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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting
May 7, 2019
6:00 PM

Agenda

Minutes –March 5 Correction to page 3, April 2 Regular Meeting, April 9 Call Meeting, and April 29 Work Session

Financials –April

Citizens' Concerns

Department Reports

Police Department

Fire Department

Maintenance Department

Water Department

Drainage Issue – Broadway update
Jackson Circle

Tom's Pond Info

Amendment to Charter

Wilbers Refund Request

Georgia Municipal Employees Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Agreement

Executive/Admin Reports

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Mayor Keith Sandlin welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation given by Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Carter.

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

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the minutes from March 5 Correction to page 3, April 2 Regular Meeting, April 9 Call Meeting, and April 29 Work Session. Member Davis stated he would like to request a few spelling corrections as follows; April 2 minutes page 3 replace Parks U Rec to Parks & Rec, April 9 minutes on page 1 change met with called and same page change differ to defer. Member Davis then made a motion to accept minutes with changes, Member Barr second, all in favor motion passed.

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

Citizens' Concerns

Richard Sell, 1013 Egret Way, came forward to give concern about the talk about rehiring Officer Langley due to previous issues. Sell stated he believed everyone deserved a second change but he wished Council would consider putting him on a probationary period if they chose to hire him back.

Ronnie Sauls, 1100 W Marion Ave, came forward to say he was against hiring another police officer. He didn't believe that Lake Park needed any more police.

Julie Wilbers, 360 Back Forty, came forward to announce the Memorial Day Program that is tentatively scheduled for May 27 at 10: AM at the site of Tom's Pond Veterans Memorial. She noted that the time may change but she wanted to go ahead and give the information to Council and hopes that they will all be able to attend. She also mentioned that the Independence Day Celebration is currently scheduled for Saturday June 29th at Tom's Pond and will be held from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. The Parks & Rec committee will be meeting again on May 13th at 6:30 PM and would like for everyone to attend that can help with the event.

Rebecca Tomlinson, 417 Cotton Ave, came forward to complain about the posts at Tom's Pond.

Wesley Luke, 201 4-H Club, came forward to say that he thinks that David Kinsey is doing a fine job and he believes he will handle the police department well. He also stated that he didn't believe we needed another officer, and that the officers we had previously had took advantage of the police cars.

Bob Wilbers, 360 Back Forty, came forward to brag on police department and Chief Kinsey. He said that they should let Kinsey do his job and hire however many officers he needs. He knows what to do and he knows what's best for the city.

Richard Sell, 1013 Egret Way, stated he wanted to confirm that we still had police coverage from the county.

Department Reports

Chief David Kinsey came forward to give the police department report. He began by thanking everyone for their words of support. Chief stated he is working on finding ways to save the city money and one way to do that is for us to use the county crime lab instead of the Valdosta Crime Lab and that would be a savings to the city of \$5000 and over \$90,000 over the next five years. Kinsey then reported that he is still working on a possible change of software for the police department and the court system which would also be a savings to the city. The new system they are looking into is the same as the county and they would have mutual access to cases and work together more cohesively. Chief Kinsey went on to give a summary of the police report for the month of April. Council questioned Kinsey about bringing back Officer Langley, he explained that during his 11 months working for Lake Park PD, that Langley had over 800 contacts and of those there were less than 4 complaints, that's .003%. Kinsey further stated that Officer Langley would be a great asset to the city, when he puts on his uniform he gives it 110%, he takes his job seriously and he is a certified trainer.

Chief David Brown came forward to give the fire department report. He also advised that he had two firefighters that recently passed their certifications and that he planned on doing a short pinning ceremony at the June Regular Meeting.

Jeff Patterson came forward to give the maintenance department report. He gave an update on the water department, mowing, new signs throughout the city, and continuing issues with the backhoe. Patterson advised that he had talked to Arrow Engineering about the drainage project on Jackson Circle, and said that they should have us a report very soon.

Mayor Sandlin called for agenda item discussion about drainage issues on Broadway and Jackson Circle. He said they had already gotten an update on Jackson Circle and asked if anyone had anything on Broadway. Member Taylor stated that he had been approached by a citizen that lives on Broadway that has several small children and he said he had already killed 3 snakes on his property. He went on to say that they believe the snakes are a safety concern stemming from the lack of drainage in the area. Nothing else was reported.

Mayor called for discussion of Tom's Pond info. He stated that he was instrumental in the beginning of Tom's Pond and that he had envisioned a fountain in the middle of the pond. He went on to say that they could put a timer on the fountain and even add colored lights to the fountain during holidays and events. He would like to refer that idea to the Parks & Rec Committee.

Mayor called for discussion of an amendment to the City Charter. He requested Council to consider changing the charter to allow the Mayor the authority or the power to veto something brought up to the Council. Any item that might be vetoed would not go away, it would be postponed to the next regular meeting. That would allow time to gather more information or to discuss further.

Mayor Sandlin called for discussion of Mrs. Wilbers refund request. Mayor asked if this had not already been voted on and Clerk Fowler advised that previous Council's had discussed it and motion's had even been made but nothing was ever finalized. The last account found in the meeting minutes was from May 2018 (see attached) and that stated that legal direction from Attorney Plumb stated all those questions pertaining to refund request needed to be directed to him. Member Carter stated that he believed that Mrs. Wilbers should be refunded for the money that she paid out for tree removal that was done on city property. Mayor asked if Member Carter was putting that in a motion, Member Carter then said he made a motion to refund Mrs. Wilbers the \$1,700 for the tree removal on city property. Mayor asked for a second or discussion, there was none. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor called for discussion of the Georgia Municipal Employees Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Agreement. Member Barr made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Georgia Municipal Employees Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Agreement, Member Davis second, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Sandlin called for Executive/Admin Reports

Mayor asked about the civic center shutters, did they get replaced when the storm repair work was done and if not would like to get a bid on replacing them, or put the old ones back up if they aren't damaged.

Mayor advised that he had met with Corey Hull and a few other folks from South Georgia Regional Commission and discussed the T-Splot and possible uses of those funds.

Mayor advised Council that he may not be able to attend the June meeting due to a conference. If he is unable to make it back in time for the meeting then Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Carter would run the meeting.

Mayor asked if Council had anything to report or further items to address.

Member Barr asked if they were going to make a vote on the hiring of Officer Langley. After some discussion, Member Carter made a motion to allow Kinsey to hire Officer Langley, Member Barr second; Member Davis stated he still had reservations and the rehire. When question called, Members Carter, Barr, and Taylor for, Member Davis oppose, motion passed.

Member Davis stated he would like to make a motion to approve repairs to the 2013 Dodge Charger head gasket, Member Taylor second, all in favor, motion passed.

Clerk Fowler asked for the May work session to be rescheduled due to the last Monday of the month falling on Memorial Day. The work session will be held on Thursday May 23 at 6:00 PM.

Being no further business, Member Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM, Member Davis second, all in favor motion passed.

Read & approved Jabatta Taylor Date 6-4-19