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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting
August 6, 2019
6:00 PM

Agenda

Minutes –August 6 Regular Meeting, August 19 Call Meeting, and August 19 Work Session

Financials –August

Citizens' Concerns

Department Report

Police Department –
Fire Department – Generator purchase
Maintenance Department

Parks and Recreation By-Law and Ordinance Review

Parks and Recreation Committee Appointment & Committee Update

Drainage Issue – Broadway update
Jackson Circle - bids

Lidar Radar

Casamonica Street - Engineer

Executive/Admin Reports

Department Head Budget Preparation

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Mayor Keith Sandlin welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation.

Those present for the meeting were as follows; Mayor Sandlin, Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Carter, Council Members Tom Barr, and Tyler Davis and Carl Taylor. Also present were Attorney Rob Plumb, Clerks Tabatha Fowler and Connie Martinez, Police Chief David Kinsey and Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the minutes from July 2 Regular Meeting, July 11 Call Meeting, and July 29 Work Session. Member Carter made a motion to accept minutes as presented, Member Davis second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor called for review of the July financials. Member Carter made a motion to accept the financials as presented, Member Barr second, all in favor motion passed. Member Barr also made note that department budget reports had been printed and the areas of concern had been highlighted for them to research and keep an eye on. Clerk Fowler also stated there was an expense from General Fund that was for the Veteran's Memorial and that when Council did budget amendments, they should vote to move funds from the Veterans Memorial account to General Fund to offset that expense. No further action taken at this time.

Mayor Sandlin called for Citizens' Concerns

Ronnie Sauls, 1009 Marion Ave, came forward to question the use of community service workers. He said he felt that they could be put to better use than just to ride around on the gator picking up garbage. He went on to state there are limbs that need to be trimmed along the sidewalks, near the church, and along streets.

Mayor called for department report updates

Police Chief Kinsey came forward to give the Police Department update; he began by giving an update on calls and cases for the past month. (See attached) The report included call outs, burglary investigation, property cameras, speed breakers, and additional stop signs. Kinsey also requested the purchase of rifles and optics for the full time officers, as well as LIDAR laser/radar. Chief Kinsey asked Council where they were at in considering the increase in full time employee's insurance stipend from \$150 to \$450. He advised that the quote for health insurance obtained from GMA would cost the city an estimated \$1,000 per employee per month. Member Barr advised that the increase would be discussed during the upcoming budget preparation for 2020. Chief Kinsey ended with a request for Council approval to promote Officer Langley to Sergeant with a pay increase as established. Council discussed Langley and Member Carter made a motion to authorize Chief Kinsey to promote Langley and increase his pay accordingly, Member Taylor second, all in favor motion passed.

Fire Department – Generator purchase to be put on the work session agenda

Maintenance Department - no further items to discuss

Parks and Recreation Committee Appointment – No action at this time

Mayor Sandlin called for discussion of drainage issues

Jackson Circle – Clerk Fowler advised that both parties, Fountain and Smith, had been delivered a written request to attend the meeting to discuss the easement agreement. No contact from the Smith's however the Mrs. Fountain called to say they wanted to request the item to be tabled until they could meet with Council, Engineer, and/or Attorney to discuss the changes in the agreement. They would not be able to attend due to Mr. Fountain being called out of town for work. Fowler stated she advised Fountains to call back with possible meeting dates and times so that an arrangement could be made to discuss the agreement. Council discussed and took no action stating that there is no since in opening sealed bids on the drainage project if there is no easement and that there is nothing more they can do until that easement is obtained. Member Barr asked if property owners were aware that if a rain comes in and there is further drainage issues that there is nothing the city can do without the easement.

Broadway – Attorney Plumb discussed the transfer of drainage easement for the Broadway property. After reviewing, Member Taylor made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the transfer easement, Member Davis second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Taylor went on to make a motion to approve Arrow Engineer to begin the engineer report for the Broadway property up to \$1500 expenditure, Member Barr second, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor called for discussion of changing the Citizens' Concerns for the meeting. Member Barr explained that he had had a citizen to complain and ask that they move the citizens' concerns to the end of the agenda. Barr said when they discussed it during the work session, it was noted that citizens might want to speak to Council about an item on the agenda before a vote was taken on the item, as well as citizens might want to address an action taken by Council, at the end of a meeting. Member Barr went on to say that it might be a good idea to bring back 2 Citizens Concerns to the agenda. Mayor Sandlin interjected and stated that he as Mayor had the authority to run the meetings and that he felt the Citizens Concerns at the beginning was enough. No action taken. .

Mayor Sandlin called for discussion of SPLOST VIII Agreement. Attorney Plumb explained the amendments made by the county to the agreement and said that Council needed to vote to accept the agreement as presented. Member Davis made a motion to accept the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the SPLOST VIII agreement, Member Barr second, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor called for discussion of the 2019 millage rate. Clerk Fowler explained the 2019 Rollback Millage rate was set by the Lowndes County Tax Commissioners officer at 7.460. She went on to say that if Council chose to accept that recommended rate or decides to leave the rate at the 2018 rate of 7.392, there would be no need to hold advertise and hold public hearings, however if they chose to increase the rate, they would have to hold 3 public hearings and advertise those. Member Carter asked what the difference would be between the rollback rate and the current rate, Fowler stated it would be approximately \$2,000 difference. Member Barr made a motion to keep the millage rate at 7.392, Member Davis second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor Sandlin called for Executive/Admin Reports

Mayor acknowledged June Yeomans to speak; Yeomans questioned Council about the business license requirement for people doing business in the city limits. She said it was talked about at the work session and she thought it was supposed to be on the agenda.

Member Barr stated he would like for someone to attend the GMA Small Cities Conference. He went on to say that he would like for Clerk Fowler to attend as well as Council Member Davis. Barr said he felt that it would be a great learning experience for any of them but felt that Member Davis should have the opportunity to go if his work would allow.

Council discussed the August work session date, the date was set for Monday August 19, 2019 instead of August 26th.

Being no further business, Member Davis made a motion to adjourn, Member Barr second, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Read & approved Jabatha Fowler Date 9-3-19