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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting
July 2, 2019
6:00 PM

Agenda

Minutes –June 4 Regular Meeting, June 20 Work Session

Financials –June

Citizens' Concerns

Department Report – Updates IF any
Police Department
Fire Department
Maintenance Department
Water Department

Lowndes County Sheriff's Agreement

Parks and Recreation Committee Appointment

Proclamation recognizing the first family reunion of Descendants of Lessie Mae Marshall Zanders-Miller

Drainage Issue – Broadway update
Jackson Circle

Independence Day Celebration Follow up

Executive/Admin Reports

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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. Council Member Carl Taylor was held up in court and would be arriving as soon as possible. Also present were Attorney Rob Plumb, Clerks Tabatha Fowler and Connie Martinez, Fire Chief David Brown, and Police Chief David Kinsey.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the minutes from June 4 Regular Meeting, and June 20 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 June financials. Member Carter made a motion to accept the financials as presented, Member Davis second, all in favor motion passed.

Citizens' Concerns

Robin Cumbus, 400 S Broadway, came forward to address Council about a complaint that she didn't think was handled properly or professionally. She went on to question the city's chain of command, lack of management, form of government, as well as city charter, department heads authority, etc. (more detail available in audio recording)

Billy Yeomans, 900 Broadway, came forward to demand something to be done about his personal banking information being given out. He stated that former Mayor Schindler had mailed a packet to Berry College (his employer) that included a copy of his personal check that was used to pay a water utility bill at city hall. He said that releasing his information wasn't right and he demanded something be done about it. (more detail available in audio recording)

Diane Rogers, 505 Sheavette, came forward to question about the current zoning board status. She wanted to know how many was on the board and who was in charge of it. She stated that current city employees do not know or haven't had adequate training and referenced a recent application for building permit submitted by her husband. She recommended that maybe the city should be divided up into districts and representatives from those districts would run for Council. That would avoid members being from one area of the city such as Back Forty. She further recommended a citizen advisory board be established to better plan and govern the city.

Mayor Sandlin called for department report updates if any.

Police Chief Kinsey came forward to give the Police Department update; he began by thanking everyone involved with the Independence Day Celebration held that weekend. Kinsey updated Council about the possible purchase of a walk thru metal detector,

possibly obtained from Lowndes County. He went on to say that Judge Rodgers would not be available for July court and he had asked James Council to fill in.

Mayor asked for Council to discuss and make a decision on James Council as a fill in Judge. Member Barr made a motion to approve James Council as a fill in Judge for July's court date, Member Davis second, all in favor motion passed.

Chief Kinsey continued and requested Council to consider his recommendation of a promotion for Officer Langley to Sergeant with a pay increase. Mayor Sandlin questioned about his probationary period and Chief Kinsey explained that Langley was a rehire and he wasn't aware of probationary period. Mayor asked for consensus from Council, Member Taylor stated he didn't have a problem with the promotion, Member Barr stated he would like to discuss it further at the work session after looking into probationary period. Attorney Plumb was asked and he stated he was not sure what the personnel policy stated. Member Carter stated that Langley had proved himself before and after his return and he had no problem with the promotion. Member Davis stated he felt they should wait until after 60 days. After discussion Mayor Sandlin stated Council consensus, they would wait until after the 60 days probation period. No action at this time. Kinsey also updated Council about the fence complaint from Golf Drive residents about the storage warehouse fence.

Member Barr stated he would like to praise the work of the Lake Park Police Department and officers for their role in the apprehension of a sex offender.

Fire Chief David Brown came forward to give his department update. He began by thanking everyone that helped with the fireworks over the weekend. He said it was a learning experience for many of them and they had a lot of great ideas and suggestions made to make the task of shooting the fireworks a lot easier on them. He further reported that he or Clerk Fowler, or both would need to attend a GMA safety training class to keep the city eligible to receive grants. He stated that one would be coming to Tifton in August and that we should check on attending.

Maintenance Department – no updates

Water Department – no updates

Mayor called for discussion of Lowndes County Sheriff's Agreement. After discussion, Member Barr made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, Member Taylor second, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Sandlin called for the Parks and Recreation Committee Appointment. Thomas Hager came forward and asked for a little more time for the appointments, he explained he has several people in mind but would like to touch base with them again before making the suggestion.

Mayor called for discussion of proclamation recognizing the first family reunion of Descendants of Lessie Mae Marshall Zanders-Miller. Mayor read aloud the proclamation prepared for the family. Member Davis made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the proclamation, Member Barr second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor Sandlin called for update of the drainage issue on Broadway and Jackson Circle. Member Davis gave a brief update on Jackson Circle. He said that there had been an issue with the easement paperwork and that it had to be redone and now they were working on another issue. Council began to discuss the Broadway drainage and Mayor called on Robin Cumbus to come forward, as she is a resident affected by the issue. After debating on issuing another certified letter to request a meeting with the property owner or allowing the attorney to proceed with legal proceedings, Mayor Sandlin asked Attorney Plumb for direction. Member Taylor stated that there had been numerous times that the property owner had been contacted about meeting with Council, a letter had been mailed in January and another letter mailed certified mail that had been rejected. He further stated that this issue has been ongoing for several years and they needed to make some sort of action. Member Barr made a motion to authorize Attorney Plumb

to begin legal proceedings on accessing the Broadway property, Member Davis second, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor stated that the Independence Day Celebration had already been discussed. No action taken.

Executive/Admin Reports

Clerk Fowler asked for Council to review the request submitted by Pat Brown for a refund of her rental fee for the civic center. She explained that Mrs. Brown had planned to use the civic center for a fundraiser event but that her number of guests had outgrown the capacity of the center. Council questioned the policy of the rental agreement, Clerk Fowler explained that the rental fee was nonrefundable but that renter had the option to submit a refund request for Council to review and consider. Council discussed and agreed that Mrs. Brown does a lot for the community and the elderly and they would like for her to be able to continue with her fund raising event. Member Barr made a motion to refund the \$75 rental fee to Pat Brown, Member Taylor second, all in favor motion passed.

Clerk Fowler stated that Council had information in their packets about the SPLOST VIII Agreement meeting set for Monday July 8, 2019 at 10:00 in Lowndes County. She encouraged each Council Member that was available to attend the meeting. Mayor Sandlin asked if Attorney Plumb would be attending for Lake Park, and he agreed. No action taken.

Clerk Fowler stated that the July work session could be held on Monday July 29 at 6:00 PM if Council chose to continue with the work session schedule. Council agreed. No action taken.

Member Barr asked about the quote for health insurance from GMA. Clerk Fowler stated that she had not received any update and that she would send an email to request information. No action taken.

Mayor Sandlin stated he wanted to read a letter submitted for citizen's concerns by former Mayor Eric Schindler. Mayor read aloud some of the letter and stated that he felt that it was more of an attack on him than that of a citizens concern. He proceeded to produce copies of permits and other forms of documentation regarding the letter. Member Taylor addressed statements made in the letter regarding Council Members. No action taken.

Being no further business, Mayor Sandlin asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Davis made a motion to adjourn, Member Carter second all in favor motion passed.

Read & approved Janatha Fowler Date 8-6-19