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City of Lake Park Call Meeting
May 21, 2018
6:30 PM

Agenda

Department Reports

Joyce – Credit Union

Lawrence Street/Railroad Drainage - Lovell Engineer & Mike Killeen

Railroad Ave Damage

Lawrence Street Closure between Railroad and Thomas

Tom's Pond Veterans Memorial Committee

Staging Area for debris

Annexation Fee Removal

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Mayor Schindler called the work session to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 and citizens.

Mayor began by calling on Joyce Jones from Georgia Power Valdosta Credit Union. Mrs. Jones began by giving a brief description of the credit union and their membership. She also explained the process of electronic payroll process.

Mayor asked if there were any additions or changes to the submitted department reports. Police Chief Breletic came forward to explain the recent GCIC audit. He also stated that the July 4th Celebration Parade will be held on June 30 at 3:00 and the events to follow at Tom's Pond. He further stated he would like to introduce Charles "Chuck" Davis, whom had approached him again about annexing in his lake. Mr. Davis came forth and stated that he would like to annex in the Long Pond Lake he had acquired and would like the City of Lake Park to consider his annexation. Davis offered a copy of his appellant court finding on his property.

Mayor called for discussion of the Lawrence Street/Railroad drainage. Lovell Engineering Team Leader Clayton Milligan came forward to discuss and answer any questions as it pertains to the proposal submitted for surveying and engineering service for the drainage issue. Before proceeding with any action, Council decided to request other engineering bids for same scope of work. *Member Carter stated that historical society expressed that they would like the city to hold off any more repairs right now until they could have their own work completed.

Mayor asked for item of Railroad Ave damage to be reviewed. Council decided to request pictures of damage and review already submitted bids to determine if this work was included in previous bids.

Mayor called for the item of the Lawrence Street closure between Railroad and Thomas, Council discussed and reviewed plans for the area. Member Carter made a motion and Member Taylor second for discussion. After discussion, Mayor asked for Member Carter to restate his motion. Member Carter stated he recommended that they open up Lawrence Street all the way down to the pond, and use an engineer to get the proper drainage, layout, parking, handicap parking, and whether it will have to be concrete or paved. Member Taylor second the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor then called for item of the Tom's Pond Veterans Memorial Committee. Clerk Fowler read aloud the letter mailed to each of the members, as previously requested by Council. (See attached). Fowler explained that the only member of the committee to respond as requested was Laura Minchew, who was also in attendance. *Member Sauls stated that she was notified by David White that he did not want to continue on the committee.

Council discussed (5) potential committee members for a Parks and Rec Committee, and an amendment to Ordinance 114 Tom's Pond Veterans Memorial Park. Council Member Taylor stated that Southern Occasions Florist (Dawn and/or Heather) had shown an interest in becoming active with Christmas Tree Lighting event and decorations. Bob Wilbers and Laura Minchew previously volunteered to serve on such a planning committee as well. Mayor advised that Johnny Parker, local businessman, also expressed interest in serving on a committee. Mayor further stated he would like to see a Council Member be on the committee, not to lead it but to be there to advise on procedures. That Council Member would have no voting rights unless there was a tie among the 4 committee members. Clerk is to contact Attorney Plumb to inquire about ordinance amendment, and Council will readdress at the next Council meeting. Currently being considered for the committee is, Bob Wilbers, Laura Minchew, Johnny Parker, Southern Occasions Florist (either Dawn or Heather) and Council Member Carl Taylor. It was also decided that a representative (other than council person) would be appointed from the committee to present updates on events and accounts quarterly to the Mayor and Council.

Mayor called for discussion of the staging area for debris. Mayor explained that they had located a parcel of property that he would like to approach the property owner to inquire about using for emergency situations as a staging area for debris. He further explained that if the property owner agreed, the property would still have to be inspected by EPA to confirm that it meets all the EPA/FEMA guidelines. Upon agreement of the use of property and inspections by EPA/FEMA, Mayor proposed paying property owner \$850 annually, and that the fee is reimbursable by FEMA if an emergency or disaster occurs. After discussion, Member Carter made a motion to allow Mayor to contact property owner and offer the \$850 a year to pay for the use of her property as a staging area for debris contingent on EPA approval, annexation, and it be guaranteed for 3 years, Member Sauls second for discussion. After discussion, Member Carter retracted his motion. Council will re-approach at next meeting.

Mayor called for discussion of annexation fee removal, they discussed what the current charges were and what the current expense was for the city. Members agreed that anyone wanting to come into the city should not be charged for that process. Member Carter made a motion to remove the annexation fee and Member Taylor second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor requested clerk to contact First State Bank to inquire about process and prices for doing payroll EFT's, as well as First Federal Bank.

Mayor asked if there were any further business, Member Carter stated he was approached by Fran Wilbers about the Tom's Pond Veterans Memorial Fund donations being refunded. Mayor advised that they had previously gotten legal direction on that issue from Attorney Plumb and advised that we need to direct those questions to him.

Being no further questions meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Read & approved Heather Fowler Date 6-5-18