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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting
July 3, 2018
7:30 PM

Agenda

Public Hearing –Ordinance 119 Tom’s Pond Boating-first reading

Minutes June 5 Regular Meeting, and June 26 Work session

Financial – June

Citizens’ Concerns

VPD Chief - Brian Childress

Keith Sandlin

Department Reports

LMIG – 2018 revenue & expense

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, Police Chief James Breletic, and citizens.

Mayor called the Public Hearing to order for the first reading of Ordinance 119, Tom's Pond Boating at 7:37 PM. He explained that Ordinance 118 had failed previously and that Council had made revisions on behalf of some of the citizens' concerns, he then opened the floor for anyone who would like to speak in opposition or in favor of Ordinance 119.

Thomas Green, 208 Main Street, spoke in opposition and stated he did not understand what the problem was with him fishing the pond in his aluminum paddle boat.

Earlie Simmons, 168 Silver Leaf, Pelham Al, spoke in opposition stating that this ordinance would prevent people from having the pond for recreation and that she felt that it would also have a bad effect on the community.

Being no further wishing to speak, Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:42 PM.

*For more detailed statements, you can request a copy of the audio recording of this meeting.

Mayor opened the Regular Meeting at 7:42 PM.

Mayor Schindler asked for Council to review the minutes from June 5 Regular Meeting, and June 26 Work Session. Member Carter made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Member Barr second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor asked for Council to review the financials of June 2018. Member Carter made a motion to accept the financials as presented, Member Taylor second, all in favor, motion passed.

Citizens' Concerns

Patricia Brown, 809 Main Street, came forward to thank the Council Member Barr and Taylor and those that helped her with the recent youth trip to the Atlanta Aquarium. She also wanted to thank the Sandlin's for all the cakes that were donated to help raise the funds for the trip.

Mayor called on Valdosta Police Chief Brian Childress to come forward. Chief Childress addressed Mayor and Council regarding the recent appointment of Lake Park Police Chief

James Breletic to the Georgia Chief's Association, District 1 Representative. He further stated this is the first time that a Lake Park Chief has ever been appointed and explained the roles and responsibilities that are included with this position.

Mayor called on Keith Sandlin to come forward. Mr. Sandlin began by saying that the 4th was good and that he enjoyed it. He stated he had questions regarding the Lawrence Street Closure between Railroad and Thomas on the previous agenda. He said that he has questions that would probably be best answered by the city attorney and that he would like to come back when he was present. Mayor asked Mr. Sandlin to come to the next work session and that they could discuss his questions further at that time.

Mayor asked if there were any questions regarding the previously submitted department reports. Member Barr asked about the bids for the Park Street and Ocean Pond repairs. Three bids were submitted on the Lake Park bid sheet for Park Street and they were as follows; Killeen Construction - \$6,500, Dasher Service Co. - \$12,875, and Southland - \$23,178. Member Barr made a motion to accept the bid from Killeen Construction in the amount of \$6,500 to be paid from SPLOST VII, Roads and Bridges, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed. *Council asked that clerk contact the companies and request that they submit bids for the Ocean Pond project and for those bids to be submitted on the city bid sheet.

Mayor called for discussion of the 2018 LMIG grant that was awarded this year and where the city stands with funds. Clerk Fowler explained that city was awarded \$15,393.38 and that two of the three proposed projects had been completed. The North Railroad Ave/Lawrence Street project to create a swale for water to have positive drainage had been completed and \$6,000 had been paid from the grant money. There was also a project completed on Old US Hwy 41 S to regrade existing fence, install silt fence, install 32' of 18" pipe with 2 FES's to creative positive drainage at a cost of \$15,500. Clerk explained that the remaining LMIG grant money of \$9,393.38 should be moved from the state grant revenue account line to the expense line that was used to pay for those projects. Member Sauls made a motion to approve the remaining \$9,393.38 coded to the revenue account line, state grant, to the expense account line SPLOST VII Roads and Bridges, Member Barr second, all in favor, motion passed.

Citizens' Concerns

Richard Sell, 1013 Egret Way, stated he wanted to commend Debbie Sauls for standing up for the citizens that were against the Ordinance 118 and saying that maybe Council should take a second look. Sell stressed the importance of Council and citizens coming together and working together as a team for the betterment of our city and community. He further offered to sponsor and meeting for Council to meet with citizens in an unofficial capacity just for them to be able to talk. Mayor Schindler thanked Mr. Sell, but advised him that Council could not and would not meet with anyone in an unofficial capacity because that is against transparency laws. He explained that anytime the Mayor/Council meet to discuss city business that it is an official meeting and must be advertised and open for everyone to attend. Mayor and clerk further explained the steps that had been taken to get those citizens to come for meetings and discussions and has not had much luck.

Earlie Simmons, 168 Silver Leaf, Pelham Al, came forward again to speak in opposition of the Ordinance 119. She stated that we have poor people here, that have a fishing license and that this ordinance would forbid them to fish. Simmons went on to say that she felt that this ordinance sounds like we are trying to make the pond very exclusive and that when she comes home she sees predominately black people fishing that pond and that there is probably only 2 people of color that own property around that pond. She went on to say her point was that this is not a good ordinance for the citizens and that the citizens will be harassed. Simmons stated that she had lived here and been a woman of color all her life and she felt like the complaints of over fishing that they had referred to were actually complaints of too many black people around that pond. (Mayor interjected and assured Simmons that this had absolutely nothing to do with race.)

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Mayor called for Admin/Executive Reports

Carl Spano, Board of Zoning Chairman, came forward to ask Council to review some revisions and amendments that were presented from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor asked if Spano would come back during the July work session to discuss items further.

Mayor asked for Council to discuss and set a date for the next work session, Council agreed to meet on Monday July 30th at 1:00 PM for a lunch meeting.

Mayor asked that the EMA job description be put on the work session agenda.

Mayor asked that auditor be contacted about a payment to upgrade the Municode system from the SPLOST VII Administrative code.

Clerk asked that the discussion of line locating be put on the work session agenda.

Mayor asked that the item regarding the Woodmen Life be put on hold until a response has been received from the Woodmen.

Council asked about research on court case count, Chief suggested that clerk contact Christy from Courtware to question other cities that use the program that are in similar size to Lake Park.

Being no further business to discuss, Member Carter made a motion to adjourn at 9:30, all in favor, motion passed.

Read & approved Isabella Fowler Date 8-7-18