ordinance at all but he didn't know how they were going to go about it.

Jena Sandlin, 901 Cotton Ave, came forward to question the Mayor about the ordinance. She was not in favor, and stressed that it wasn't right for the property owners around the pond. She asked for Council to think about what they were doing if they were owners of property at the pond.

Being no one further to speak in opposition or in favor of Ordinance 118, Mayor Schindler closed the Public Hearing at 7:33 PM, and immediately opened the Regular Meeting.

He called for review of the minutes of April 3 Regular Meeting, and April 23 Work Session. Member Carter made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Member Barr second, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor called for review of the financials of April 2018, Member Carter made a motion to accept the financial as presented, Member Barr second all in favor motion passed.

Citizens' Concerns

Julie Wilbers, 360 Back Forty, advised the Mayor and Council of upcoming events in or around Lake Park are. Friday and Saturday May 5-6 will be the 3rd Annual Creative Impact Art Show held at the Lake Park Civic Center. Also there will be a benefit for Josh Allen at Rascals on May 11 starting at 5:00 PM to help out with his battle of cancer.

Richard Sell, 1013 Egret Way, wanted Council to know that he had spoken to County again about radios for the Fire Department and Police Department and that it might be in their best interest to wait and go in with county on their order to get a better rate.

Keith Sandlin, 901 Cotton Ave, asked the Mayor if he could re-read the section of the Ordinance 118 that discussed types of boats.

Mayor called for Council to review the real estate surveys from both Prime Consulting Solutions (previously Harris Surveying) and Southeastern Surveying. He asked if there was anyone here on behalf of the surveying companies. Rodney Tenery, Prime Consulting Solutions, came forward. No one present on behalf of Southeastern Surveying. Mayor asked Mr. Tenery if he could explain his survey and perhaps give his professional opinion on the difference in the two surveys. Mr. Tenery reviewed the surveys with Council and ultimately concluded that the difference was merely the pin location on one was actually set in the water while the other was set from the bank, the difference being a matter of inches. (Surveys attached)

Mayor asked if any department had changes to their previously submitted reports. Fire Chief David Brown came forward and explained his communication with Ashely Tye and Lowndes County about the purchase of radios. He further stated that they should hold off and order along with the county. No other changes to report.

Mayor asked for Council to review the inspection report from Lovell Engineering in regards to the Lawrence Street/Railroad Ave Drainage problem and repairs that have been requested by the Lake Park Area Historical Society. Mayor asked Jeff to come forward and tell Council what he was told and advised during the inspection. Jeff explained the issues that the engineer had discussed with him as well as Mr. Taylor. Terry Dees, LPAHS representative asked if he could address Council. He came forward and stated that he and Barbara Slocumb had spent several hours researching trying to gather more information about the work that had been done by the city in the past that they believe caused the issues. He further stated that he had received a copy of the inspection report as well and said that the information was not correct. He went on to explain that the report noted that the brick pavers had been installed about 10 years ago, Dees said that was wrong. He stated that the pavers had been put down back when the building was rebuilt using brick in or around 1904. He further stated that the road had been built up around 1969 and that was what was causing the issue. Mr. Taylor interjected and said that he was there when the inspection was being done and that he was asked how long the pavers had been put down and he stated he wasn't sure but he knew they were at least 10 years old. Taylor said that the notation of 10 years was probably from his guess. Discussion continued over the information collected by Dees and the Engineer report. Mayor asked Council how they would like to proceed. Member Barr made a motion to not accept the \$6930 in bids to repair and replace damaged pavers and stated that it did not seem to him, from the Engineer report, to be the responsibility of the city to take this on, Member Taylor second the motion. When the question was called, Members Barr, Taylor, and Sauls for the non-acceptance, and Member Carter abstained due to his affiliation with the LPAHS Board, motion passed. (Inspection attached)

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Jena Sandlin, 901 Cotton Ave, stated that she never received any notice about this pond ordinance and asked if the property owners were notified. She further stated that all property owners around the pond that will be affected should get a letter from the city.

Keith Sandlin, 901 Cotton Ave, stated he wanted to apologize to the Mayor and Council for missing the two meetings that he was invited to attend. He stated that he had other meetings that he had to go to.

Richard Sell, 1013 Egret Way, wanted to acknowledge that the citizens should work together, and that he understood the issues that property owners have with the upkeep and maintenance of their property. He also included that Council might want to consider a permitting process for those property owners to use boats on the pond; it's a potential revenue source.

Mayor called for Admin/Executive Reports

Member Carter requested that a potentially hazard in the road on Railroad Ave be added to the next meeting agenda. There is a water line that is sticking out of the ground and has busted pavement around it. Jeff was told to rope/tape off area until we can get it checked out. No action taken.

Council reviewed and discussed a bid submitted by Mike Killen for the Railroad Ave and Lawrence Street area. No action taken.

Next Meeting will be Monday May 21 at 6:30 PM. Mayor asked that Mike Killeen and Lovell Engineering be contacted and asked to attend. No action taken.

Council reviewed bids for millings to repair/patch areas of road at Ocean Pond from Killeen and from Scruggs. No action taken.

Council reviewed bid submitted from Luke Electrical for upgrade to electrical panel for City Hall. No action taken.

Mayor and Council advised to put the Lawrence Street closure between Railroad and Thomas on the agenda for May 21.

Member Taylor asked about auditor review and accounting procedures. No action taken.

Member Barr suggested that they consider consolidating or forming a committee (1) to cover Tom's Pond events/activities, Tom's Pond Veterans Memorial, Civic Center, and other event planning. He further stated that he felt that we owed it to the existing committee members, to contact them by letter to inquire if they would like to continue to serve on such a committee. No action taken.

Mayor and Council agreed to contact property owners surrounding Tom's Pond by letter to advise them of Ordinance 118 and to notify them that the final reading and vote for adoption would be held on June 5, 2018.

Being no further business, Member Barr made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM, all in favor motion passed.

Read & approved: Jabatha Taylor

Date 6-5-18